

February 7, 1997

**JOINT STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER JAMES H. QUELLO AND
COMMISSIONER RACHELLE B. CHONG**

We would like to clarify our position regarding the calls for an FCC *en banc* hearing on the TV ratings proposal submitted by the video industry. We have not refused to have a hearing on TV ratings. We have no objection, in principle, to such a hearing. We prefer, however, to wait until the FCC receives, at minimum, the initial round of comments in response to our TV Rating Public Notice, issued today, and until the Senate holds its hearing on this issue (scheduled for February 27, 1997). At such time, the Commission should have the information it needs to decide when that hearing should be and what topics it should cover.