



EUROPEAN COMMON PROPOSALS FOR THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE

PART 40

Agenda Item 2 - Revised ITU-R Recommendations incorporated by reference

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RESOLUTION 27 (Rev.WRC-03)

Use of incorporation by reference in the Radio Regulations

The World Radiocommunication Conference (Istanbul, 2000),

considering

- a) that the principles of incorporation by reference were adopted by the WRC-95, revised by WRC-97 and further refined by this conference (see Annexes 1 and 2 to this resolution);
- b) that there are provisions in the Radio Regulations containing references which fail to distinguish adequately whether the status of the referenced text is mandatory or non-mandatory;

noting

that references to resolutions or recommendations of a world radiocommunication conference (WRC) require no special procedures, and are acceptable for consideration, since such texts will have been agreed by a WRC,

resolves

- 1 that for the purposes of the Radio Regulations, the term “incorporation by reference” shall only apply to those references intended to be mandatory;
- 2 that when considering the introduction of new instances of incorporation by reference:
 - only texts which are relevant to a specific WRC agenda item may be considered;
 - the correct method of reference shall be determined on the basis of the principles set out in Annex 1 to this resolution;

- the guidance contained in Annex 2 to this resolution shall be applied in order to ensure that the correct style of reference is employed for the intended purpose;
- 3 that the procedure described in Annex 3 to this resolution shall be applied during WRCs for the adoption of texts for incorporation by reference;
- 4 that all texts incorporated by reference at the conclusion of each WRC shall be collated and published in a volume of the Radio Regulations (see Annex 3 to this resolution),

instructs the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau

to bring this resolution to the attention of the Radiocommunication Assembly and the ITU-R study groups,

invites administrations

to prepare proposals to future conferences in order to clarify the status of references, where ambiguities remain regarding the mandatory or non-mandatory status of the references in question, with a view to amending editorially those references to ITU-R Recommendations of a non-mandatory character so as to refer to "the most recent version" of the Recommendations and, where references appear to be of a mandatory nature and are relevant to specific agenda items, confirming such references as additional instances of incorporation by reference in accordance with *resolves* 1 to 4 above.

Reasons:

- 1) *To give more precise direction regarding when and where to introduce new instances of incorporation by reference.*
- 2) *To take account of the suggestion in Section 6.2 of the CPM Report that the conference might consider amending Resolution 27 (Rev.WRC-2000) to allow administrations to submit proposals to future conferences to amend editorially those references to ITU-R Recommendations of a non-mandatory character with a view to referring to "the most recent version" of the Recommendations with necessary justification.*