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CONFERENCE STRUCTURE

WORLD RADIOCOMMUNICATION CONFERENCE (WRC-07)

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Bearing in mind Nos. 63 to 74 inclusive of the General Rules of Conferences, Assemblies and Meetings of the Union (Antalya, 2006) (hereafter, "General Rules"), the following committees with their terms of reference are suggested. These terms of reference have been drawn up within the framework of the basic texts of the Union, the Conference agenda¹ and in the light of experience at previous conferences.

Committee 1 – Steering Committee

Terms of reference:

To coordinate all matters connected with the smooth execution of work and to plan the order and number of meetings, avoiding overlapping wherever possible in view of the limited number of members of some delegations (No. 67 of the General Rules).

Committee 2 – Credentials Committee

Terms of reference:

To verify the credentials of delegations and to report on its conclusions to the Plenary Meeting within the time specified by the latter (No. 68 of the General Rules).

Committee 3 – Budget Control Committee

Terms of reference:

To determine the organization and the facilities available to the delegates, to examine and approve the accounts for expenditure incurred throughout the duration of the Conference, and to report to the Plenary Meeting the estimated total expenditure of the Conference, as well as an estimate of the financial implications (No. 488 of the Convention) that may be entailed by the execution of the decisions taken by the Conference (Nos. 71 to 74 of the General Rules).

¹ The agenda of the Conference is contained in Council Resolution 1227 (see also WRC-07 Document 1).

Committee 4 – Specified agenda items

Terms of reference:

On the basis of proposals from administrations and the Report of the Conference Preparatory Meeting, taking account of the decisions of WRC-03, and with due regard to the requirements of existing and future services in the bands under consideration, to consider and take appropriate action with respect to the following items:

- 1 in accordance with Resolution **747 (WRC-03)**, consider upgrading the radiolocation service to primary allocation status in the bands 9 000-9 200 MHz and 9 300-9 500 MHz and extending by up to 200 MHz the existing primary allocations to the Earth exploration-satellite service (EESS) (active) and the space research service (SRS) (active) in the band 9 500-9 800 MHz without placing undue constraint on the services to which the bands are allocated (*item 1.3*)²;
- 2 to consider frequency-related matters for the future development of IMT-2000 and systems beyond IMT-2000 taking into account the results of ITU-R studies in accordance with Resolution **228 (Rev.WRC-03)** (*item 1.4*);
- 3 to consider spectrum requirements and possible additional spectrum allocations for aeronautical telecommand and high bit-rate aeronautical telemetry, in accordance with Resolution **230 (WRC-03)** (*item 1.5*);
- 4 to consider additional allocations for the aeronautical mobile (R) service in parts of the bands between 108 MHz and 6 GHz, in accordance with Resolution **414 (WRC-03)** and, to study current satellite frequency allocations, that will support the modernization of civil aviation telecommunication systems, taking into account Resolution **415 (WRC-03)** (*item 1.6*);
- 5 to review the technical, operational and regulatory provisions applicable to the use of the band 2 500-2 690 MHz by space services in order to facilitate sharing with current and future terrestrial services without placing undue constraint on the services to which the band is allocated (*item 1.9*);
- 6 to review sharing criteria and regulatory provisions for protection of terrestrial services, in particular the terrestrial television broadcasting service, in the band 620-790 MHz from broadcasting-satellite service networks and systems, in accordance with Resolution **545 (WRC-03)** (*item 1.11*);
- 7 taking into account Resolutions **729 (WRC-97)**, **351 (WRC-03)** and **544 (WRC-03)**, to review the allocations to all services in the HF bands between 4 MHz and 10 MHz, excluding those allocations to services in the frequency range 7 000-7 200 kHz and those bands whose allotment plans are in Appendices **25**, **26** and **27** and whose channelling arrangements are in Appendix **17**, taking account of the impact of new modulation techniques, adaptive control techniques and the spectrum requirements for HF broadcasting (*item 1.13*);
- 8 to review the operational procedures and requirements of the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) and other related provisions of the Radio Regulations, taking into account Resolutions **331 (Rev.WRC-03)** and **342 (Rev.WRC-2000)** and the continued transition to the GMDSS, the experience since its introduction, and the needs of all classes of ships (*item 1.14*);
- 9 to consider a secondary allocation to the amateur service in the frequency band 135.7-137.8 kHz (*item 1.15*);

² References in parenthesis and in italics relate to the Conference agenda item numbers.

10 to consider the regulatory and operational provisions for Maritime Mobile Service Identities (MMSIs) for equipment other than shipborne mobile equipment, taking into account Resolutions **344 (Rev.WRC-03)** and **353 (WRC-03)** (*item 1.16*);

11 to consider such consequential changes and amendments to the Radio Regulations as may be necessitated by the decisions of the Conference (*item 3**);

12 to review, and take appropriate action on, the Report from the Radiocommunication Assembly submitted in accordance with Nos. 135 and 136 of the Convention (*item 5**);

13 in accordance with Article 7 of the Convention, to consider and approve the Report of the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau (*item 7.1**):

- on the activities of the Radiocommunication Sector since WRC-03;
- on any difficulties or inconsistencies encountered in the application of the Radio Regulations.

Committee 5 – Specified agenda items

Terms of reference:

On the basis of proposals from administrations and the Report of the Conference Preparatory Meeting, taking account of the decisions of WRC-03, and with due regard to the requirements of existing and future services in the bands under consideration, to consider and take appropriate action with respect to the following items:

1 requests from administrations to delete their country footnotes or to have their country name deleted from footnotes, if no longer required, in accordance with Resolution **26 (Rev.WRC-97)** (*item 1.1*);

2 to consider allocations and regulatory issues related to the Earth exploration-satellite (passive) service, space research (passive) service and the meteorological satellite service in accordance with Resolutions **746 (WRC-03)** and **742 (WRC-03)** (*item 1.2*);

3 to consider the results of ITU-R studies regarding sharing between the mobile-satellite service and the SRS (passive) in the band 1 668-1 668.4 MHz, and between the mobile-satellite service and the mobile service in the band 1 668.4-1 675 MHz in accordance with Resolution **744 (WRC-03)** (*item 1.7*);

4 to consider the results of ITU-R studies on technical sharing and regulatory provisions for the application of high altitude platform stations operating in the bands 27.5-28.35 GHz and 31-31.3 GHz in response to Resolution **145 (WRC-03)**, and for high altitude platform stations operating in the bands 47.2-47.5 GHz and 47.9-48.2 GHz in response to Resolution **122 (Rev.WRC-03)** (*item 1.8*);

5 to review the regulatory procedures and associated technical criteria of Appendix **30B** without any action on the allotments, the existing systems or the assignments in the List of Appendix **30B** (*item 1.10*);

6 to consider possible changes in response to Resolution 86 (Rev. Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference: “Advance publication, coordination, notification and recording procedures for frequency assignments pertaining to satellite networks” in accordance with Resolution **86 (WRC-03)** (*item 1.12*);

* Relevant parts.

- 7 to consider the results of ITU-R studies on compatibility between the fixed-satellite service and other services around 1.4 GHz, in accordance with Resolution **745 (WRC-03)** (*item 1.17*);
- 8 to review pfd limits in the band 17.7-19.7 GHz for satellite systems using highly inclined orbits, in accordance with Resolution **141 (WRC-03)** (*item 1.18*);
- 9 to consider the results of the ITU-R studies regarding spectrum requirement for global broadband satellite systems in order to identify possible global harmonized fixed-satellite service frequency bands for the use of Internet applications, and consider the appropriate regulatory/technical provisions, taking also into account No. **5.516B** (*item 1.19*);
- 10 to consider the results of studies, and proposals for regulatory measures if appropriate regarding the protection of the EESS (passive) from unwanted emissions of active services in accordance with Resolution **738 (WRC-03)** (*item 1.20*);
- 11 to consider the results of studies regarding the compatibility between the radio astronomy service and the active space services in accordance with Resolution **740 (WRC-03)**, in order to review and update, if appropriate, the tables of threshold levels used for consultation that appear in the Annex to Resolution **739 (WRC-03)** (*item 1.21*);
- 12 to consider such consequential changes and amendments to the Radio Regulations as may be necessitated by the decisions of the Conference (*item 3**);
- 13 to review, and take appropriate action on, the Report from the Radiocommunication Assembly submitted in accordance with Nos. 135 and 136 of the Convention (*item 5**);
- 14 in accordance with Article 7 of the Convention, to consider and approve the Report of the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau (*item 7.1**):
- on the activities of the Radiocommunication Sector since WRC-03 (including definitions of HEO and HDFSS, Resolution **74 (Rev.WRC-03)** and Resolution **547 (WRC-03)**);
 - on any difficulties or inconsistencies encountered in the application of the Radio Regulations; and
 - on action in response to Resolution **80 (Rev.WRC-2000)**.

Committee 6 – Future agenda and work programme

Terms of reference:

On the basis of proposals from administrations and the Report of the Conference Preparatory Meeting, taking account of the decisions of WRC-03, and with due regard to the requirements of existing and future services in the bands under consideration, to consider and take appropriate action with respect to the following items:

- 1 to examine the revised ITU-R Recommendations incorporated by reference in the Radio Regulations communicated by the Radiocommunication Assembly, in accordance with Resolution **28 (Rev.WRC-03)**, and to decide whether or not to update the corresponding references in the Radio Regulations, in accordance with principles contained in the Annex to Resolution **27 (Rev.WRC-03)** (*item 2*);

* Relevant parts.

2 in accordance with Resolution **95 (Rev.WRC-03)**, to review the Resolutions and Recommendations of previous conferences with a view to their possible revision, replacement or abrogation (*item 4*);

3 to review, and take appropriate action on, the Report from the Radiocommunication Assembly submitted in accordance with Nos. 135 and 136 of the Convention (*item 5**);

4 to identify those items requiring urgent action by the Radiocommunication Study Groups in preparation for the next world radiocommunication conference (*item 6*);

5 in accordance with Article 7 of the Convention, to consider and approve the Report of the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau (*item 7.1**):

- on the activities of the Radiocommunication Sector since WRC-03 (including Resolution **951 (WRC-03)**, Recommendation **723 (WRC-03)**, BSS in the band 21.4-22 GHz in Regions 1 and 3, terrestrial optical free-space telecommunication, and Resolution 2 (RRC-06));
- on any difficulties or inconsistencies encountered in the application of the Radio Regulations;

6 in accordance with Article 7 of the Convention, to recommend to the Council items for inclusion in the agenda for the next WRC, and to give its views on the preliminary agenda for the subsequent conference and on possible agenda items for future conferences, taking into account Resolution **803 (WRC-03)** (*item 7.2*).

Committee 7 – Editorial

To perfect the form of the texts to be included in the Final Acts of the Conference without altering the sense, for submission to the Plenary Meeting (Nos. 69 and 70 of the General Rules).

* Relevant parts.