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DOCUMENTATION AND WORK OF ITU-R

1 Introduction

During the discussion in some ITU-R meetings, the following issues are issued to be guided by the RAG:

- the electronic file naming of the contribution for liaison statements to several WPs/SGs;
- use of Appendix and Annex in ITU-R Recommendations;
- work of ITU-R Working Parties from the second half of 2010 to the WRC-12;
- preparation of the Plenipotentiary Conference

2 Electronic file naming of the contribution for the liaison statement to several WPs/SGs

When a liaison statement (LS) from a working party (WP)/a study group (SG) is sent to more than one other WPs/SGs, the LS has the same electronic file name regardless of the receiving WPs/SGs. Therefore, the LS as an input document to the WPs/SGs often has a different electronic file name with different serial document number than those of other input contributions to the WPs/SGs. Therefore, whenever users download the LS as the input contribution of a specific WP/SG from ITU-R webpage, each user may need to rename the LS document with the serial document number in the WPs/SGs for convenience.

If the Bureau uploads the LS input document to each receiving WP/SG with the same electronic file name as the WP/SG contributions with its appropriate serial document number of the WP/SG, it will contribute to save users' time for renaming the LS input contribution. Although this issue seems to be trivial, the effect will be considerable since the time saving would be proportional to the number of down-loaders who would be more than the number of participants of the meetings.

For your convenience, one example to resolve this issue is proposed.

- Liaison statement from WP 5D to SG 4, SG 5 and WP 4A
- Current electronic file name to all parties: "R07-SG04-C-0116!!MSW-E[1].doc"
- Proposed electronic file name to each party:
 - "R07-SG04-C-0116!!MSW-E[1].doc" to SG 4
 - "R07-SG05-C-0164!!MSW-E[1].doc" to SG 5
 - "R07-WP4A-C-0286!!MSW-E[1].doc" to WP 4A

3 Appendix and Annex in Recommendations

In ITU-R Recommendations, there are many Annexes and Appendices. However, it is not clear the difference between Annex and Appendix to the Recommendation as well as the relationship of "recommends" with Annex and Appendix to the Recommendation.

Some study groups may understand that Annex in a Recommendation is the part of "recommends" and Appendix in the Recommendation is just information for readers. However, other study groups may not have such understanding. Therefore, it creates confusion to participants who attend more than one SG.

Clear guideline on this issue may need to be included in the Guidelines of ITU-R activities.

4 Work of the ITU-R Working Parties

It is noted that all studies for WRC-12 agenda items by the ITU-R WPs should be completed by the first half of the year 2010 for the preparation of draft CPM Report, which means that the work of responsible or concerned WPs would be relieved considerably from the studies of WRC agenda until February 2012. Therefore it is said that WPs may consider shortening of meeting days until WRC after the completion of studies of the WRC agenda items. However, this would provide good opportunities for the WPs to focus on their works mainly related to ITU-R study Questions.

Therefore, each WP is encouraged to prepare its workplan efficiently with the consideration of this situation

5 Preparation of PP

Plenipotentiary (PP) conference covers all 3 Sectors' issues. Within ITU, Council is the only place to prepare PP issues, explicitly. However, the Council can be attended only by Council members.

In case of WRC, ITU-R SGs and their WPs, Special Committee and CPM work for the preparation of the WRC.

Therefore, if RAG, TSAG and TDAG could prepare relevant PP issues, PP would be beneficial to reflect all members' interest and run more efficiently through the assistance of each Sector's Advisory Group.

If it is agreed to prepare PP issues in the RAG, relevant provisions of CV on RAG's mandate should be modified in order reflect this role explicitly. It would be necessary to send a LS to TSAG and TDAG to consider this issue in their cases, too.

6 Conclusion

This RAG meeting may provide appropriate advices on the above issues.