

RESOLUTION ITU-R 35-1

The organization of vocabulary work

(1990-1993-2000)

The ITU Radiocommunication Assembly,

considering

- a) that it is important for the work of the ITU and in particular of the Sectors and for liaison with other interested organizations that terms and their definitions be standardized as far as possible;
- b) the importance of avoiding misunderstanding within the Radiocommunication Sector and between the Radiocommunication Sector and the Telecommunication Standardization Sector and the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), respectively, in the use of terms and definitions;
- c) the need to establish lists of terms and definitions for information within the Radiocommunication Sector and for the information of the Telecommunication Standardization Sector and the IEC, and to update such lists rapidly and regularly,

resolves

- 1 that the Radiocommunication Study Groups, within their terms of reference, should continue their work on technical and operational terms and their definitions which may be required for regulatory or administrative purposes and also on specialized terms which may be required by them in the course of their work, these terms and definitions being published rapidly and regularly by the ITU;
- 2 that each Radiocommunication Study Group should assume responsibility for terminology in its particular field of interest with the assistance of the Coordination Committee for Vocabulary (CCV) if necessary;
- 3 that each Radiocommunication Study Group shall appoint a permanent Rapporteur for Vocabulary to coordinate its efforts regarding terms and definitions and related subjects and to act as a contact person for the Study Group in this domain. The Rapporteur may be assisted by experts in different languages and different technical subjects;
- 4 that the responsibilities of the Rapporteur for Vocabulary should be as given in Annex 1;
- 5 that each Radiocommunication Study Group should consider terms included within its texts and should define them if necessary, or at least explain new concepts or clarify the text used to express existing concepts. Dependent upon the generality of usage terms and definitions should be published in:
 - a separate text of the Radiocommunication Study Group;
 - a specifically labelled section of each text;
 - within the text associated with the first usage of the term;

6 that where more than one Radiocommunication Study Group is defining the same concept, efforts should be made to select a single term and a single definition which is acceptable to all of the Radiocommunication Study Groups concerned;

7 that, when selecting terms and preparing definitions, the Radiocommunication Study Group, and those entities responsible to the Study Group, shall take into account the established use of terms and existing definitions in ITU Sectors as well as those found in the International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV);

8 that the Secretariat should collect all new terms and definitions proposed by the Radiocommunication Study Group, and provide them to CCV which shall act as an interface with the Telecommunication Standardization Sector and the IEC;

9 that the CCV shall communicate with individual Rapporteurs for Vocabulary and, if necessary, promote meetings of experts where inconsistencies are found between terms and definitions in the Radiocommunication Sector, the Telecommunication Standardization Sector and the IEC. These mediation efforts should seek agreement to the extent that such agreement is feasible, with remaining inconsistencies duly noted;

10 that Radiocommunication Study Groups, administrations and other participants in the work of the Radiocommunication Sector, may submit contributions concerning vocabulary and related subjects to the CCV;

11 that Rapporteurs for Vocabulary should take into account any available Telecommunication Standardization Sector lists of emerging terms and draft IEV chapters, to seek consistency of Radiocommunication Sector terms wherever practicable.

Annex 1

Responsibilities of Rapporteurs for Vocabulary

1 The Rapporteurs shall study vocabulary and related subjects referred to them by:

- Working Parties or Task Groups of the same Radiocommunication Study Group;
- the Radiocommunication Study Group as a whole;
- the Chairman of the Radiocommunication Study Group;
- the Rapporteur for Vocabulary of another Radiocommunication Study Group, or by
- the CCV.

2 The Radiocommunication Rapporteurs shall be responsible for coordination of vocabulary and related subjects within their own Radiocommunication Study Groups and with other Radiocommunication Groups in conjunction with the CCV; the objective being to achieve the agreement of the Study Groups concerned.

3 The Rapporteurs shall be responsible for liaison between their Radiocommunication Study Group and the CCV with regard to the activities of the relevant IEC bodies for Vocabulary (Technical Committee (TC) No. 1) for technical documentation (TC 3) and for quantities and units and their symbols (TC 25).
