

## RESOLUTION ITU-R 51

**Guidelines for Study Group Questions**

(2003)

The ITU Radiocommunication Assembly,

*considering*

- a) that for efficient use of available resources, it is necessary for the Radiocommunication Study Groups to focus on core issues and not undertake studies on issues not within the mandate of the ITU-R;
- b) that the amount of work performed by the Bureau is proportionately affected by the number of contributions made in response to the Questions assigned to the Study Groups;
- c) that it is incumbent upon the Study Groups to conduct continual reviews of their assigned Questions and work plan;
- d) that duties of Study Groups in their part of fulfilling the purpose of the Union are described in various provisions of the Constitution and Convention of the ITU,

*resolves*

**1** that the Study Groups, when reviewing Questions assigned to them in accordance with Resolutions ITU-R 4 and ITU-R 5 and should reach unanimous conclusions, and should use the following guidelines:

**a) Questions which are within the mandate of the ITU-R:**

this guideline ensures that Questions and their associated studies are related to the conduct of radiocommunication matters, i.e., per ITU Convention, Article 11, Nos. 150-154 and 159, “a) use of the radio-frequency spectrum in terrestrial and space radiocommunication and of the geostationary-satellite and other satellite orbits; b) characteristics and performance of radio systems; c) operation of radio stations; and d) radiocommunication aspects of distress and safety matters and ITU Convention, Article 11 No. 159;

**b) Questions that relate to work being conducted by other international entities:**

if such work is being conducted elsewhere, the Study Group should liaise with such other entities, in accordance with Resolution ITU-R 1, § 5.4, and Resolution ITU-R 9 to determine the most appropriate way to conduct the studies, with a view to taking advantage of external expertise;

**2** that the Study Groups will evaluate draft new Questions proposed for adoption against the same guidelines set forth in *resolves* 1 and will include such evaluation when submitted to Administrations for approval according to Resolution ITU-R 1;

3 that the Study Groups will grant a high priority for the continuation of their work to the Questions meeting guidelines defined in *resolves* 1, with an intent to manage as efficiently as possible the scarce resources of the ITU, taking into account the need to give appropriate priority to topics addressed to them by relevant ITU bodies, such as PPs, WRCs, and the RRB,

*invites*

administrations to use the guidelines indicated in *resolves* 1, above, in their determination of whether or not a Question is appropriate for approval.

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