

RESOLUTION ITU-R 9-2*

Liaison and collaboration with other organizations

(1993-2000-2003)

The ITU Radiocommunication Assembly,

bearing in mind

Article 50 of the ITU Constitution, and

considering

- a) that Resolution 71 of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Marrakesh, 2002), Annex 1 in § 4.3.12 identifies for the Radiocommunication Sector the priority “to encourage greater participation by Member States, Sector Members, Associates and other organizations in ITU-R activities by, *inter alia*, concluding formal and informal task-oriented cooperation arrangements so as to facilitate the production of better global radiocommunication standards and recommendations”;
- b) that a number of organizations dealing with radiocommunications standardization exist;
- c) that such organizations have the potential for identifying, defining and proposing solutions of particular problems of interest to the Radiocommunication Study Groups and for assuming responsibility for maintaining standards for such systems;
- d) that one objective of the Radiocommunication Study Groups is to harmonize the work in radiocommunications with that of regional/national bodies and other international bodies;
- e) that making reference in ITU-R Recommendations to organizations dealing with radiocommunications can minimize publication and translation costs to ITU, noting that it may increase the customer’s total cost of acquiring such ITU-R Recommendations when the costs of non-ITU referenced documents are also included;
- f) that such organizations may offer a means of improving the dissemination and effectiveness of ITU-R Recommendations;
- g) that, the establishment of appropriate arrangements with other organizations in relation to copyright issues is desirable;
- h) No. 248A of the ITU Convention,

noting

- a) that references to standards published outside of the ITU-R are not appropriate in ITU-R Recommendations that may be incorporated-by-reference into the Radio Regulations;

* This Resolution should be brought to the attention of the Telecommunication Standardization Sector and the Telecommunication Development Sector.

- b) that groups have been formed, at the international level, to exchange information on standardization, to facilitate harmonization of standards and to complement the formal processes of standardization bodies, in particular ITU, in the work of developing international standards;
- c) that procedures developed by Study Groups in conjunction with the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau to address collaboration with other organizations for specific Recommendations, including the use of references, have been in place since 1999 and have worked very well;
- d) that, furthermore, pursuant to the decisions of the Radiocommunication Assembly (Istanbul, 2000), the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau established in 2001, formal arrangements between the ITU and other organizations¹ successfully addressing collaboration, the exchange of documentation, and copyright issues,

recognizing

- a) that the ITU Constitution (No. 145A) and the ITU Convention (No. 129A) were amended by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Marrakesh, 2002) to make explicit the Radiocommunication Assembly's responsibility to adopt the working methods and procedures for the management of the Sector's activities,

resolves

- 1 that administrations should encourage organizations dealing with radiocommunications to take into account the global activities of the Radiocommunication Study Groups;
- 2 that ITU-R Recommendations, as determined by the Study Group, may reference approved standards which are maintained by other organizations;
- 3 that Radiocommunication Study Groups or groups established by the Study Groups, may liaise, collaborate, and exchange information in accordance with established principles (see Annex 1) with other organizations such as standard development organizations, universities, and industry organizations, and with partnership projects, forums, consortia, research collaborations;
- 4 that Annex 1 "Principles for interaction of ITU-R with other organizations" should be used as guidance for liaison and collaboration activities with other organizations,

instructs the Director, within the context of Annex 1

- 1 to develop guidelines for procedures for the contribution of material of other organizations to the work of the Study Groups or groups established by the Study Groups, including the use of references to documents of other organizations in ITU-R Recommendations;
- 2 to develop, in accordance with No. 248A of the ITU Convention, a procedure to invite organizations which do not participate in the Sector to take part in the study of specific matters,

¹ Arrangements have been established between ITU and the European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI) and between ITU and the Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers (SMPTE).

further instructs the Director, in accordance with instructs 1 and 2

3 to develop, as necessary, arrangements, including appropriate copyright agreements, with other organizations:

- a) to allow the use of references to documents of other organizations in ITU-R Recommendations; and
- b) to facilitate collaboration and coordination with other organizations in meetings of the Study Groups or groups established by the Study Groups and the contribution of material to these meetings,

instructs the Radiocommunication Advisory Group

to review these guidelines.

Annex 1

Principles for interaction of ITU-R with other organizations

1 Interaction of Radiocommunication Study Groups or groups established by the Study Groups (collectively referred to here as SGs) with other organizations principally falls into two key areas:

- a) references to documents of other organizations in ITU-R Recommendations;
- b) cooperation and coordination with other organizations in meetings of the SGs and the contribution of material to them.

2 For the purpose of interaction with the ITU-R, other organizations are those that are directly relevant to the work of the SGs and having acknowledged competency in the area of the work. Other organizations may include, but are not limited to, entities such as standard development organizations, partnership projects, forums, consortia, research collaborations, universities, and industry organizations.

3 Interaction of the SGs with other organizations should be directly related to the work of the SGs.

4 The use of collaborative arrangements between other organizations and the ITU-R should not be considered as a substitute for membership in the ITU-R. Membership status should always be encouraged where it is appropriate. However, it is recognized that this is not always possible and thus collaborative arrangements may be desirable. Involvement of other organizations with the ITU-R via collaborative arrangements should not adversely affect the rights and privileges of members.

5 Collaborative arrangements should be developed, as may be appropriate, taking into account the nature of the interaction. Such collaborative arrangements should only be as complex as necessary. For example, a general “blanket” guideline and procedure may be suitable for the more “casual” short-term interaction rather than individualized arrangements.

6 Information flows between the SGs and the other organizations should be officially conducted at the Radiocommunication Bureau level. This provides a uniform point of contact with the ITU-R and allows for management, maintenance, review, oversight and auditing of such information flows by the ITU-R.

7 It is prudent that collaborative arrangements with other organizations have a defined period of validity and that these arrangements be periodically reviewed by the Director and appropriate reports made to the Study Group and the Radiocommunication Advisory Group concerning the interaction of the ITU-R with other organizations.

8 With regard to the use of references, the guidelines and procedures should also address aspects such as when references are appropriate to be used in ITU-R Recommendations, how normative/informative references should be used, how to document and maintain references.

9 The referencing of documents of other organizations may involve business matters and legal details, including conformity with ITU copyright and patent policies. These matters should be addressed, as appropriate, by the Director on an individual basis.

10 Details of guidelines for procedures related to the interaction of ITU-R with other organizations should come under the purview of the Director.
