

RESOLUTION 662 (WRC-19)

Review of frequency allocations for the Earth exploration-satellite service (passive) in the frequency range 231.5-252 GHz and consideration of possible adjustment according to observation requirements of passive microwave sensors

The World Radiocommunication Conference (Sharm el-Sheikh, 2019),

considering

- a) that, within the frequency range 231.5-252 GHz, the frequency bands 235-238 GHz and 250-252 GHz are allocated to the Earth exploration-satellite service (EESS) (passive) for the use of passive microwave remote sensing systems;
- b) that these allocations were agreed at WRC-2000, under agenda item 1.16 relating to Resolution **723 (WRC-97)**;
- c) that scientific and technology developments for passive microwave sensor measurements have evolved over the last 20 years;
- d) that it is appropriate to ensure that the frequency allocations to the EESS (passive) agreed in 2000 correspond to up-to-date observation requirements for passive microwave sensing,

recognizing

- a) that some passive sensor systems under development plan to operate on some channels in the frequency range 239-248 GHz, given the specific characteristics of this frequency band for ice-cloud analysis;
- b) that, as a result, it may be necessary to consider some adjustment/extension of the EESS (passive) allocations within the frequency range 231.5-252 GHz;
- c) that the effect on the other primary services in the frequency range 231.5-252 GHz would have to be studied and the EESS (passive) allocations possibly adjusted,

resolves to invite the ITU Radiocommunication Sector

- 1 to review the existing primary allocations to the EESS (passive) in the frequency range 231.5-252 GHz in order to analyse if these allocations are aligned with the observation requirements of passive microwave sensors;
- 2 to study the impact that any change to the EESS (passive) allocations in the frequency range 231.5-252 GHz might have on the other primary services in these frequency bands;
- 3 to study, as appropriate, possible adjustments to the EESS (passive) allocations in the frequency range 231.5-252 GHz, taking into account the results under *resolves to invite the ITU Radiocommunication Sector 1* above,

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invites the 2023 World Radiocommunication Conference

to review the results of these studies with a view to adjusting existing allocations or adding possible new allocations, as appropriate, to the EESS (passive) in the frequency range 231.5-252 GHz without unduly constraining the other primary services currently allocated in this frequency range,

invites administrations

to participate actively in the studies by submitting contributions to the ITU Radiocommunication Sector,

instructs the Secretary-General

to bring this Resolution to the attention of the international and regional organizations concerned.