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**To Administrations of Member States of the ITU and
Radiocommunication Sector Members participating in the
work of the Radiocommunication Study Groups, the Special Committee
on Regulatory/Procedural Matters, the Conference Preparatory Meeting
and the Radiocommunication Advisory Group**

Subject: Appointment of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of ITU-R Study Groups, the Special
            Committee on Regulatory/Procedural Matters, the Conference Preparatory Meeting and
            the Radiocommunication Advisory Group

According to *resolves* 1 of ITU-R Resolution 15-3, candidates for the posts of Study Group
Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen should be identified by Member States of the ITU,
Radiocommunication Sector Members and, if possible, by the concerned Study Group, as soon as
the structure of the Study Groups is clear. Furthermore, Resolution ITU-R 49 resolves that the
provisions of Resolution ITU-R 15-3 shall also apply to the posts of Chairman and Vice-Chairmen
of the Radiocommunication Advisory Group (RAG).

Resolution ITU-R 4-4 gives information on the present status of ITU-R Study Groups according to
the structure adopted by the 2003 Radiocommunication Assembly. However, discussions held at the
fourteenth meeting of the RAG (24-26 January 2007) on preparations for the forthcoming
Radiocommunication Assembly (RA-07) included consideration of an optimum structure for the
ITU-R Study Groups. The principal factors underlying the discussions were i) the need to optimize
the efficiency of the Radiocommunication Sector, taking into account financial implications both
for the Union and the membership, and ii) ensuring that the structure and terms of reference of the
Study Groups are commensurate with today's radiocommunication technologies and associated
spectrum issues, with due recognition of convergence arising from modern digital technologies. The
status of the discussions can be found in the Summary of Conclusions of the meeting
(http://www.itu.int/md/R00-CA-CIR-0166/en), the most important features of which can be
summarized as follows:

i)   The current scope and responsibilities of Study Groups 1, 3 and 7 should be maintained;

ii)   Realignment of the current Study Group arrangements should focus on the scope and
        responsibilities of Study Groups 4, 8 and 9;

iii)   The scope and responsibilities of Study Group 6 on broadcasting should remain
        substantially intact, but the activities on satellite broadcasting currently undertaken in
        Working Party 6S should be aligned with other activities relating to satellite matters.

These conclusions, indicated in the draft structure shown in Annex 1, were confirmed by subsequent informal discussions held since the meeting of RAG where, as regards Study Groups 4, 8 and 9, support was expressed for two new Study Groups - one on terrestrial services (Study Group C), the other on satellite services (Study Group D) - that together combine the functions of the three existing Study Groups. Further consideration will be given to the draft structure in Annex 1, and to possible alternative structures, prior to the Assembly, especially as regards the size and scope of the new Study Groups. For example, in view of the relatively large number of topics covered by Study Group C, the need to revert to seven Study Groups cannot be excluded. For the purpose of progressing the discussions, and in order to present the Assembly with a coordinated proposal, RAG set up a Correspondence Group, see http://www.itu.int/ITU-R/index.asp?category=information&link=mailing-list&group=rag&lang=en. However, it should be recalled that, in accordance with No. 133 of the Convention, it is ultimately the Radiocommunication Assembly that can decide to maintain, terminate or establish Study Groups and consequently the final structure will only be known at the Assembly itself. In turn, the selection of the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen can only be made after such Radiocommunication Assembly decisions have been taken.

In the light of the above, and based on the current status of discussions on the eventual structure, should your Administration/Organization wish to propose a candidate for a post of Chairman or Vice-Chairman of a Radiocommunication Study Group, the Special Committee on Regulatory/Procedural Matters, the Conference Preparatory Meeting or of the Radiocommunication Advisory Group, the Bureau would appreciate receiving, preferably before 31 July 2007, a biographical profile highlighting the qualifications of the individual concerned.

In addition, should your Administration/Organization wish to confirm its support for a currently serving Chairman or Vice-Chairman, you are kindly requested to so advise the Bureau, preferably before 31 July 2007. In this respect, your attention is drawn to *resolves* 4 and 5 of Resolution ITU-R 15-3 and to the *resolves* of Resolution ITU-R 49 concerning maximum terms of office.

In accordance with *resolves* 3 of Resolution ITU-R 15-3, the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau will circulate the profiles of such candidates to the Heads of Delegation present at the Assembly.

Please note that the ITU-R Resolutions referred to above can be found on the ITU website at:

http://www.itu.int/ITU-R/go/resolutions

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– Members of the Radio Regulations Board
– Secretary-General of the ITU, Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau, Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau

Annex 1

Draft Structure of ITU-R Study Groups

Study Group A Spectrum management	Study Group B Radiowave propagation	Study Group C Terrestrial services	Study Group D Satellite services	Study Group E Science services	Study Group F Terrestrial broadcasting
Same as current SG 1	Same as current SG 3	IMT (from WP 8F)	Fixed-satellite service (from WPs 4A and 4B)	Same as current SG 7	Same as current SG 6, except activities on BSS in WP 6S
		Point-to-point and Fixed Wireless Access (from WPs 9A and 9B)	Broadcasting-satellite service (from WP 6S)		
		Amateur services (from WP 8A)	Mobile-satellite services and radiodetermination satellite service (from WP 8D)		
		Fixed service at HF (from WP 9C)	Sharing with other services		
		Land mobile service (from WP 8A)			
		Maritime, aeronautical, radiodetermination services, meteorological radar (from WP 8B)			
		Sharing with other services			

Note: Nomenclature used in this Table is provisional pending finalization of the structure.