



## Radiocommunication Bureau (BR)

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**To Administrations of Member States of the ITU and Radiocommunication Sector Members**

Subject: **Summary of conclusions of the thirty-third Radiocommunication Advisory Group meeting**

The thirty-third Radiocommunication Advisory Group (RAG) meeting was held from 30 March to 2 April 2026.

The summary of conclusions of the meeting is contained in the attachment to this letter.

Additional information about this meeting may be found on the RAG website at:

<https://www.itu.int/rag/>.

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Director

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ATTACHMENT

**SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS OF THE  
THIRTY-THIRD RADIOCOMMUNICATION ADVISORY GROUP MEETING**

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Subject / Document(s)</b>	<b>Conclusions</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Opening remarks</b>	<p>The meeting was opened by the Chair of the RAG, Mr Mohammed Aljnoobi (Saudi Arabia).</p> <p>Ms. Doreen Bogdan-Martin - ITU SG – delivered a welcome speech highlighting the enduring importance of international cooperation through the evolving Radio Regulations, emphasizing how global collaboration and innovation (especially in AI and connectivity), are essential to building a resilient, connected world.</p> <p>Mr. Seizo Onoe – TSB Director – delivered some remarks and highlighted that the ITU is trusted to guide radio evolution for everyone, emphasizing its global importance and inclusive approach to technologies.</p> <p>Mr. Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava – BDT Director – delivered some remarks and highlighted the central role of wireless technologies and spectrum in achieving global connectivity—especially for developing countries.</p> <p>Mr. Mario Maniewicz – BR Director – delivered an opening statement highlighting the mandate of the Radiocommunication Advisory Group to review priorities, programmes, operations, and strategies, assess implementation, and advise the Director, while addressing operational challenges and preparing for WRC-27.</p> <p>Mr Mohammed Aljnoobi (Saudi Arabia) - Chair of the RAG – delivered an opening statement highlighting the RAG and BR’s work in strengthening spectrum management, supporting new technologies, preparing for WRC-27 and related meetings, improving coordination between study groups, addressing spectrum and orbital resource challenges, and promoting space sustainability. The Chair also acknowledged and applauded the leadership of the BR Director during his tenure.</p>
<b>2</b>	<b>Approval of the agenda</b> <a href="#">ADM/4-Rev.1</a>	<p>The RAG noted that Document RAG/80 had been submitted after the deadline and therefore agreed to publish it under the RAG CG-CPM SharePoint. The RAG further noted that Document RAG/78 covered regulatory issues which were not part of RAG’s mandate and therefore was included in the agenda for information only.</p> <p>The agenda in Document RAG/ADM/4-Rev.1 was adopted to reflect the above changes.</p>

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3	<p><b>Report to the 33rd meeting of the RAG</b></p> <p><a href="#">58</a></p>	<p>The Director briefly introduced the Report contained in Document RAG/58, which was later presented in more detail Section by Section.</p> <p>The Director highlighted the need for the BR to have enough resources to fulfil its mandate.</p> <p>The RAG recognized the difficulties faced by the Bureau regarding the delays in the processing of space notices which were currently three times longer than what was prescribed in the Radio Regulations arising from the lack of necessary expert staff and from the need for software modernization.</p> <p>The RAG agreed to submit a note from the RAG Chair to the Council 2026 requesting the Council to take the necessary action to resolve the issue, as provided in Annex 1 to this document.</p> <p>The RAG encouraged Administrations to participate and provide written contributions directly to the Council on the matter.</p>
4	<p><b>Council related Issues</b></p>	
	<p><a href="#">58</a> (§ 2.1)</p>	<p><b>Cost recovery of Satellite Network Filings:</b></p> <p>The RAG considered the material in Section 2.1 of the Director’s Report on cost recovery of satellite network filings, and that Council-25 had approved all the proposals made by the Expert Group on Decision 482 to revise this Decision. Noting the significant number of changes, the Council decided that the revised decision would enter into force on 1 January 2026.</p> <p>The RAG discussed the matter of direct and indirect costs for the processing of filings and whether they should come from the regular budget or from cost recovery. The RAG concluded that discussions regarding indirect costs were outside of its mandate and therefore should be addressed through contributions to the Council and the Plenipotentiary Conference (PP).</p>
	<p><a href="#">58</a> (§2.2)</p>	<p><b>Budget for 2024-2025 and budget for 2026-2027:</b></p> <p>The RAG considered the material in Section 2.2 of the Director’s Report on the budgets for 2024-2025 and for 2026-2027. The RAG noted that the annual review of revenue and expenses of the implementation of the budget 2026, including the global reduction of the Budget for 2026-2027 will be presented to Council 2026 through Document C26/9.</p>

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		<p>The RAG emphasized the need for compliance with Decision 5 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) on Revenue and expenses for the Union for the period 2024-2027 since the allocation of the budget should ensure the necessary funding for the activities related to the use of radio-frequency spectrum and there should be no reductions in resources which would affect ITU filings directly linked to the implementation of the Radio Regulations and associated studies.</p>
	<p><a href="#">58</a> (§2.3)</p>	<p><b>Use of the six official languages of the Union on an equal footing:</b></p> <p>The RAG considered the material in Section 2.3 of the Director’s Report on the use of the six official languages of the Union on an equal footing, which was further detailed by Ms Negar Takesh (Deputy-Chief, Conference and Publications Department).</p> <p>The RAG took note of the presentation on the use of the six official languages of the Union on and equal footing and on the translation status of ITU-R web pages.</p> <p>The RAG noted that certain ITU webpages were currently available only in English, French and Spanish due to the infrastructure limitation to support the character sets required for Russian, Arabic, and Chinese. It was further noted that this limitation was expected to be resolved in the new website being developed for PP-26.</p> <p>The RAG noted that automated translation of reports is currently being tested in ITU-T. The RAG emphasized the importance of upholding the six official languages on an equal footing and that sufficient level of accuracy must be demonstrated before automatic translation can be extended for ITU-R treaty-level texts, even if this would result in cost savings.</p>
	<p><a href="#">58-Add.2</a></p> <p><a href="#">75</a> (Russian Federation)</p>	<p><b>Translation status of ITU-R web pages:</b></p> <p>The RAG considered the translation status of ITU-R web pages as provided in Addendum 2 to the Director’s Report. The RAG noted the progress made.</p> <p>The RAG took note of the contribution from the Russian Federation addressing the harmonization of various ITU resolutions related to the use of the six official languages of the Union on an equal footing. The RAG also noted the compilation of PP and Sector resolutions on the use of the six official languages of the Union on an equal footing and the proposal to consider revising or abrogating Resolution ITU-R 36-6.</p>

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	<p><a href="#">58</a> (§2.4)</p>	<p><b>Remote Participation:</b></p> <p>The RAG considered Section 2.4 of the Director’s Report on remote participation, which was further detailed by Ms Negar Takesh (Deputy-Chief, Conference &amp; Publications Department).</p> <p>The RAG noted that any suggestions for modification should be raised during Council and/or PP.</p>
	<p><a href="#">58</a> (§2.5), <a href="#">55</a>(CWG-SFP),</p> <p><a href="#">74</a> (Russian Federation)</p>	<p><b>Strategic and Financial Plans 2028-2031:</b></p> <p>The RAG took note of Section 2.5 of the Director’s Report on Strategic and Financial Plans 2028-2031 and of the Liaison Statement from the Council Working Group for Strategic and Financial Plans (CWG-SFP) on outcomes of the fourth meeting as provided in document RAG/55, which was further detailed by Mr Catalin Marinescu (Head, Strategy &amp; Planning Division, SPM) on behalf of Mr. Mansour Al-Qurashi (Saudi Arabia), CWG-SFP Chair.</p> <p>The RAG noted Document RAG/55 (CWG-SFP) and the presentation made by Mr. Marinescu.</p> <p>The RAG considered the proposal of the Russian Federation on new indicators related to the maintenance of the MIFR, as provided in Document RAG/74, and acknowledged the importance of providing further visibility for the work of the BR. The RAG agreed that the proposed MIFR indicators be added to the reply liaison statement to the CWG-SFP.</p> <p>The RAG discussed the proposal of the CWG-SFP regarding the target indicators on “Space for development”. Views were expressed regarding the first indicator (“Satellite broadband subscriptions”) and where to place this indicator - under Goal 1 or 2. Regarding the second indicator (“Countries and satellite-to-cell phone partnerships, by status (maintained by Global mobile Suppliers Association)”), the RAG acknowledged the difficulty of including an indicator that a) referred to “<i>maintained by Global mobile Suppliers Association</i>”), and b) to the substance of “D2D”, referred to in ITU-R as DC-MSS-IMT currently being discussed under WRC-27 agenda item 1.13.</p> <p>The RAG concluded by approving the Reply Liaison Statement to CWG-SFP as presented in Annex 2 to this document.</p>
	<p>For information: <a href="#">54</a> (CWG-SFP), <a href="#">59</a> (CWG-SFP), <a href="#">60</a> (CWG-SFP),</p>	<p>The RAG noted the five liaison statements for information to the RAG.</p>

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	<a href="#">64</a> (TSAG), <a href="#">68</a> (TSAG)	
	<a href="#">58</a> (§2.6)	<p><b>Business Continuity:</b></p> <p>The RAG considered the material in Section 2.6 of the Director’s Report on business continuity, which was further detailed by Ms Negar Takesh (Deputy-Chief, Conference &amp; Publications Department).</p> <p>The RAG noted that a disruption to usual meetings is expected from 1 October 2028 to 31 August 2029 due to the new ITU building project in Geneva. The RAG further noted that Switzerland had generously confirmed a two-year waiver on real estate loan repayments, resulting in savings of CHF 2.7 million. These funds would be earmarked to the business continuity fund to help cover the cost of holding meetings in Switzerland during the construction period. Further updates on business continuity for ITU meetings during the construction period of the new ITU building were provided in Document C26/65.</p> <p>The RAG noted that while most ITU-R meetings could continue to be held in Geneva, individual meetings could be hosted by Member States in accordance with PP Res. 5. The RAG emphasized that every possible efforts should be made to maintain ITU-R meetings in Geneva.</p>
<b>5</b>	<b>ITU-R Operational Plan</b> <a href="#">58</a> (§6), <a href="#">62</a> (Director, BR)	<p>The RAG took note of the ITU-R Operational Plan introduced in section 6 of the Director’s Report and provided in Document RAG/62 and acknowledged the addition of a new section regarding risk assessment.</p> <p>The RAG noted the General Secretariat was creating a new methodology for the Operational Plan in the ITU, and advised to ensure a clear separation between the Operational Plan of the ITU and the Operational Plans of each Sector, as well as to provide the advisory group each year with the rolling Operational Plan, the performance report of the previous year.</p> <p>In response to the issue of delay/prolongation of regulatory deadlines/time limit for the processing of satellite filings (as described in section 2.1 of Document RAG/62), the RAG reminded that such deadlines were treaty obligations and advised to provide the reasons for such prolongation and consider plan/options to remedy this issue (and in future for any targets that could not be met).</p> <p>In view of this issue and of the current understaffing of BR in general, concerns were also raised regarding the planned staff reduction by 2030, the increase of BR participation in the Regional Organisations and the anticipated major software</p>

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		<p>changes resulting from decisions of WRC-23 and potential decisions by WRC-27 (which could lead to an increased/prolonged delay beyond the regulatory deadline as well as risk of errors in terms of validation).</p> <p>The BR Secretariat confirmed that mitigations measures were outlined in section 3 for each corresponding risk and that resources for the specific issue of software modernisation had been requested from Council. The BR took note of the concern regarding planned staff reduction would review those projections.</p> <p>Regarding business continuity during the Geneva Headquarters reconstruction, the RAG advised that a detailed business continuity plan be included in the Operational Plan in the future, which would highlight the need to maintain business continuity of ITU-R Study Groups while recognising that issues with the Headquarters building and other costs were covered by Council and including some details as to the mitigation of the loss of work space at the ITU Headquarters.</p> <p>The RAG discussed the inclusion of the information/data regarding the financial impacts of the activities of the Bureau (as was/being used/practiced by all Sectors of ITU). The RAG also noted that the link between the Financial, Strategic and Operational plans was expressed in Resolution 151.</p> <p>The RAG acknowledged/reiterated the need to ensure consistency between the Operational Plan and the report of the Bureau to the RRB.</p>
6	<p><b>Implementation of RA-23 decisions</b></p>	
	<p><a href="#">65</a>, <a href="#">DT/7</a> (Chair, RAG CG-CPM)</p> <p><a href="#">72</a> (Saudi Arabia)</p> <p><a href="#">73</a> (China)</p>	<p><b>Report of the RAG Correspondence Group on Improving the Conference Preparatory Meeting (CPM) Process:</b></p> <p>The RAG took note of the Chair’s Report to the 33rd RAG Meeting of the RAG Correspondence Group on improving the Conference Preparatory Meeting Process as provided in document RAG/65 and of the Working document on a preliminary draft revision of Resolution ITU-R 2-9 presented in document DT/7.</p> <p>The RAG thanked the Chair of the RAG CG-CPM.</p> <p>The RAG agreed to consider the proposed updated terms of reference for the RAG CG-CPM, which were outlined in document RAG/72, as well as the proposed modifications to the format of the CPM report, which were outlined in document RAG/73.</p> <p>The RAG supported the extension of the work carried out by the Correspondence Group. As a result of an offline discussion, led by Saudi Arabia, the RAG approved the revised Terms of Reference of the RAG CG-CPM, as presented in Annex 3 to this document, and agreed to carry forward all the contributions provided to this RAG CG-CPM since its</p>

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		<p>establishment in 2024, as well as to the RAG meetings in 2025 and 2026, for their future consideration within this group in preparing for the next RAG meeting in 2027.</p>
<p>7</p>	<p><b>Implementation of WRC-23 decisions</b>  <a href="#">58</a> (§3)   <a href="#">57</a> (CWG-FHR)</p>	<p>The RAG noted the information in Section 3 of the Director’s Report on the implementation of WRC-23 decisions.</p> <p>The RAG considered the liaison statement from CWG-FHR to the sector advisory groups and the Inter-Sector Coordination Group (ISCG) – process for providing estimates of the financial implication of proposed decisions and resolutions at ITU conferences and assemblies, as provided in Document RAG/57, requesting that the sector advisory groups and the ISCG provide comments on this document to be submitted as input to the next meeting of the Council.</p> <p>The RAG recognized the importance of the topic and discussed the difficulties in providing such estimates in the context of WRCs. The RAG agreed that owing to the complexity of the topics, agenda items and related decisions and resolutions, it may be challenging to follow the proposed cost estimation methodology prior to the upcoming WRC-27 at this time.</p> <p>The RAG agreed to the note from the RAG Chair to CWH-FHR 2026, as provided in Annex 4.</p>
<p>8</p>	<p><b>RA/WRC-27 preparation</b>  <a href="#">58</a> (§4.1)   <a href="#">58</a> (§4.2)   <a href="#">71</a> (Saudi Arabia)</p>	<p>The RAG noted the report on the preparations for RA-27 and WRC-27 and the information on other related preparations provided in Sections 4.1 and 4.2 of the Director’s Report, respectively. The RAG appreciated the organization of the 1<sup>st</sup> ITU Inter-Regional Information Session (IRIS) on WRC-27 preparation based on the conclusions from the previous RAG meeting, and thanked Mr Aubineau for his work in organizing the event.</p> <p>The RAG also noted the ongoing preparations for the second session of the Conference Preparatory Meeting for WRC-27 (CPM27-2) and for the planned 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> IRIS. While recognizing the usefulness, when possible, of the presence of a few BR representatives in meetings of regional groups dealing with the WRC-27 preparation, the RAG encouraged the virtual participation of additional BR experts in those meetings, to the extent practicable.</p> <p>The RAG considered the proposals related to the organization of IRIS events, which were outlined in Document RAG/71. The RAG also considered other proposals made during the meeting, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• focusing the IRIS programme on a few important issues or agenda items;</li> <li>• extending the IRIS event to facilitate more discussions among the regional groups;</li> <li>• maintaining the flexibility provided by the IRIS in facilitating exchanges of information and ideas prior to the WRC;</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the possibility to break into parallel sessions, each focusing on particular issues e.g. terrestrial, satellite or regulatory, depending on the availability of resources and financial limitations.</li> </ul> <p>The RAG agreed that the Bureau was not mandated to provide a summary of the WRC preparatory studies and evaluate their status.</p> <p>The RAG noted all those proposals and advised the BR Director to consider them when preparing for the future IRIS events during the current or the next study cycles, as appropriate, and report to the next RAG meetings accordingly.</p>
9	<p><b>Study Group activities</b></p> <p><a href="#">58</a> (§5), <a href="#">58</a> (Add.1)</p>	<p>The RAG noted with appreciation the ITU-R SGs and CCV Chairs’ presentations on the activities of their respective groups and made the following conclusions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In light of CACE/1151, the RAG recognized the important work of SG 3 and encouraged administrations to facilitate the participation of experts of their countries in the activities of SG 3 both technically and financially.</li> <li>• The RAG invited Chairs to provide information on ITU-R Resolutions that were intended to be modified or suppressed at the next RA.</li> <li>• The RAG advised the SG Chairs to let the BR know when they expect their meeting to take less than the allocated number of days to free up available rooms for other meetings.</li> <li>• The RAG noted the issue of the inconsistency in the preambles of different recommendations and indicated that the template for the format of recommendations needed further improvement and advised the BR Director to consider the matter in the next version of the Guidelines.</li> <li>• The RAG acknowledged that proposals during ITU-R meetings should be treated in a positive manner.</li> <li>• The RAG advised SGs that in the preparation of draft CPM text (example of regulatory text) provisions of one article of the Radio Regulations should not be repeated within proposed modifications to another article.</li> </ul> <p>The RAG noted with appreciation the report of the ITU-R Study Groups Department (SGD) found in Documents RAG/58 (section 5) and its Addendum 1 and made the following observations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The RAG reiterated that pursuant to § A2.2.4.1b) of Resolution ITU-R 1-9 “... <i>contributions (including Revisions, Addenda and Corrigenda to contributions) shall be received not later than 12 calendar days (1600 hours UTC) prior to the start of the meeting to be made available for the opening of the meeting. The deadline applies only to</i></li> </ul>

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		<p><i>contributions from the membership. ... The secretariat cannot accept submissions later than the aforementioned deadline. Documents not available at the opening of a meeting cannot be discussed at the meeting."</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The RAG acknowledged that ITU-R SGs and their subordinate groups had been encouraged to pay close attention to Circular Letter <a href="#">CR/504</a> together with the conclusion of CPM27-1 on the subject (see <a href="#">CA/270</a> (Annex 4)), and to conduct appropriate studies in accordance with it, as needed.</li> </ul> <p>The RAG further advised the BR Director to include, under agenda item 9.2 of WRC-27, in the Director's Report on the difficulties that had been encountered with respect to certain ambiguous terms used in WRC-23 resolutions forming part of agenda items.</p>
	<p><a href="#">58 Add1-Annex1</a></p> <p><a href="#">79</a> (Canada)</p>	<p><b>Guidelines associated with Res. ITU-R 1-9:</b></p> <p>The RAG considered the Guidelines associated with Res. ITU-R 1-9 as contained in Annex 1 to Add. 1 of Document RAG/58. The RAG raised and discussed issues concerning items in sections 2.5.1 and 8.</p> <p>With reference to section 3.5.8 on the current practice to reach consensus when agreeing liaison statements, the RAG concluded that the Guidelines should not be modified at this stage. Any proposal on this matter could be submitted to and/or raised directly by Member States at the RA.</p> <p>The RAG suggested that the BR could apply the Guidelines on a provisional basis and invited Member States to review the Guidelines at its 34<sup>th</sup> meeting.</p> <p>In discussing the proposal for the establishment of a correspondence group to consider potential modifications of Resolution ITU-R 1-9, the RAG appreciated the contribution in Document RAG/79 and invited Administrations to take into account the content of the document in preparation for the Radiocommunication Assembly.</p>
	<p><a href="#">58 Add1-Annex2</a></p> <p><a href="#">77</a> (multi-country)</p>	<p><b>ITU-R study groups working methods:</b></p> <p>The RAG considered and discussed Document 58-Add1 - Annex 2 on the Review of ITU-R Study Group's working methods and scope of work and Document RAG/77 on improving the structure of Radiocommunication SGs and agreed to establish a correspondence group (CG) that would function without convening meetings.</p> <p>The RAG advised that the CG should work by correspondence between the 33<sup>rd</sup> and 34<sup>th</sup> RAG meetings (see the CG terms of reference in Annex 5).</p>

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10	Inter-Sector Activities	
	<p><a href="#">58</a> (§8.4)</p> <p><a href="#">56</a> (CWG-FHR)</p> <p><a href="#">67</a> (ISCG)</p>	<p><b>Inter-sectoral Coordination Group (ISCG):</b></p> <p>The RAG considered Section 8.4 of the Director’s Report on seminars, workshops and other events and noted with satisfaction the information provided therein.</p> <p>The RAG noted the liaison statement from CWG-FHR contained in document RAG/56 inviting the Sector Advisory Groups, ISCG, Coordination Committee and MSAG to provide recommendations to Council 2026 on improving the implementation of Resolution 191 (Rev. Bucharest 2022) with the aim of streamlining with the relevant Sectoral resolutions, to the extent possible, and where necessary and appropriate, and proposed to consider revising or deleting ITU-R Resolution 75.</p> <p>The RAG considered the progress report from the ISCG addressing topics related to accessibility, climate change, remote participation and sustainable digital transformation, noting that the ISCG has also started working on two new topics: industry engagement and streamlining resolutions.</p> <p>The ISCG Chair invited the RAG’s comments and proposals to the ISCG on the themes presented, as well as any other potential joint activities or mechanisms to strengthen cooperation. The next ISCG meeting will take place during TDAG, on 10 April 2026. Information will be shared through the <a href="#">ISCG website</a>. The ISCG Chair thanked the RAG members for the opportunity to present the report and invited them to contribute to ISCG activities and participate in their meetings.</p> <p>The RAG noted that there is a recurring issue of overlap between the work of ITU-R and that of ITU-T on radio spectrum, and recognised the need to raise awareness and improve coordination within Administrations, so that any issue that is the purview of ITU-R would be brought to ITU-R. The RAG emphasized the importance of Resolution 191 and invited Members to implement it.</p>
	<a href="#">66</a> -Rev.1	<p><b>Regional Presence:</b></p> <p>The RAG noted with appreciation the document and the presentation which informed the RAG about the Report on the review of the ITU Regional Presence (<a href="#">C26/24</a>) which will be presented at the Council 2026.</p>
	<a href="#">48</a> (TSAG)	<b>Sustainable Digital Transformation:</b>



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	<a href="#">76</a> (Italy)	<p>The RAG appreciated Japan’s contribution and advised the BR Director to implement the outlined proposal, within the financial limitations, as appropriate, provided that any modernization or new tools would not add new procedural obligations for Administrations and that correspondences between the operators and the BR would continue going through the Administrations.</p> <p>The RAG noted that the integration of satellite operators in e-Communications will be delivered in the second quarter of 2026.</p> <p>The RAG considered the proposal that the BR develop a software tool that enables the direct online submission of initial comments on API publications, as outlined in document RAG/76.</p> <p>The RAG noted that the proposal can, to great extent, be integrated into an existing project (e-Comment), for which budget has already been allocated.</p> <p>The BR expressed gratitude to Italy for the offer to help beta-test this new tool, and invited other Administrations to do the same, emphasizing the importance of having support from Member States in a more direct manner to improve BR software.</p>
	<a href="#">58</a> (§7.3)	<p><b>Other BR software and tools</b></p> <p>The RAG noted the material in section 7.3 of the Director’s Report on the BR information system, other BR software and tools.</p>
	<a href="#">58</a> (§7.4, §7.5)	<p><b>Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery and Cloud Computing</b></p> <p>The RAG noted the material in sections 7.4 and 7.5 on business continuity, disaster recovery and Cloud computing.</p>
<b>12</b>	<b>Outreach</b>	
	<a href="#">58</a> (§8.1)	<p><b>Publications:</b></p> <p>The RAG noted the information in Section 8.1 of the Director’s Report on publications.</p>
	<a href="#">58</a> (§8.2)	<p><b>Seminars, workshops and other events:</b></p>

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		The RAG noted Section 8.2 of the Director’s Report on publications and expressed its appreciation to all the partners that collaborated and contributed to the organization of the regional radio seminars.
	<a href="#">58</a> (§8.3)	<b>Assistance to Member States:</b> The RAG noted the material in Section 8.3 of the Director’s Report on assistance to member states.
	<a href="#">58</a> (§ 8.5, 8.6)	<b>Membership, Communication and Promotion:</b> The RAG noted with appreciation the material in Sections 8.5 and 8.6 of the Director’s Report on membership, communication and promotion.
	<a href="#">58</a> (§8.7)	<b>Gender Equity, RA-23 Resolution on Gender equity and NOW4WRC27:</b> The RAG noted the presentation of Section 8.7 of the Director’s Report on Gender Equity, RA-23 Resolution on Gender equity, and NOW4WRC27.
13	<b>Date of next meeting</b>	The RAG noted the date of the next RAG meeting as 22 to 25 March 2027 (4 days).
14	<b>Any other business</b>	
	<a href="#">70</a> (Saudi Arabia)	<b>Coherent application of ITU, IMO and ICAO frameworks for maritime, aeronautical and other relevant radiocommunications systems:</b> The RAG considered the contribution on assisting national telecommunication regulatory authorities in the coherent application of ITU, IMO and ICAO frameworks for maritime and aeronautical radiocommunication systems, as outlined in document RAG/70. The RAG noted that while the information on spectrum management for maritime and aeronautical services and the related frameworks already exist, this information is contained in a number of IMO and ICAO documents, therefore their consolidation would be beneficial for telecommunication regulators. The RAG also noted the information from the Bureau that the amount of work on the development of common spectrum management guidelines is too time

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		<p>consuming for the available resources of the IMO and ICAO secretariats. The involvement in this work of the relevant IMO and ICAO groups, which are the IMO's Navigation Communication Search and Rescue Sub-Committee and ICAO's Frequency Spectrum management Panel, requires application of a complex procedure on creation of a New Activity in these organizations.</p> <p>As a practical approach to assist administrations, the RAG advised the BR Director to hold workshops or webinars on the management of aeronautical and maritime frequencies. In addition, the RAG invited the BR Director to create a dedicated webpage where information from ITU-R, IMO and ICAO documents on spectrum management for aeronautical and maritime services would be consolidated. The IMO and ICAO secretariats need to be consulted concerning the possibility and conditions of using their documents for this webpage.</p> <p>The RAG also concluded that Administrations may wish to provide contributions to Working Party 5B to facilitate this work.</p>
	<p><a href="#">78</a> (Multi-country)</p>	<p><b>Harmful interference to RNSS and satellite networks:</b></p> <p>The RAG noted the contribution.</p>

Annex 1: Note from the RAG Chair to the Council

Annex 2: Reply liaison statement on outcomes of the fourth meeting of CWG-SFP

Annex 3: Terms of Reference of the RAG Correspondence Group on Improving the Conference Preparatory Meeting (CPM) Process

Annex 4: Note from the RAG Chair to the Council Working Group on Financial and Human Resources (CWG-FHR)

Annex 5: Terms of Reference of the RAG Correspondence Group on exploring potential improvements to the structure and framework of radiocommunication study groups

ANNEX 1

**Note from the RAG Chair to the Council**

See RAG/TEMP/9: <https://www.itu.int/md/R23-RAG-260330-TD-0009/en>

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**Document RAG/TEMP/9-E  
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**Radiocommunication Advisory Group (RAG)**

**NOTE FROM THE RAG CHAIR TO THE COUNCIL**

**Purpose**

This document presents a note from the RAG Chair to the Council on resource allocation for the constitutional activities of the Radiocommunication Bureau, including the processing of space notices.

**Action required**

The Council is invited to **take the necessary actions**.

**References**

Documents: [RAG/58](#), RAG Summary of Conclusions in BR circular CA/281

## **1. Background**

During its 33rd meeting (31 March to 2 April 2026), the RAG recognized the difficulties that the Radiocommunication Bureau had been facing in processing satellite network filings, and the constraints encountered in the level of support that the Study Groups Department had been able to provide for additional meetings and correspondence groups, as well as the training and capacity building that the BR could offer to Administrations.

The Radiocommunication Bureau experienced delays in the processing of space notices resulting in backlogs three times beyond the 4-month mandatory deadline set out in No. 9.38 of the Radio Regulations, the international treaty governing the use of radio-frequency spectrum and satellite orbits. It should be noted that the Radio Regulations Board (RRB) had previously also expressed concerns on the matter.

## **2. Action required**

The RAG brings this matter to the attention of the Council, emphasizing the need for the BR to have adequate resources to fulfil its constitutional mandate, despite the current ITU budgetary restrictions.

The Council is invited to take the necessary actions in order to resolve the issue and ensure that the Radiocommunication Bureau has the required resources to perform its duties to comply with the regulatory deadlines as prescribed in the Radio Regulations.

**Reply liaison statement on outcomes of the fourth meeting of CWG-SFP**

See RAG/TEMP/8-Rev.1: <https://www.itu.int/md/R23-RAG-260330-TD-0008/en>

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**Radiocommunication Advisory Group (RAG)**

**REPLY LIAISON STATEMENT ON OUTCOMES OF THE  
FOURTH MEETING OF CWG-SFP**

**Purpose**

This document presents the reply from the Radiocommunication Advisory Group (RAG), as agreed by the 33<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the RAG, 30 March to 2 April 2026, in response to the liaison statement from CWG-SFP's to RAG on the Outcomes of the fourth meeting (document [RAG/55](#)).

**Action required**

The CWG-SFP is invited to **consider** this document.

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**References**

Documents: [RAG/50](#), [CWG-SFP-4/6](#), [RAG/55](#), [CWG-SFP-4/DT/2 \(Rev.3\)](#), RAG/74 (Russian Federation)

## 1. Background

The RAG sent to CWG-SFP document [CWG-SFP-4/6](#) (RAG) “Liaison Statement to the Council Working Group for Strategic and Financial Plans 2028-2031” containing the RAG’s input on the ITU Strategic Plan 2028-2031.

Document [RAG/55](#) “Liaison Statement on Outcomes of the Fourth Meeting” presents the amendments to the draft Annex 1 to Resolution 71: ITU strategic plan for 2028-2031 agreed during the fourth meeting of CWG-SFP (see document [CWG-SFP-4/DT/2 \(Rev.3\)](#)). The CWG-SFP invites the **RAG to provide its feedback by 31 March 2026**.

The RAG presents to the attention of CWG-SFP the following reply to the above liaison statement.

## 2. Targets

Pursuant to the draft Annex 1 to Resolution 71: ITU strategic plan for 2028-2031, the following target amendments are proposed by the CWG-SFP:

Targets for Goal 1: Universal Connectivity – by 2031:	Change description
1.6: Avoidance of harmful interference	<p>Proposal to move the outcome ‘Avoidance of harmful interference’ to the level of a Target.</p> <p>In its contribution to CWG-SFP, for this outcome, the RAG had proposed the following new indicators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Number of cases of harmful interference (to frequency assignments pertaining to space services) reported to the BR in the one year of the reporting period</li> <li>- Number of cases of harmful interference (to frequency assignments pertaining to space services) reported to the BR that are pending resolution</li> <li>- Number of cases of harmful interference (to assignments pertaining to terrestrial services) reported to the BR in the one year of the reporting period</li> <li>- Number of cases of harmful interference (to assignments pertaining to terrestrial services) reported to the BR that are pending resolution</li> </ul>
Targets for Goal 2: Sustainable Digital Transformation – by 2031:	Change description
2.7: Space for development	<p>Proposed associated indicators to be collected by the ITU Development Bureau:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Satellite broadband subscriptions <sup>1</sup></li> <li>- [Countries with satellite-to-cell phone partnerships, by status (maintained by Global mobile Suppliers Association)]</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> See <https://datahub.itu.int/data/?i=19303&d=Technology&g=11630>

	<p>Views were expressed with respect to the inclusion of indent 1 under this topic, due to the fact that ITU should remain neutral with respect to terrestrial and space.</p> <p>No consensus was reached in the RAG for the inclusion of indent two of the indicators for Space for development in the Strategic Plan, because the matter is still under discussion at the WRC- 27 Agenda Item 1.13.</p>
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### 3. Additional Indicators

The RAG considered that the addition of the outcome indicators below would be beneficial to reflect the maintenance of the MIFR:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Number of frequency assignments, whose findings have been reviewed pursuant to RR No. 11.50, on a yearly basis.</li> <li>- Number of cases treated by BR under RR No. 13.6, on a yearly basis.</li> </ul>	<p>MIFR RRB/BR files</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Number of frequency assignments, whose findings have been reviewed pursuant to RR No. 11.50, on a yearly basis.</li> <li>- Number of cases treated by BR under RR No. 13.6, on a yearly basis.</li> </ul>	<p>MIFR RRB/BR files</p>

### 4. Alignment between documents [CWG-SFP-4/DT/2 \(Rev.3\)](#) (CWG-SFP) and [CWG-SFP-4/6](#) (RAG)

The RAG had not included the outcome “Enhanced use of radiocommunication services” and the corresponding outcome indicators in its contribution to the CWG-SFP. However, it is noted that they continue to appear in the proposed table contained in Appendix A (ITU results framework).

In its contribution to the CWG-SFP, the RAG had proposed revised indicators for the outcome ‘Enhanced application of ITU-R recommendations, including those dealing with propagation modelling, used for efficient spectrum management, as well as for sharing and compatibility. However, it is noted that in the table under Appendix A: ITU results framework, the outcome itself has been removed, and the new indicators appear in square brackets.

The RAG proposes to align documents [CWG-SFP-4/DT/2 \(Rev.3\)](#) (CWG-SFP) and [CWG-SFP-4/6](#) (RAG).

ANNEX 3

**Terms of Reference of the RAG Correspondence Group on Improving the Conference Preparatory Meeting (CPM) Process**

See RAG/TEMP/12-Rev.2: <https://www.itu.int/md/R23-RAG-260330-TD-0012/en>

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**TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE RAG CORRESPONDENCE GROUP ON  
IMPROVING THE CONFERENCE PREPARATORY  
MEETING (CPM) PROCESS**

The Radiocommunication Advisory Group (RAG) Correspondence Group (CG) is tasked with exploring potential improvements to the Conference Preparatory Meeting (CPM) process with the following terms of reference:

- Continue the review of the CPM process, with a view to complete any recommended improvements to the process and objectives of the 2<sup>nd</sup> session of CPM, including any procedural improvements of preparing the CPM Report with a view to facilitate the process of the CPM including by considering topics, where appropriate and applicable, without compromising the rights of Administrations and Regional Organizations in respect of their contribution to the process, such as:
  - Adjusting the timing of the second CPM session to potentially allow for additional time for the responsible groups to fulfil/complete their draft CPM text without affecting the time of CPM Report publications in the six official languages of the Union at least five months before the next WRC;
  - Review certain aspects that could be improved to facilitate the overall process, e.g. clear guidance to further improve the CPM chapter rapporteur roles to assist the responsible groups to meet the draft CPM text deadline;
  - Review and consider proposed improvements to the volume and page limitations of the CPM report;

- Further improvements to reinforce the provisions of Resolution 2 in limiting the scope of contributions that are submitted to the second CPM session;
- Consider the existing duration of the 2nd CPM session meeting, without lengthening the CPM;
- Recognizing progress reported in RAG/65 and contributions to the 33rd meeting of the RAG;
- Consequently, examine how Resolution ITU-R 2-9 (on Conference Preparatory Meeting) could be modified to reflect the findings of above referred review.

The CG shall continue its work directly after the 33<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the RAG and aims to submit a comprehensive report by the 34<sup>th</sup> meeting of the RAG. Work should primarily be conducted through no more than three virtual meetings, adhering to sections § A1.3.2.9 and § A.1.3.2.10 of Resolution ITU-R 1-9 for efficiency and inclusiveness.

Virtual meetings are scheduled as follows:

- 1st virtual meeting: 16 September (TBC) 2026 13:00-16:00 Geneva time
- 2nd virtual meeting if necessary: 18 December (TBC) 2026 13:00-16:00 Geneva time
- The need or otherwise for a 3rd meeting and its date can be considered in view of the progress made at the 1st and/or 2nd meetings.

The CG is chaired by Mr Fahad ALGHAMDI (e-mail: [fabghamdi@citc.gov.sa](mailto:fabghamdi@citc.gov.sa)) who will coordinate the activities and ensure timely communication and submission of the group's report 45 days prior to the 34<sup>th</sup> meeting of the RAG.

Other relevant information for the work of this Correspondence Group will be provided on the RAG webpage.

ANNEX 4

**Note from the RAG Chair to the Council Working Group on  
Financial and Human Resources (CWG-FHR)**

See RAG/TEMP/10-Rev.1: <https://www.itu.int/md/R23-RAG-260330-TD-0010/en>

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**Radiocommunication Advisory Group (RAG)**

**NOTE FROM THE RAG CHAIR TO THE COUNCIL WORKING GROUP ON  
FINANCIAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES**

**Purpose**

This document presents a note from the RAG Chair to the Council Working Group on Financial and Human Resources (CWG-FHR) on the process for providing estimates of the financial implication of proposed decisions and resolutions at ITU conferences and assemblies.

**Action required**

The Council is invited to **consider** the RAG's comments.

**References**

Documents: [RAG/57](#)

## **1. Background**

The RAG considered the liaison statement from CWG-FHR (document RAG/57) to the sector advisory groups and the Inter-Sector Coordination Group (ISCG) on the process for providing estimates of the financial implication of proposed decisions and resolutions at ITU conferences and assemblies.

The RAG discussed the difficulties in providing such estimates in the context of the world radiocommunication conferences.

## **2. Proposal**

Due to the complexity of the topics, agenda items and related decisions and resolutions, it may be challenging to follow the proposed cost estimation methodology prior to the upcoming WRC-27 at this time.

ANNEX 5

**Terms of Reference of the RAG Correspondence Group on exploring potential improvements to the structure and framework of radiocommunication study groups**

See RAG/TEMP/13-Rev.1: <https://www.itu.int/md/R23-RAG-260330-TD-0013/en>

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**TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE RAG CORRESPONDENCE GROUP  
ON EXPLORING POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE STRUCTURE AND  
FRAMEWORK OF RADIOCOMMUNICATION STUDY GROUPS**

The Radiocommunication Advisory Group (RAG) Correspondence Group (CG) **on Exploring Potential Improvements to the Structure and Framework of Radiocommunication Study Groups** is tasked with exploring potential improvements to the Structure and Working methods of Radiocommunication Study Groups, with the following terms of reference:

- Analyse and identify challenges affecting the work efficiency of ITU-R studies, including:
  - Workloads in certain Study Groups,
  - Interdependencies between Study Groups and their current means to collaborate and coordinate the timely exchange of information,
  - Number of contributions and participation levels,
  - Aspects of technological changes to radiocommunication services and their applications, which may necessitate the need for recurring reviews of the structure and framework of the Radiocommunication Sector.
- To take into account, to the extent practicable, relevant factual information such as meeting frequency and duration, contribution volumes, approved outputs, participation trends, cross-Study Group dependencies, and operational/resource implications for the BR.

- To assess whether identified challenges may be addressed through structural or non-structural measures, including improved coordination, clearer mandates, improved working methods, or redistribution of selected topics and responsibilities among existing groups;
- To review, as appropriate, the effectiveness of the current process of distribution of work among Study Groups and Working Parties, including the balance between conference-related and non-conference-related activities, and to develop findings and possible options to improve the efficiency, and responsiveness of ITU-R studies, including procedural, coordinative, mandate-related, workload-distribution, and, where justified, structural options.
- Based on the above, the Correspondence Group is invited to review the relevant ITU-R framework and, where appropriate, propose revisions to **Resolution ITU-R 1-9** (on Working methods for the Radiocommunication Assembly, the Radiocommunication Study Groups, the Radiocommunication Advisory Group and other groups of the Radiocommunication Sector) and **Resolution ITU-R 4-9** (on Structure of Radiocommunication Study Groups), if necessary

The CG shall work directly after the 33rd Meeting of the RAG and aims to submit a comprehensive report by the 34th meeting of the RAG. Work should be conducted through correspondence, adhering to sections § A1.3.2.9 and § A.1.3.2.10 of Resolution ITU-R 1-9 for efficiency and inclusiveness.

The CG is chaired by Mr. Abdulmalik Alorf (e-mail: [aorf@cst.gov.sa](mailto:aorf@cst.gov.sa)) who will coordinate the activities and ensure timely communication and submission of the group's report 45 days prior to the 34<sup>th</sup> meeting of the RAG.

Other relevant information for the work of this Correspondence Group will be provided on the RAG webpage.