



Radiocommunication Bureau (BR)

Administrative Circular
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**To Administrations of Member States of the ITU, Radiocommunication Sector Members,
ITU-R Associates participating in the work of the Radiocommunication Study Group 4 and
ITU Academia**

Subject: **Meeting of Radiocommunication Study Group 4 (Satellite services),
Geneva, 27 October 2017**

1 Introduction

By means of this Administrative Circular, I wish to announce that a meeting of ITU-R Study Group 4 will take place in Geneva on Friday, 27 October 2017 following the meetings of Working Parties 4A, 4B and 4C (see Circular Letter [4/LCCE/122](#)).

The Study Group meeting will be held in the ITU Headquarters, Geneva. The opening session will take place at 1430 hours.

Group	Meeting date	Deadline for contributions at 1600 hours UTC	Opening session
Study Group 4	27 October 2017	Friday, 20 October 2017	Friday, 27 October 2017 at 1430 hours

2 Programme of the meeting

The draft agenda for the meeting of Study Group 4 is contained in Annex 1.

The status of texts assigned to Study Group 4 and its Working Parties is available in Document [4/1](#), which can be found on:

<http://www.itu.int/md/R15-SG04-C-0001/en>

2.1 Adoption of draft Recommendations at the Study Group meeting (§ A2.6.2.2.2 of Resolution ITU-R 1-7)

No Recommendations are proposed for adoption by the Study Group in accordance with § A2.6.2.2.2 of Resolution ITU-R 1-7.

2.2 Adoption of draft Recommendations by a Study Group by correspondence (§ A2.6.2.2.3 of Resolution ITU-R 1-7)

The procedure described in § A2.6.2.2.3 of Resolution ITU-R 1-7 concerns draft new or revised Recommendations that are not specifically included in the agenda of a Study Group meeting.

In accordance with this procedure, draft new and revised Recommendations prepared during the meetings of Working Parties 4A, 4B and 4C held prior to the Study Group meeting will be submitted to the Study Group. After due consideration, the Study Group may decide to seek adoption of these draft Recommendations by correspondence. In such cases, the Study Group shall use the procedure for simultaneous adoption and approval (PSAA) by correspondence of draft Recommendations as described in § A2.6.2.4 of Resolution ITU-R 1-7 (see also § 2.3 below), if there is no objection to this approach by any Member State attending the meeting and if the Recommendation is not incorporated by reference in the Radio Regulations.

In accordance with § A1.3.1.13 of Resolution ITU-R 1-7, Annex 2 to this Circular contains a list of topics to be addressed at the meetings of the Working Parties held just prior to the Study Group meeting, and for which draft Recommendations may be developed.

2.3 Decision on approval procedure

At the meeting, the Study Group shall decide on the eventual procedure to be followed for seeking approval for each draft Recommendation in accordance with § A2.6.2.3 of Resolution ITU-R 1-7, unless the Study Group has decided to use the PSAA procedure as described in § A2.6.2.4 of Resolution ITU-R 1-7 (see § 2.2 above).

3 Contributions

Contributions in response to the work of Study Group 4 are processed according to the provisions laid down in Resolution ITU-R 1-7.

The deadline for reception of contributions not requiring translation* (including Revisions, Addenda and Corrigenda to contributions) is 7 calendar days (1600 hours UTC) prior to the start of the meeting. **The deadline for reception of contributions for this meeting is specified in the table above.** Contributions received later than this deadline cannot be accepted. Resolution ITU-R 1-7 provides that contributions which are not available to participants at the opening of the meeting shall not be considered. Participants are requested to submit contributions by electronic mail to:

rsg4@itu.int

A copy should also be sent to the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of Study Group 4. The pertinent addresses can be found on:

<http://www.itu.int/go/rsg4/ch>

* Where translation is required, contributions should be received at least three months prior to the meeting.

4 Documents

Contributions will be posted "as received" within one working day on the webpage established for this purpose: <http://www.itu.int/md/R15-SG04.AR-C/en>.

The official versions will be posted on <http://www.itu.int/md/R15-SG04-C/en> within 3 working days.

In accordance with Resolution 167 (Rev. Busan, 2014), the Study Group meeting will be completely paperless. Wireless LAN facilities will be available for use by delegates in the meeting rooms. Printers are available in the cyber café of the 2nd basement of the Tower building and on the ground floor and first floor of the Montbrillant building for delegates who wish to print documents. In addition, the Service Desk (servicedesk@itu.int) has prepared a limited number of laptops for those who do not have one.

5 Remote participation

In order to follow the proceedings of ITU-R meetings remotely an audio webcast of the Study Group Plenary meetings in all languages will be provided through the ITU Internet Broadcasting Service (IBS). Participants do not need to register for the meeting to use the webcast facility, however an ITU [TIES account](#) is required to access the webcast.

6 Participation/Visa requirements/Accommodation

Advance registration for ITU-R events is mandatory and carried out exclusively online through Designated Focal Points (DFPs). Each ITU-R Member has been requested to designate a DFP responsible for the handling of all registration formalities, including visa support requests that should also be submitted by the DFP during the on-line registration process. Individuals wishing to be registered for an ITU-R event should directly contact the DFP for their entity. The list of ITU-R DFPs (TIES protected) as well as detailed information on event registration, visa support requirements, hotel accommodation, etc. can be found at:

www.itu.int/en/ITU-R/information/events.



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Annexes: 2

Distribution:

- Administrations of Member States of the ITU and Radiocommunication Sector Members participating in the work of Radiocommunication Study Group 4
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- Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Radiocommunication Study Groups
- Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the Conference Preparatory Meeting
- 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 agenda for the meeting of Radiocommunication Study Group 4

(Geneva, 27 October 2017)

- 1 Opening remarks
 - 1.1 Director BR
 - 1.2 Chairman
- 2 Approval of the agenda
- 3 Appointment of the Rapporteur
- 4 Summary Record of the previous meeting (Document [4/25](#))
- 5 Report of the RAG 2017 meeting
- 6 Consideration of the outputs of the Working Parties
 - 6.1 Working Party 4C
 - 6.1.1 Executive Report
 - 6.1.2 Draft Recommendations where notice of intention to seek adoption was not given (see Res. 1-7, §§ A2.6.2.2.3, A2.6.2.3 and A2.6.2.4)
 - 6.1.3 Draft Reports
 - 6.1.4 Draft Questions
 - 6.2 Working Party 4B
 - 6.2.1 Executive Report
 - 6.2.2 Draft Recommendations where notice of intention to seek adoption was not given (see Res. 1-7, §§ A2.6.2.2.3, A2.6.2.3 and A2.6.2.4)
 - 6.2.3 Draft Reports
 - 6.2.4 Draft Questions
 - 6.3 Working Party 4A
 - 6.3.1 Executive Report
 - 6.3.2 Draft Recommendations where notice of intention to seek adoption was not given (see Res. 1-7, §§ A2.6.2.2.3, A2.6.2.3 and A2.6.2.4)
 - 6.3.3 Draft Reports
 - 6.3.4 Draft Questions
- 7 Status of texts assigned to Study Group 4
- 8 Liaison with other Study Groups and international organizations
- 9 Consideration of future work programme and schedule of meetings
- 10 Any other business

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Annex 2

Topics to be addressed at meetings of Working Parties 4A, 4B and 4C held prior to the meeting of Study Group 4 and for which draft Recommendations may be developed

Working Party 4A

Guidelines to conduct bilateral coordination for explicit agreements, in the frequency band 14.5-14.75 GHz, for Regions 1 and 2 countries, or in the frequency band 14.5-14.8 GHz, for Region 3 countries, in the fixed-satellite service (Earth-to-space) not for feeder links for the broadcasting-satellite service, in order to protect all existing and planned systems of allocated services in 14.5-14.8 GHz in the territories of those administrations engaging in such agreements (PDNR ITU-R S.[GUIDELINES_14.5-14.8 GHz] – see Annex 1 to Document [4A/364](#)).

Functional description to be used in developing software tools for determining conformity of non-geostationary-satellite orbit fixed-satellite system networks with limits contained in Article 22 of the Radio Regulations (PDRR ITU-R S.1503-2 – see Annex 2 to Document [4A/364](#)).

Working Party 4B

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Working Party 4C

Description of systems and networks in the radionavigation-satellite service (space-to-Earth and space-to-space) and technical characteristics of transmitting space stations operating in the bands 1 164-1 215 MHz, 1 215-1 300 MHz and 1 559-1 610 MHz (PDRR ITU-R M.1787-2 – see Annex 1 to Document [4C/192](#)).

Guidance on ITU-R Recommendations related to systems and networks in the radionavigation-satellite service operating in the frequency bands 1 164-1 215 MHz, 1 215-1 300 MHz, 1 559-1 610 MHz, 5 000-5 010 MHz and 5 010-5 030 MHz (PDRR ITU-R M.1901-1 – see Annex 2 to Document [4C/192](#)).

Characteristics and protection criteria for receiving earth stations in the radionavigation-satellite service (space-to-Earth) operating in the band 1 215-1 300 MHz (PDRR ITU-R M.1902 – see Annex 3 to Document [4C/192](#)).

Characteristics and protection criteria for receiving earth stations in the radionavigation-satellite service (space-to-Earth) and receivers in the aeronautical radionavigation service operating in the band 1 559-1 610 MHz (PDRR ITU-R M.1903 – see Annex 4 to Document [4C/192](#)).

Characteristics, performance requirements and protection criteria for receiving stations of the radionavigation-satellite service (space-to-space) operating in the frequency bands 1 164-1 215 MHz, 1 215-1 300 MHz and 1 559-1 610 MHz (PDRR ITU-R M.1904 – see Annex 5 to Document [4C/192](#)).

Characteristics and protection criteria for receiving earth stations in the radionavigation-satellite service (space-to-Earth) operating in the band 1 64-1 215 MHz (PDRR ITU-R M.1905 – see Annex 6 to Document [4C/192](#)).

Technical characteristics of mobile satellite systems in the frequency bands below 3 GHz for use in developing criteria for sharing between the mobile-satellite service (MSS) and other services (PDRR ITU-R M.1184-2 – see Annex 7 to Document [4C/192](#)).
