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| **Radiocommunication Bureau (BR)** | | |
| Administrative Circular  **CACE/847** | | 30 November 2017 |
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| **To Administrations of Member States of the ITU, Radiocommunication Sector Members,  ITU-R Associates participating in the work of Radiocommunication Study Group 3 and ITU Academia** | | |
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| Subject: | **Radiocommunication Study Group 3 (Radiowave propagation)**  **–** **Proposed approval of 1 draft revised ITU-R Recommendation** | |
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At the meeting of Radiocommunication Study Group 3 held on 1 September 2017, the Study Group decided to seek adoption of 1 draft revised ITU-R Recommendation by correspondence, in accordance with § A2.6.2.2.3 of Resolution ITU‑R 1-7. The Recommendation has now been adopted by Study Group 3 and the approval procedure of Resolution ITU-R 1-7 § A2.6.2.3 is to be applied. The title and the summary of the draft Recommendation is given in the Annex to this letter. Any Member State who objects to the approval of a draft Recommendation is requested to inform the Director and the Chairman of the Study Group of the reasons for the objection.

As stated in Administrative Circular CACE/833, dated 22 September 2017, the consultation period for the adoption of the Recommendation ended on 22 November 2017.

Having regard to the provisions of § A2.6.2.3 of Resolution ITU-R 1-7, Member States are requested to inform the Secretariat ([brsgd@itu.int](mailto:brsgd@itu.int)) by 30 January 2018, whether they approve or do not approve the proposal above.

After the above-mentioned deadline, the results of this consultation will be announced in an Administrative Circular and the approved Recommendation will be published as soon as practicable (see <http://www.itu.int/pub/R-REC>).

Any ITU member organization aware of a patent held by itself or others which may fully or partly cover elements of the draft Recommendation mentioned in this letter is requested to disclose such information to the Secretariat as soon as possible. The Common Patent Policy for   
ITU-T/ITU-R/ISO/IEC is available at <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/ipr/Pages/policy.aspx>.

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Director

**Annex:** Title and summary of the draft Recommendation

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Annex  
  
Title and summary of the draft Recommendation  
adopted by Radiocommunication Study Group 3

Draft revision of Recommendation ITU-R P.526-13 Doc. [3/71(Rev.1)](https://www.itu.int/md/R15-SG03-C-0071/en)

Propagation by diffraction

The current Recommendation ITU-R P.526-13 includes a diffraction model for apertures or screens, which is only valid for propagation perpendicular to the screen. This proposal improves the accuracy of that model when transmitter and/or receiver are close to the aperture or screen, and adds an approximate method that is valid for all propagation angles and distances of transmitter or receiver from the screen or aperture.

The terrain models of section 4 of the Recommendation do not take into account the variation of terrain height transverse to the direction of propagation, so new text to bring this to the attention of users of the Recommendation is proposed.

It is also proposed to amend the first paragraph of Section 4, and amend Section 5.2 of the Recommendation.

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