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## Radiocommunication Bureau (BR)

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### To Administrations of Member States of the ITU

Subject: **Draft rules of procedure**

As per the schedule for the consideration of draft new and modified Rules of Procedure contained in Document [RRB23-3/1](#), the Bureau prepared draft modified Rules of Procedure on RR No. **9.21** and consequential changes to the Rules of Procedure on RR No. **9.36**. These draft rules are annexed to this Circular Letter.

In accordance with No. **13.17** of the Radio Regulations, those draft modified Rules of Procedure are made available to administrations for comments before being submitted to the Radio Regulations Board (RRB) pursuant to No. **13.14**. As indicated in No. **13.12A d)** of the Radio Regulations, any comments that you may wish to submit should reach the Bureau not later than **5 February 2024**, 1600 UTC in order to be considered at the 95<sup>th</sup> RRB meeting, scheduled for 4 – 8 March 2024. Comments should be sent by email to [rrb@itu.int](mailto:rrb@itu.int).

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### Annex: 1

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## Annex

### Rules concerning

#### ARTICLE 9 of the RR

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<b>9.21</b>
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**1**      **NOC**

**2**      **NOC**

**3**      **NOC**

**4**      **Frequency assignments upon which disagreement is based**

The frequency assignments that could serve as a basis for objection in the application of No. **9.52** are listed in § 2 of Appendix **5**. Those frequency assignments can be submitted to the Bureau in the form of individual or typical stations (see also No. **11.17**).

However, the frequency assignments to the associated earth stations notified as a part of the satellite network submitted under Appendix **4** cannot serve as the basis of disagreement under No. **9.52**. See also the Rules of Procedure under No. **9.36**.

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**9.36**

**1**      Under this provision, the Bureau “*shall identify any administrations with which coordination may need to be effected*”. In applying Appendix **5** with respect to No. **9.21**, the Bureau uses the following calculation methods and criteria<sup>6</sup>:

- space network vs. space network: Appendix **8**;
- earth station<sup>6bis</sup> vs. terrestrial stations and *vice versa*, and earth station vs. other earth stations<sup>6bis</sup> operating in the opposite direction of transmission: Appendix **7**;

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<sup>6</sup> For cases not covered under this paragraph, the Bureau, in collaboration with the appropriate Radiocommunication Study Groups, continue to develop applicable calculation methods and criteria in the form of Rules of Procedure to be submitted to the Board for approval.

<sup>6bis</sup> Associated earth stations in a satellite network submitted under Appendix **4** are not taken into account in the agreement-seeking procedure under No. **9.21**, nor in the coordination requirements under Nos. **9.17A** and **9.18**.

- transmitting terrestrial stations vs. receiving space stations: criteria of Article **21**;
- transmitting space stations vs. terrestrial services<sup>7</sup>;
  - power flux-density (pfd) limits defined in Article **21** (where such limits are not applicable as hard limits to the service which is subject to No. **9.21**); or
  - coordination threshold pfd values applicable to other services in the same frequency band (e.g. pfd values in Table 5-2 of Annex 1 to Appendix **5**); or
  - frequency overlap with recorded terrestrial stations when no applicable pfd value mentioned above is available;
- receiving space stations vs. transmitting terrestrial stations: frequency overlap within the visibility area of the satellite network;
- between stations of terrestrial services in some specific frequency bands: Rules of Procedure B4, B5 and B6 as appropriate.

**Reasons:** *These modifications to the Rules of Procedure clarify the validity of objections in the application of the agreement-seeking procedure of No. **9.21** when No. **9.52** is invoked. The frequency assignments to associated earth stations submitted as a part of a satellite network under Appendix **4** are not considered as a valid basis for objection when coordinating a terrestrial station under No. **9.21**. This is similar to the application of Nos. **9.17A** and **9.18**, where the frequency assignments to associated earth stations would also not be considered a valid basis for objection since they are not coordinated vis-à-vis terrestrial services.*

**Effective date of application of the Rule:** *immediately after approval.*

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<sup>7</sup> Cases relevant to this indent are shown in the Annex to this Rule.