



Radiocommunication Bureau (BR)

Circular Letter
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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 5 and ITU Academia

Subject: Announcement of the detailed schedule for the process extension for two candidate technology submissions for IMT-2020 requiring additional evaluation in the current IMT-2020 process

1 Introduction

In Annex 1 of [Addendum 7](#) of the Circular Letter [5/LCCE/59](#), it was separately announced that ITU-R has determined that the IMT-2020 candidate technology submission proposals for:

- **Candidate SRIT submission from ETSI (TC DECT) and DECT Forum** (Acknowledgement of submission under Step 3 of the IMT-2020 process in [IMT-2020/17\(Rev.1\)](#)), and
- **Candidate RIT submission from Nufront** (Acknowledgement of submission under Step 3 of the IMT-2020 process in [IMT-2020/18\(Rev.1\)](#)),

will require additional evaluation to conclude their respective final assessment through Steps 6 and 7 of the current process.

These candidate technologies will, therefore, on a one-time exceptional basis, continue in the current IMT-2020 process (setting no future precedent), rewinding to the start of Step 4 in order to consider additional material (see Document [IMT-2020/52](#)). Should each of these technology submissions individually and separately successfully navigate through Step 4 and the subsequent Steps 5-8 of the current IMT-2020 process extension, they would be included in a timely *focused revision* to the published first release of Recommendation ITU-R M.[IMT-2020.SPECS].

This process extension for these specific candidate technology submissions will not impact the existing schedule and the approval process for technologies already agreed for inclusion in the first release of Recommendation ITU-R M.[IMT-2020.SPECS] provided to Study Group 5 in November 2020.

2 Announcement of the detailed schedule and necessary actions for the process extension

The process extension shall be finished, as agreed in the 35th Meeting of Working Party 5D, no later than the 39th Meeting of WP 5D.

Document [IMT-2020/53](#) “Detailed schedule and actions for ‘Way Forward’ Option 2 related to “ETSI (TC DECT) and DECT Forum Proponent” and “NUFRONT Proponent” Candidate Technology Submissions for IMT-2020” provides the detailed schedule and necessary actions for the Option 2, and should be utilized by ITU-R and the currently engaged relevant External Organizations participating in the ongoing IMT-2020 process for which Option 2 is applicable.

3 Future plans for the ‘regular’ IMT process

IMT is an on-going process of development and updates. In 2021, ITU-R will define the schedule for future ‘regular’ revisions of the Recommendation ITU-R M.[IMT-2020.SPECS], to accommodate any improved, or updated IMT-2020 as well as future new candidate technology proposals beyond the first release, utilizing the same baseline IMT revision and update process currently in place as applied to IMT-2020. It is to be noted that this is a separate and distinct process and activity from the possible *focused revision* that might be developed under the *Option 2* exception.

4 Updates to the ITU-R web page for the IMT-2020

Any changes will be announced or updated dynamically on the IMT-2020 web page as appropriate. ITU Members interested in the IMT-2020 development process are kindly requested to periodically check the [WP 5D website](#).

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