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| Items for discussion before revising Resolution ITU-R 1-6 |

# 1 Introduction

At its 2012 meeting, the Radiocommunication Advisory Group (RAG) established a correspondence group on the revision of the structure Resolution ITU-R 1-6. Its terms of reference are contained in Annex 2 to Administrative Circular [CA/206](http://www.itu.int/md/R00-CA-CIR-0206/en).

This document develops proposals related to the first item of the terms of reference of the correspondence group: “in accordance with § 1.7 of Resolution ITU-R 1-6 and Resolution ITU-R 52, prepare a draft revision of Resolution ITU-R 1-6 for consideration by the RAG and subsequent submission to the Radiocommunication Assembly 2015, taking into account the structure provided in Attachment 2 of [Document RA12/PLEN/16](http://www.itu.int/md/R12-RA12-C-0016/en)”.

This document proposes that the RAG discusses in more details the structure provided in Attachment 2 of Document RA12/PLEN/16, in order to reach a consensus on the approach to follow for restructuring Resolution ITU-R 1. It also provides a summary table containing the existing provisions regarding ITU-R Resolutions, Questions, Recommendations, Reports, Handbooks, Decisions and Opinions and suggests discussing if missing elements should be added.

# 2 Possible new structure of Resolution ITU-R 1

As mentioned in the terms of reference of the correspondence group, the structure provided in Attachment 2 of Document RA12/PLEN/16 provides a basis for the proposed restructuring. Attachment 1 to this document further elaborates on this proposed new structure, by creating sub-items. Before adopting this new structure, RAG should agree on certain more substantial matters.

First, Attachment 2 of Document RA12/PLEN/16 includes in the proposed new Part 1 of Resolution 1, which would be dedicated to the working methods, the Conference Preparatory Meeting (already covered by Resolution ITU-R 2), the Coordination Committee for Vocabulary (already covered by Resolution ITU-R 36) and the Special Committee for regulatory and procedural matters (already covered by Resolution ITU-R 38) in addition to the Radiocommunication Assembly, the Radiocommunication Study Groups and the Radiocommunication Advisory Group.

**The RAG is invited to provide guidance on the appropriateness to include provisions concerning the Conference Preparatory Meeting, the Coordination Committee for Vocabulary and the Special Committee for regulatory and procedural matters in Resolution ITU-R 1. Should it be the case, it would imply merging Resolutions ITU-R 2, 36 and 38 into Resolution ITU-R 1.**

Second, the title of Resolution ITU-R 1-6 (“Working methods for the Radiocommunication Assembly, the Radiocommunication Study Groups, and the Radiocommunication Advisory Group”) clearly encompasses the RAG, however it should be highlighted that note 1 to the *resolves* of this Resolution (“In accordance with No. 160G of the Convention, the Radiocommunication Advisory Group also adopts its own working procedures compatible with those adopted by the Radiocommunication Assembly.”) tends to indicate that the working procedures of the RAG are contained in a separate document (indeed, Resolution ITU-R 1 contains no specific provisions to the RAG, except two brief provisions concerning the assignment of tasks and delegated powers from the Radiocommunication Assembly (see Nos. 1.7 and 1.8 of Resolution ITU-R 1-6). Resolution ITU-R 52 contains the tasks and powers delegated by the Assembly to the RAG, but it seems that no document contains a more detailed description of the functions and working methods of the RAG than the relevant provisions of the Convention.

**The RAG is invited to provide guidance on the appropriateness to include more detailed provisions concerning the Radiocommunication Advisory Group in Resolution ITU-R 1. Should it be the case, it may imply merging Resolution ITU-R 52 into Resolution ITU-R 1.**

Third, an essential function of the Radiocommunication Assembly is to select Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen for a number of groups. Therefore it would be quite logical to include provisions related to this selection process in the sub-part of Resolution ITU-R 1 related to the Radiocommunication Assembly. However, these provisions are currently contained in Resolution ITU-R 15-5.

**The RAG is invited to provide guidance on the appropriateness to retain a separate Resolution dealing with the appointment and maximum term of office for Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Radiocommunication Study Groups, the Coordination Committee for Vocabulary and of the Radiocommunication Advisory Group (as per the current Resolution ITU-R 15-5). Should it not be the case, it may imply merging Resolution ITU-R 15 into Resolution ITU-R 1.**

# 3 Overview of the proposed new part of Resolution ITU-R 1 related to the ITU-R documentation

In order to clarify and improve the readability of the provisions of Resolution ITU-R 1 concerning the procedures for developing, adopting, approving, revising and suppressing some ITU-R documents (ITU-R Resolutions, Questions, Recommendations, Reports, Handbooks, Decisions and Opinions), Attachment 2 of Document RA12/PLEN/16 proposes to create a specific sub-section for each type of documents and to use the same structure for each of the sub-sections so that each sub-section would be self-sufficient in terms of procedures related to one type of document. Even if it may introduce repetitions in Resolution ITU-R 1, it was felt that such an approach would be easier for the readers, who would not have to pick various provisions at various places of the Resolution to understand the process from the initiation of the work on a topic to the approval of a document on this topic, its subsequent revisions and sometimes its suppression.

On the basis of the structure contained in Attachment 2 of Document RA12/PLEN/16, Table 1 below provides an attempt to organise a common structure for the sub-sections dealing with each type of documents. It also provides a first mapping with the existing provisions of Resolution ITU‑R 1-6. It can be seen that some boxes are currently empty.

**The RAG is invited to provide guidance on the appropriateness of the proposed structure and its agreement to develop suggested text for some of the missing elements (boxes filled with (?)).**

Table 1

Possible sub-structure of Part 2 – Documentation and mapping with current provisions

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|  | Resolutions | Questions | Recommendations | Reports | Handbooks | Decisions | Opinions |
| Description | §6.1.3 | §6.1.1 | §6.1.2 | §6.1.6 | §6.1.7 | §6.1.5 | §6.1.4 |
| Development | (?) | (?) | §§10.1.1-10.1.3 | (?) | (?) | (?) | (?) |
| Simultaneous Adoption and Approval | (not foreseen) | (not foreseen) | §§10.1.1, 10.3 | (not foreseen) | (not foreseen) | (not foreseen) | (not foreseen) |
| Adoption | §2.29 | §§2.28-2.28quater, 3.1.2, 10.2 | §§2.27, 10.2 | (not foreseen) | (not foreseen) | (not foreseen) | (not foreseen) |
| Approval | §1.6 | §§3.1.1, 3.1.2, 10.4 | §§1.6, 10.1.4, 10.1.5, 10.4 | §2.30 | §2.30 | §2.30 | §2.30 |
| Application | (?) | §§3.2-3.5 | §§10.1.8, 10.1.9(=10.4.8, 10.4.9) | (?) | (?) | (?) | (?) |
| Publication | §6.3 | §6.3 | §§6.3, 10.1.7 (=10.4.7) | §6.3 | §6.3 | (?) | §6.3 |
| Review and Revision | (?) | §§11.1-11.3 | §§10.1.6, 11.1-11.3 | (?) | (?) | (?) | (?) |
| Editorial Revision | (not foreseen) | §11.4 | §§2.30, 11.4-11.6 | (not foreseen) | (not foreseen) | (not foreseen) | (not foreseen) |
| Suppression | §1.6 | §§3.6, 11.7, 11.8 | §§11.7, 11.8 | (?) | (?) | (?) | (?) |
| NOTE 1: (?) indicates instances where no text, corresponding to the item listed in the associated row, has been found in Resolution ITU-R 1-6.NOTE 2: (not foreseen) indicates instances where this possibility has not been envisioned, when devising the specific procedure listed in the associated row.  |

# 4 Conclusion

This document proposes to discuss several items, and hopefully obtain a certain consensus on them, related to the restructuring of Resolution ITU-R 1. The RAG could also decide to maintain its correspondence group on this Resolution to prepare a new version of Resolution ITU-R 1-6, with the possible help from the Study Group Department of the Bureau. Informal correspondence activities between interested participants should also be encouraged.

**Attachment:** 1

ATTACHMENT 1

Outline of the proposed structure of the Annexes of Resolution ITU-R 1

*[Note: in order to provide the reader with preliminary information on the mapping between Resolution ITU-R 1-6 and the proposed new structure of Resolution ITU-R 1, references to current provisions of Resolution ITU-R 1-6 are included in parenthesis after the various proposed items. When a reference is made to a paragraph, it refers to a paragraph of Resolution ITU-R 1-6, otherwise reference is given to other ITU-R Resolutions.]*

Annex 1

Working Methods and Documentation of the ITU‑R

PART 1

Working methods

## 1 General

*Director’s Guidelines (§§ 2.11, 8.1 and 8.2)*

*Coordination within the ITU-R, between ITU sectors and with other international organizations (§§5.1-5.4)*

## 2 The Radiocommunication Assembly

*Functions (§§1.1, 1.3, 1.6, 1.7-1.10)*

*Structure*

 *Committees (§§1.1, 1.4)*

 *Steering Committee (§§1.2, 1.4)*

 *Budgetary Committee (§§1.1, 1.4)*

 *Editorial Committee (§§1.1, 1.4)*

 *Others (§1.5)*

## 3 Radiocommunication Study Groups

*Functions (§§2.1-2.4, 2.9, 2.10, 2.12, 2.18, 2.21-2.26, 9.1)*

*Structure*

 *Steering Committee (§2.20)*

 *Working Parties (§2.5)*

 *Task Groups (§§2.6-2.7)*

 *Joint Working Parties or Joint Task Groups (§2.8)*

 *Rapporteurs (§2.13)*

 *Rapporteur Groups (§§2.14, 2.17)*

 *Joint Rapporteur Groups (§§2.15, [2.17])*

 *Correspondence Groups (§§2.16, 2.17)*

 *Editorial Groups (§2.19)*

## 4 The Radiocommunication Advisory Group

*Functions (note 1 to resolves, §§1.7, 1.8)*

*Structure*

##  [5 The Conference Preparatory Meeting (§4 and Resolution ITU-R 2)

*Functions*

*Structure*

## 6 The Special Committee for Regulatory and Procedural Matters (Resolution ITU-R 38)

*Functions*

*Structure*

## 7 The Coordination Committee for Vocabulary (Resolution ITU-R 36)

*Functions*

*Structure*]

PART 2

Documentation

## 7 General Principles

*(§§ 6.2, 9)*

## 8 Preparatory documentation and contributions

*(§§ 7 and 8)*

## 9 ITU-R Resolutions

*(the structure of this section should be based on an agreed version of Table 1)*

## 10 ITU-R Questions

*(the structure of this section should be based on an agreed version of Table 1)*

## 11 ITU-R Recommendations

*(the structure of this section should be based on an agreed version of Table 1)*

## 12 ITU-R Reports

*(the structure of this section should be based on an agreed version of Table 1)*

## 13 ITU-R Handbooks

*(the structure of this section should be based on an agreed version of Table 1)*

## 14 ITU-R Decisions

*(the structure of this section should be based on an agreed version of Table 1)*

## 15 ITU-R Opinions

*(the structure of this section should be based on an agreed version of Table 1)*

Annex 2

Common Patent Policy for ITU‑T/ITU‑R/ISO/IEC

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