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| Proposals on the revision of resolution ITU-R 1-6 |

# 1 Introduction

As instructed by RA-12, the nineteenth meeting of the Radiocommunication Advisory Group (RAG) established a correspondence group on the revision of the structure of Resolution ITU-R 1-6 (CG Res1Structure). Its terms of reference as approved by RAG are contained in Annex 2 to Administrative Circular [CA/206](http://www.itu.int/md/R00-CA-CIR-0206/en).

In the 2013 RAG meeting, France presented very constructive proposals on the restructuring and detailed chapter/section arrangement of Resolution ITU-R 1-6 (see [RAG13-1/18](http://www.itu.int/md/R13-RAG13-C-0018/en)). The present document takes into account the French contribution and presents China’s ideas and proposals on the revision of the structure and content of Resolution ITU-R 1-6.

# 2 Questions and proposals

## 2.1 Should matters related to the Conference Preparatory Meeting, the Coordination Committee for Vocabulary and the Special Committee for regulatory and procedural matters be included in Resolution ITU-R 1?

ITU-R Resolutions 2, 36 and 38 relate to the Conference Preparatory Meeting (CPM), the Coordination Committee for Vocabulary (CCV) and the Special Committee for regulatory and procedural matters (SC), respectively. There is no close relationship between Resolution ITU‑R 1‑6 and those resolutions, which have existed independently in the past. Merging them into Resolution ITU-R 1-6 will increase the complexity and difficulty of reading the Resolution, rather than improving its readability.

Considering the likelihood that the 2014 Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-14) will substantially revise the existing ITU Constitution (CS) and Convention (CV), not merging the above resolutions will facilitate their revision at a later stage in the light of PP-14 outputs.

In view of the above, it is proposed not to merge Resolutions ITU-R 2, 36 and 38 into one Resolution ITU-R 1.

## 2.2 Should more detailed provisions concerning the Radiocommunication Advisory Group be included in Resolution ITU-R 1-6?

Article 11A of the Convention stipulates the composition, duties and responsibilities of the Radiocommunication Advisory Group. In particular, under CV160G, RAG is authorized “to develop its own working procedures compatible with those adopted by the Radiocommunication Assembly”. The existing Resolution ITU-R 1-6 also includes provisions relating to RAG. Taking into account RAG’s successful practices over the past, it is proposed not to include more detailed provisions concerning RAG in Resolution ITU-R 1-6, in order to allow the necessary flexibility in RAG’s work.

## 2.3 Overall structure of Resolution ITU-R 1

It is desirable to revise the overall structure of Resolution ITU-R 1 based on proposals contained in Attachment 2 of Document [RA/PLEN/16](http://www.itu.int/md/R12-RA12-C-0016/en), to improve readability and cross referencing, on the understanding that no other resolutions will be merged with it. In principle, China supports this proposal.

Nevertheless, a substantial change in the structure of the existing Resolution ITU-R 1-6 will significantly increase the amount of redundant information. Besides, no serious difficulty has ever been encountered during the application of the resolution. It is also explicitly stated that “the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau is authorized by this Resolution, in close cooperation with RAG when needed, to periodically issue updated versions of guidelines on working methods which complement and are additional to this Resolution”. If a flowchart indicating the logical relationship between various adoption and approval procedures (see Document [RA12/PLEN/31](http://www.itu.int/md/R12-RA12-C-0031/en)) or contents similar to Table 1 in Document [RAG13-1/18](http://www.itu.int/md/R13-RAG13-C-0018/en) can be included in the updated versions of the guidelines issued periodically by BR, the purpose of improving the readability of Resolution ITU‑R 1 can still be achieved. If RAG cannot reach consensus on how to revise the structure of Resolution ITU‑R 1, it may wish to consider the above alternative.

# 3 Other proposals

## 3.1 PSAA applicable to ITU-R Questions

The procedure for simultaneous adoption and approval by correspondence (PSAA) has been applied to the adoption and approval of ITU-R Recommendations, and has demonstrated its effectiveness and efficiency in the elaboration and revision of Recommendations. Considering the importance and practical necessity of elaborating and revising Questions efficiently, it is proposed to stipulate that PSAA shall also be applicable to ITU-R Questions during the revision of Resolution ITU‑R 1‑6.

## 3.2 Procedures relating to the revision of ITU-R Handbooks and Reports

The existing Resolution ITU-R 1 does not include provisions specific to the revision and suppression of ITU-R Handbooks, Reports, Decisions and Opinions. It is proposed to add relevant provisions in the course of revision of Resolution ITU-R 1-6.

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