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| Report of the Chairman of the CPM for WRC‑15 | |
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# 1 Introduction

The World Radiocommunication Conference 2015 (WRC‑15) will be held from 2 to 27 November 2015, immediately following the Radiocommunication Assembly 2015 (RA‑15) which will take place from 26 to 30 October 2015 (see ITU Council Resolution 1343 (C-12)).

The agenda for WRC‑15 is contained in that Council Resolution and was established on the basis of Resolution 807 (WRC‑12). In addition, the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 2014 (PP-14) approved Resolution 185 (Busan, 2014), resolving to instruct WRC-15, pursuant to No. 119 of the ITU Convention, to include in its agenda, as a matter of urgency, the consideration of global flight tracking, including, if appropriate, and consistent with ITU practices, various aspects of the matter, taking into account ITU-R studies.

The Radiocommunication Assembly 2012 (RA-12), by its Resolution ITU‑R 2-6, reconfirmed that preparatory studies for WRC‑15 are to be carried out by a Conference Preparatory Meeting (CPM) and appointed Mr Aboubakar Zourmba (Cameroon (Republic of)) as the Chairman of CPM‑15 and Mr M. Al-Muathen (United Arab Emirates), Mr Glenn Feldhake (United States of America), Dr Shesh Mani Sharma (India (Republic of)), Mr Nikolay Varlamov (Russian Federation) and Mr Kyu-Jin Wee (Korea (Republic of)) as the Vice-Chairmen.

All administrations of the ITU Member States and the Radiocommunication Sector Members were invited to participate in the preparation of the CPM Report to WRC‑15.

On the basis of contributions from the membership of the ITU, the Radiocommunication Study Groups and the Special Committee[[1]](#footnote-1)\*, concerning the technical, operational and regulatory and procedural matters to be considered by WRC‑15, the CPM prepared the Report for WRC‑15 in accordance with Resolution ITU‑R 2-6.

# 2 First session of the 2015 Conference Preparatory Meeting

The first session of the 2015 Conference Preparatory Meeting (CPM15-1) was held in Geneva on 20-21 February 2012 and organized the preparatory studies for WRC‑15.

A structure for the draft Report of the CPM to WRC‑15 was agreed together with a preparatory process, working procedures and a chapter structure. The meeting appointed a Rapporteur or Co‑Rapporteurs for each chapter to assist the Chairman in managing the development and flow of draft CPM Report contributions. The results of CPM15-1 were published in Administrative Circular [CA/201](http://www.itu.int/md/R00-CA-CIR-0201) of the Radiocommunication Bureau dated 19 March 2012.

The ITU‑R preparatory studies on WRC‑15 agenda items were assigned to the following nine Responsible Groups: Working Party 1B (Study Group 1); Working Parties 4A and 4C (Study Group 4); Working Parties 5A and 5B (Study Group 5); Working Parties 7A, 7B and 7C (Study Group 7); and a Joint Task Group 4-5-6-7 (Study Groups 4, 5, 6 and 7) was established (see Annex 10 to [CA/201](http://www.itu.int/md/R00-CA-CIR-0201)). Study Group 3 was also involved in the preparatory studies.

In accordance with *resolves* 2of Resolution ITU-R 38-4, the Special Committee was activated and its organization was noted (see Annex 12 to [CA/201](http://www.itu.int/md/R00-CA-CIR-0201)). CPM15-1 also noted the SC activities described in that Resolution and that the results of the studies shall be submitted as contributions to the work of the CPM in preparing its report to the relevant WRC.

# 3 Inter-sessional CPM‑15 preparatory process

Resolution ITU‑R 2-6 has been followed for the preparatory process, including in particular:

– Regular CPM Steering Committee meetings.

– Work plans for the WRC‑15 agenda items.

– Exchange of information at the ITU Inter-Regional Workshops on WRC‑15 preparation.

## 3.1 Regular CPM Steering Committee meetings

During the 2012-2015 preparatory period, regular CPM Steering Committee meetings have been organized. At these meetings, the following important issues for the WRC‑15 preparation have been considered:

– Work plan for the WRC‑15 agenda items

– Coordination between responsible and concerned groups

– Establishment of additional guidelines for the preparation the draft CPM texts to those in Annex 2 to Resolution ITU-R 2-6:

• methods to satisfy the WRC‑15 agenda items

• mandatory usage of the 2012 Edition of the Radio Regulations

• references to ITU‑R Recommendations, Reports, etc.

• references to RR Provisions, W(A)RC Resolutions or Recommendations

– Deadlines for the submission of the draft CPM texts

– Preparation of the draft CPM Report

– Organization of the CPM‑15 Management Team meeting and of the Second Session of CPM-15

– On-line information on ITU‑R preparatory studies for WRC‑15.

The CPM Steering Committee conclusions were published in Addendum 1 to CA/201 and provided to all Responsible Groups in a document titled “Information on the preparation of texts for the draft CPM Report to WRC-15” (see Doc. 1B/94–4A/261–4C/192–5A/330–5B/325–7A/39–7B/224–7C/186–4-5-6-7/244–SC-WP/5 of 10 September 2013).

Texts for the draft CPM Report have been prepared by the Responsible Groups and submitted before the deadline by the Chairmen of these groups to the CPM‑15 Chapter Rapporteurs, who submitted the Chapters to the CPM‑15 Management Team meeting.

## 3.2 Work plan for each WRC‑15 agenda item

At the beginning of the preparatory process, it was recommended to determine for each WRC‑15 agenda item the topics of study, in particular for those agenda items which are formulated in a general way leading to possible different understanding of the topics to be studied.

This information was annexed to the relevant Chairman’s Reports of the Responsible Groups and facilitated administrations’ preparation of each agenda item, as well as regional preparatory studies and interregional coordination.

This approach may be considered for the future WRC cycles.

## 3.3 ITU Inter-regional Workshops on WRC‑15 Preparation

In response to expectation from the ITU‑R membership to receive regular information on progress in preparation for WRC‑15 (see ITU PP Resolution 80 (Rev. Marrakesh, 2002), WRC Resolution 72 (Rev.WRC‑07) and Resolution ITU‑R 2-6), the BR has organized three ITU Inter-regional Workshops on WRC‑15 Preparation (2013, 2014 and 2015), where the ITU‑R membership and the regional organizations were well represented.

Participants of these three workshops were not only informed on the progress made on the ITU‑R preparatory studies according to the decisions taken at the first session of CPM‑15, but also have exchanged views on:

– possible methods to satisfy agenda items on the basis of results of the ITU‑R studies carried out by the Responsible Groups;

– preliminary positions and views on WRC‑15 agenda items of the main six regional groups preparing for WRC‑15.

The participants at these ITU Inter-regional Workshops confirmed the usefulness of such meetings for future WRCs.

## 3.4 Consolidation of the draft CPM Report

In accordance with Section 6 of Annex 1 to Resolution ITU‑R 2-6, the CPM‑15 Management Team meeting was held in Geneva from 1 to 5 September 2014. The draft CPM Report was consolidated and was distributed to all Member States and Radiocommunication Sector Members as Document CPM15-2/1.

The Special Committee chaired by Mr T. Shafiee (Iran (Islamic Republic of)) met in Geneva from 1 to 5 December 2014, reviewed the regulatory and procedural aspects of the draft CPM Report and prepared its Report to the second session of CPM‑15. The SC Report was subsequently distributed to all Member States and Radiocommunication Sector Members as Document CPM15‑2/2.

# 4 Second session of the 2015 Conference Preparatory Meeting

The second session of CPM‑15 (CPM15-2) met in Geneva from 23 March to 2 April 2015 under the chairmanship of Mr Aboubakar Zourmba (Cameroon (Republic of)), assisted by the CPM Vice‑Chairmen, to consider the draft CPM Report together with the SC Report, contributions from the ITU membership and additional material submitted by BR.

The meeting was attended by 1 284 delegates/participants representing 106 Member States, 1 Resolution 99 (Rev. Busan, 2014), 3 United Nations Specialized Agencies and 80 Radiocommunication Sector Members, including international organizations.

CPM15-2 considered 179 input contributions including the draft CPM Report and the SC Report.

At CPM15-2, the contributions were assigned for preparation of the final CPM Report to WRC-15 according to the following adopted structure:

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| CPM15-2 Groups | Topic | (Co-)Chairman | ITU BR (Co-) Secretary |
| Working Group 1 | Chapter 1: Mobile and amateur issues; AI 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4 | Ms C. Cook (CAN) Mr C. Glass (USA) | Mr D. Botha Mr S. Buonomo |
| Working Group 2 | Chapter 2: Science issues; AI: 1.11, 1.12, 1.13, 1.14, 9.2 (relevant issues) | Mr A. Vassiliev (RUS) | Mr K. Bogens |
| Working Group 3 | Chapter 3: Aeronautical, maritime and radiolocation issues; AI 1.5, 1.15, 1.16, 1.17, 1.18 | Mr M. Weber (D) | Mr V. Nozdrin |
| Working Group 4.1 | Chapter 4 (Satellite services), Sub-Chapter 4.1: FSS; AI 1.6, 1.7, 1.8, 1.9.1 | Mr X. Gao (CHN) | Mr C.C. Loo |
| Working Group 4.2 | Chapter 4 (Satellite services), Sub-Chapter 4.2: MSS; AI 1.9.2, 1.10 | Mr M.A. Nazari (IRN) | Ms C. Karina |
| Working Group 5 | Chapter 5: Satellite regulatory issues; AI 7, 9.1 (issues 9.1.1, 9.1.2, 9.1.3, 9.1.5, 9.1.8), 9.2 (relevant issues), 9.3 | Mr K. Al-Awadhi (UAE) | Mr N. Malaguti |
| Working Group 6 | Chapter 6: General issues; AI 2, 4, 9.1 (issues 9.1.4, 9.1.6, 9.1.7), 9.2 (relevant issues), 10 | Mr P.N. Ngige (KEN) | Mr P. Hai / Mr M.B.O. Ba |
| Ad-Hoc Group of the Plenary | Contributions related to Global Flight Tracking for civil aviation | Mr W. Guggi (AUT) | Mr N. Vassiliev |

Rapporteur of the Plenary Mr G.S. Feldhake (USA)

Secretary, CPM‑15 Mr Ph. Aubineau (ITU BR, Counsellor for the CPM)

The CPM Report to WRC‑15 was successfully approved by the meeting.

The Report comprises six Chapters, defined in accordance with the structure approved by the first session of CPM‑15.

In addition, Annex 1 has been added to the Report to reflect the work of CPM15-2 on the subject of global flight tracking. Furthermore the Report contains in its Annex 2 a list of the ITU‑R and other publications, including certain draft new or draft revised ITU-R Recommendations and ITU-R Reports, which are referred to in the text of the Report. The final version of this list reflecting the latest status of these publications prior to WRC-15 and relevant decisions of the Radiocommunication Assembly 2015 will be made available to the Conference.

# 5 Conclusion

The Report of the Conference Preparatory Meeting (CPM) to the World Radiocommunication Conference 2015 (WRC‑15) was prepared in response to Resolution ITU-R 2-6. The Report was approved by the CPM at its second session in Geneva, 23 March to 2 April 2015.

The Report of the CPM to WRC‑15 is provided to assist the ITU Member States and the Radiocommunication Sector Members who are involved in preparations for WRC‑15. It represented the best information on the technical, operational and regulatory/procedural issues relevant to the WRC‑15 agenda items, topics and issues available at the time of its preparation and provide a good basis for the discussions at the Conference.

# 6 Acknowledgment

I would like to express appreciation to all who supported the development of the Report of the CPM for WRC‑15 for their contributions and participation in the CPM process.

I would also like to thank the BR Director and the BR staff, who provided the required assistance during the CPM‑15 process.

The preparation of the Report of the CPM to WRC-15 has been a real team work and I would like to acknowledge the Vice-Chairmen of the CPM-15, the Chairmen of the Study Groups and of the Special Committee, as well as the Chairmen and the BR Counsellors of the Responsible Groups and the CPM-15 Chapter Rapporteurs who actively participated during the development of the Report.

I would also like to thank the many others who have contributed to the Report by participating in ITU‑R meetings and providing fruitful advice and comments.

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 Chairman, CPM‑15

1. \* Special Committee on Regulatory/Procedural Matters (in short the Special Committee, SC). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)