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| draft revision of RESOLUTIONS ITU‑R 5-6 AND ITU-R 1-6 | |
| Work programme and Questions of Radiocommunication Study Groups | |
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# 1 Introduction

Under the current provisions of Resolution ITU-R 1-6, Study Groups can undertake study with Question or without Question. They can propose and adopt new or revised Questions to carry out studies with Question within their scopes. They may also undertake study without Questions on topics within their scopes. It seems that studies without Questions provide them with flexibility to cope with the urgent rise of research necessity, considering rapidly evolving technology in radiocommunications and sudden and abrupt market change. Also, study without Question has an advantage not to spend the ITU resources such as the publication of Circular Letters.

In accordance with footnote 3 of § 1.6 in Resolution ITU-R 1-6, Questions should be drafted for approval by the Assembly in order to continue a study without Questions beyond the date of the next Radiocommunication Assembly. This footnote indicates that studies without Question should basically be completed within the same study period.

Annually, ITU-R reviews and publishes a list of approved new or revised Questions according to Resolution ITU-R 5-6 by periodically updating the No. 1 Document in the Study Group document series (Doc. X/1 for SG X). However, the “studies without Questions” are not included on the list, which may create difficulties for administrations to trace each Study Group’s progress on such studies.

The Republic of Korea and Japan submitted to the 22nd RAG meeting a joint contribution on possible Resolution ITU-R 5-6. The RAG noted the proposed revision of Resolution ITU-R 5-6 aimed at aligning the texts in Resolution ITU-R 5-6 and Resolution ITU-R 1, and encouraged the submission of the proposal directly to the RA-15 in the Summary of Conclusion of the 22nd RAG.

Two countries also submitted to the 5th APG-15 meeting a joint contribution on possible revision of Resolution ITU-R 5-6 for information purposes. It was discussed at that meeting that it is better to make a cross-conference to the same footnote in both Resolutions ITU-R 5-6 and ITU-R 1-6.

# 2 Discussion

In order to address the above proposal, the Republic of Korea and Japan reached the conclusion, after a couple of consultations between the two countries, to modify Resolution ITU-R 5-6 with regard to the following points:

− to notify on studies without Questions to ITU membership through an appropriate means, e.g. ITU webpage;

− to add the phrase “without Questions” to “*resolves* 1” with the following footnote, which appears also in § 1.6 of Resolution ITU-R 1-6.

“Where a study initiated without a Question is expected to continue beyond the date of the next Radiocommunication Assembly, an appropriate Question should be drafted for approval by the Assembly”

In order to make a cross-reference to the same footnote between Resolution ITU-R 5-6 and Resolution ITU-R 1-6, both countries suggest the modification of Resolution ITU-R 1-6 at the same time.

− to insert the cross-reference of footnote 1 of “*resolves* 1” in Resolution ITU-R 5-6 into Resolution ITU-R 1-6.

# 3 Proposal

The Republic of Korea and Japan would like to propose modifications to Resolutions ITU-R 5-6 and ITU-R 1-6 with tracking as provided in Attachments 1 and 2, respectively.

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**Attachment 1**

draft revision of RESOLUTION ITU‑R 5-6

Work programme and Questions of Radiocommunication Study Groups

(1993-1995-1997-2000-2003-2007-2012)

The ITU Radiocommunication Assembly,

considering

*a)* those parts of Resolution ITU‑R 1 concerning the Questions to be studied by the Radiocommunication Study Groups;

*b)* that, for efficient use of available resources, it is necessary for the Radiocommunication Study Groups to focus on core issues and not undertake studies on issues not within the mandate of ITU‑R;

*c)* that the amount of work performed by the Bureau depends on the number of contributions made in response to the Questions assigned to the Study Groups;

*d)* that it is incumbent upon the Study Groups to conduct continual reviews of their work programme and assigned Questions;

*e)* that the duties of the Study Groups in fulfilling the purpose of the Union are described in various provisions of the ITU Constitution and Convention,

resolves

1 that the work programme of any Radiocommunication Study Group shall be:

1.1 studies, within the scope of the Study Group, on topics relevant to agenda items, Resolutions and Recommendations of Radiocommunication Conferences, or to ITU‑R Resolutions;

1.2 the Questions listed in Annexes 1 to 6, referred to the Study Groups;

1.3 studies, within the scope of the Study Group, that will be carried out in accordance with § 3.3 of Resolution ITU‑R 1 without Questions[[1]](#footnote-1)1;

*Reason for the footnote 1: Current Res. ITU-R 1 specifies this condition which could work as a soft criterion between “studies with Questions” and “studies without Questions” (i.e. studies without Questions need to be completed within one study period.)*

The texts of the Questions listed in Annexes 1 to 6 are to be found in Document 1 of the series of documents for the next study period of the appropriate Study Group taking into account *considering d)*;

2 that the categories used to identify the priority and urgency of Questions to be studied should be:

C: Conference-oriented Questions associated with work related to specific preparations for, and decisions of, world and regional radiocommunication conferences:

C1: very urgent and priority studies, required for the next World Radiocommunication Conference;

C2: urgent studies, expected to be required for other radiocommunication conferences;

S: Questions which are intended to respond to:

– matters referred to the Radiocommunication Assembly by the Plenipotentiary Conference, any other conference, the Council or the Radio Regulations Board;

– advances in radiocommunication technology or spectrum management;

– changes in radio usage or operation:

S1: urgent studies which are intended to be completed within two years;

S2: important studies, necessary for the development of radiocommunications;

S3: required studies, expected to facilitate the development of radiocommunications;

If necessary, following a world or regional radiocommunication conference, the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau, in consultation with the Chairmen of the Study Groups concerned, may assign appropriate categories to Questions which are related to the decisions of the conference or to the agendas of future world or regional radiocommunication conferences;

3 that each Question shall:

– be modified to take account of partial answers;

– identify relevant Study Groups working in closely related areas, to which the text of the Question should be sent for consideration;

4 that Study Groups shall consider all their Questions and make proposals to each Assembly:

– for the identification and categorization of Questions;

– for the deletion of Questions, where the study has been completed, where no contributions are expected within the next study period, or, in accordance with Resolution ITU‑R 1, § 1.7, where no contributions have been made; such Questions shall be identified as category D;

5 that each Study Group shall report to each Radiocommunication Assembly the progress that has been made in respect of each Question allocated to it with categories C1, C2 or S1;

6 that, as part of the work programme, a Study Group may notify studies without Questions, as stated in *resolves*1.3, to the ITU membership through an appropriate means, e.g. the ITU webpage.

*Reasons: This approach may assist membership to trace each Study Group’s activity on such studies.*

*(No change is proposed to the Annexes 1 to 6.)*

**Attachment 2**

draft consequential revision of RESOLUTION ITU‑R 1-6

Working methods for the Radiocommunication Assembly, the Radiocommunication Study Groups, and the   
Radiocommunication Advisory Group

(1993-1995-1997-2000-2003-2007-2012)

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1.6 The Radiocommunication Assembly shall:

– consider the reports of the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau (hereinafter, the Director) and of the Chairmen of the Study Groups, the Chairman of CPM, the Chairman of RAG pursuant to No. 160I of the Convention, the Chairman of SC, and the Chairman of CCV;

– approve, taking into account the priority, urgency and time-scale for the completion of the studies and the financial implications, the programme of work[[2]](#footnote-2)2 (see Resolution ITU‑R 5) arising from the review of:

– existing and new Questions;

– existing and new ITU‑R Resolutions, and

– topics to be carried forward from the previous study period[[3]](#footnote-3)3, as identified in the Study Group Chairmen Reports to the Radiocommunication Assembly;

– delete any Question that a Study Group Chairman, at two consecutive Assemblies, reports as having received no study contributions, unless a Member State, Sector Member or Associate reports that it is undertaking studies on that Question and will contribute the results of those studies prior to the next Assembly, or unless a newer version of the Question is approved;

– decide, in the light of the approved programme of work, on the need to maintain, terminate or establish Study Groups (see Resolution ITU‑R 4), and allocate to each of them the Questions to be studied;

*Editor’s note: According to the new structure of Resolution ITU-R 1-6 proposed from the RAG, the above section 1.6 is transferred to 2.1.1, where the footnote 3 is already relocated to the position as is proposed in this document.*

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*(No change is proposed to other parts of this Resolution.)*

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1. 1 Where a study initiated without a Question is expected to continue beyond the date of the next Radiocommunication Assembly, an appropriate Question should be drafted for approval by the Assembly (see footnote 3 in § 1.6 in Resolution ITU-R 1-6). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. 2 RAG should consider and recommend modifications to the programme of work in accordance with Resolution ITU‑R 52. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. 3 Where a study initiated without a Question is expected to continue beyond the date of the next Radiocommunication Assembly, an appropriate Question should be drafted for approval by the Assembly (see footnote 1 in *resolves* 1 in Resolution ITU-R 5-6). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)