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Introduction

At RA-12 Canada proposed that guidance be provided on the format of ITU-R Recommendations (cf. [Document RA12/PLEN/29](http://www.itu.int/md/R12-RA12-C-0029/en)). RA-12 concluded (cf. Sections 5.1 and 5.2 of [Document RA12/PLEN/116](http://www.itu.int/md/R12-RA12-C-0116/en)) that the matter should be considered by the RAG and the format should be approved by the Radiocommunication Assembly.

Pending further guidance from the Assembly, the guidance in force on the format of Recommendations is still as it appears in Section 2.12 of Annex 2 of the “Guidelines for Radiocommunication Assembly and Study Group Meetings and Documentation”, Edition 2, published in [Administrative Circular CA/13](http://www.itu.int/md/R00-CA-CIR-0013/en)[[1]](#footnote-1).

It is noted that in response to the request by RA-12 the RAG has prepared a document “[Format of ITU-R Recommendations](http://www.itu.int/dms_pub/itu-r/oth/0a/0E/R0A0E0000970001MSWE.docx)” that should be considered by the Assembly.

Proposal

Canada proposes that the Radiocommunication Assembly provides clear guidance on the format of ITU-R Recommendations including:

1) Whether the format is mandatory or optional.

2) If it is mandatory, whether existing Recommendations should be converted to the new format when they are updated.

Canada further proposes that the guidance be provided formally by means of a Decision or some other suitable mechanism.

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1. <http://www.itu.int/md/R00-CA-CIR-0013/en> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)