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# 1 Introduction

After the significant activity by the Rapporteur and the Correspondence Group, revision work of Resolution ITU-R 1-6 under Radiocommunication Advisory Group has been completed and resulted in “Report of the RAG activities on Resolution ITU-R 1-6” contained in Appendix 3 to Document [RA-15/PLEN/7](http://www.itu.int/md/R15-RA15-C-0007) (Report of the Chairman of RAG for the period 2012 to 2015).

The above Report proposes a revised text with a new structure of the Resolution in its Appendix 3 (including Attachments 1 to 4).

Japan is of the view that, since the new structure proposed from the RAG is reasonable, consideration and discussion on the revision of Resolution ITU-R 1-6 at the Radiocommunication Assembly should be based on this new structure.

In this contribution, Japan proposes the above points (use of the new structure as a baseline) as well as a few additional items to be included in the revision of Resolution ITU‑R 1-6 for consideration by the Radiocommunication Assembly.

# 2 Discussion and proposal

## 2.1 Use of the new structure proposed by the RAG in the discussion on the revision of Resolution ITU-R 1-6

As mentioned above, it is proposed to use the new structure of Resolution ITU-R 1-6 proposed in Appendix 3 (including Attachments 1 to 4) to Document RAG-15/PLEN/7 as a baseline for this subject at the RA-15, referring also to the current version of that Resolution, as appropriate, in order to facilitate the discussion.

## 2.2 Approval procedures for editorial revision of ITU-R Questions and Recommendations

The proposed text by the RAG under the new structure has extensively considered most of items in relation to the ITU-R texts, i.e. Questions, Recommendations, Reports, Resolutions, and so on, including their adoption/approval and suppression procedures. However, one element is missing, that is the approval procedure for “Editorial revisions of Recommendations and Questions”.

The purpose of “Editorial revision” has been addressed in § 11 in the current version of Resolution ITU-R 1-6. The current Resolution ITU-R 1-6 also states in § 2.30:

“Each Study Group may approve Decisions, Opinions, Handbooks, Reports and editorially updated Recommendations”.

While all the provisions in relation to “Editorial revisions of Recommendations (and Questions)” in § 11 are properly transferred to the relevant sections in the proposed revisions under the new structure, the above point in the current § 2.30 that Study Group may approve editorially updated Recommendations (and Questions) is not reflected in any provisions in new section 13 (for Questions) nor section 14 (for Recommendations).

Therefore, the additional provisions are required to clarify the approval procedure for “Editorial revisions of Recommendations (and Questions)” without changing the current practice specified in Resolution ITU-R 1-6.

The proposed text for the modifications to Resolution ITU-R 1-6 (using the new structure) are provided in Attachment 1 to this contribution for consideration by the RA-15.

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**Attachment**: 1

Attachment 1

Proposed modifications to the Draft Revision of RESOLUTION ITU‑R 1-6

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

*Editor’s note: The track changes are made to the newly structured text contained in [Attachment 4 to Annex 1 to CA/223].*

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*(For Questions)*

### 13.2.4 Editorial revision

13.2.4.1 Radiocommunication Study Groups (including CCV) are encouraged, where appropriate, to editorially update Questions in order to reflect recent changes, such as:

– ITU structural changes;

– renumbering of Radio Regulation provisions[[1]](#footnote-1)5, provided the Radio Regulation provision text is not changed;

– updating of cross-references between ITU‑R texts.

13.2.4.2 Editorial revisions should not be regarded as draft revisions of Questions as specified in §§ 13.2.2 to 13.2.3, but each editorially updated Questions should be accompanied, until the next revision, by a footnote stating “Radiocommunication Study Group (*nomenclature of Study Group to be inserted as appropriate*) made editorial amendments to this Question in the year (*insert year in which amendments have been made*) in accordance with Resolution ITU‑R 1”.

13.2.4.3 Each Study Group may approve editorially revised Questions, normally by consensus. Should one or more Member State(s) consider that the revision is more than editorial updating and object to the editorial revision, the procedures for adoption and approval of draft revisions specified in §§ 13.2.2 to 13.2.3 should apply.

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*(For Recommendations)*

### 14.2.5 Editorial revision

14.2.5.1 Radiocommunication Study Groups (including CCV) are encouraged, where appropriate, to editorially update maintained Recommendations in order to reflect recent changes, such as:

– ITU structural changes;

– renumbering of Radio Regulation provisions[[2]](#footnote-2)6, provided the Radio Regulation provision text is not changed;

– updating of cross-references between ITU‑R Recommendations;

– deleting references to Questions that are no longer in force.

14.2.5.2 Editorial revisions should not be regarded as draft revisions of Recommendations as specified in §§ 14.2.2 to 14.2.4, but each editorially updated Recommendation should be accompanied, until the next revision, by a footnote stating “Radiocommunication Study Group (*nomenclature of Study Group to be inserted as appropriate*) made editorial amendments to this Recommendation in the year (*insert year in which amendments have been made*) in accordance with Resolution ITU‑R 1”.

14.2.5.3 Each Study Group may approve editorially revised Recommendations, normally by consensus. Should one or more Member State(s) consider that the revision is more than editorial updating and object to the editorial revision, the procedures for adoption and approval of draft revisions specified in §§ 14.2.2 to 14.2.4 should apply.

14.2.5.4 Furthermore, editorial updating shall not be applied to the updating of ITU‑R Recommendations incorporated by reference in the Radio Regulations. Such updating of ITU‑R Recommendations shall be made through the two steps of adoption and approval procedures specified in §§ 14.2.2 and 14.2.3 of this Resolution.

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1. 5 The Radiocommunication Bureau should be consulted in this respect. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. 6 The Radiocommunication Bureau should be consulted in this respect. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)