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# 1 Introduction

At its 2014 meeting, the Radiocommunication Advisory Group (RAG) discussed and formulated proposals for a draft revision of Resolution ITU-R 1 (see Annex 2 to Administrative Circular CA/215 dated 31 July 2014). This contribution details some considerations from the People’s Republic of China on these revisions. The proposed amendments and Chapter/Section numbers are based on document [RAG14-1/21(Rev.1)](http://www.itu.int/md/R14-RAG14-C-0021/en), not the Resolution ITU-R 1-6 currently in force.

# 2 Issues and considerations

## 2.1 Alignment of various time-limits

In the current Resolution ITU-R 1-6, § 13.2.2.2.1 mentions the timing for the Director to announce his intention to seek adoption of new or revised Recommendations at a Study Group meeting (at least two months before the meeting); § 13.2.2.2.2 mentions the timing for making available the draft texts of Recommendations in electronic form (at least four weeks prior to the start of the Study Group meeting); and § 3.1.10 mentions the timing for publishing a draft agenda (at latest six weeks in advance of each meeting). In addition, the Guidelines on Working Methods also mention the timing for announcing a Study Group meeting (three months in advance).

In view of ITU’s normal practice and experience (the fact that when adoption of draft Recommendations is sought at a Study Group meeting, a quite mature draft, in many cases, has already been agreed upon at a previous Study Group or Working Party meeting and hence Member States and Sector Members have enough time to review such drafts), it is proposed to align the two time-limits in § 13.2.2.2.1 and § 13.2.2.2.2 respectively to a single time-frame of two months in advance, i.e. the Director shall both inform Member States and Sector Members of his intention to seek adoption of new or revised Recommendations at a Study Group meeting and make available draft texts of Recommendations in electronic form at least two months before a Study Group meeting.

Considering the possible saving of administrative resources, we also propose to align the time-limit in § 3.1.10 with the “three months in advance” timing referred to in the Guidelines on Working Methods for announcing a Study Group meeting, i.e. Study Group meetings need to be announced at least three months beforehand with the draft agenda available to participants at the time of announcement.

## 2.2 Application of PSAA to ITU-R Questions

The 2014 RAG meeting advised that the simultaneous adoption and approval (PSAA) procedure could be applied for ITU-R Questions to shorten the time for adoption and approval of Questions and reflect more accurately the reality. However, it should be noted that Recommendations differ to some extent with Questions in terms of their content and functionality. If this RAG meeting considers suppressing the PSAA procedure for ITU-R Questions, we propose to specify that a Study Group meeting may adopt new or modified Questions without the need for the Director to announce his intention to seek adoption of new or revised Questions at a Study Group meeting at least two months before the meeting.

Proposed revisions are included in the attachment to this document.

**Attachment:** 1

Attachment

Proposed revisions to Resolution ITU-R 1-6

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

 (1993-1995-1997-2000-2003-2007-2012-2015)

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Annex 1

Working Methods and Documentation of the ITU‑R

PART 1

Working methods

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3.1.10 Study Groups shall consider at their meetings, the draft Recommendations, Reports, progress reports and other texts prepared by Task Groups and Working Parties, as well as contributions submitted by Rapporteurs and/or Rapporteur Groups established by the same Study Group. To facilitate participation, a draft agenda shall be published, at latest, three months in advance of each meeting, indicating, to the extent possible, specific days for consideration of different topics.

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Part 2

Documentation

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# 12 ITU-R Questions

12.2.1.1 New or revised Questions, proposed within Study Groups, may be adopted by a Study Group according to the process contained in § 12.2.2, and approved:

– by the Radiocommunication Assembly (see Resolution ITU‑R 5);

– by consultation in the interval between Radiocommunication Assemblies, after adoption by a Study Group, according to provisions contained in § 12.2.3 or § 12.2.4, as appropriate.

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#### 12.2.2.2 Procedure for adoption at a Study Group meeting

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# 13 ITU-R Recommendations

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13.2.2.2.2 A Study Group may consider and adopt draft new or revised Recommendations, when the draft texts have been prepared sufficiently far in advance of the Study Group meeting so that the draft texts will have been available in electronic form at least two months prior to the start of the Study Group meeting.

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Annex 2

Common Patent Policy for ITU‑T/ITU‑R/ISO/IEC

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