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| Part 3: Activities of the Radio Regulations Board | |
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# 1 Foreword

This part of the report covers the activities of the Radio Regulations Board in the period between WRC‑12 and WRC‑15. The Conference is invited to consider the report.

# 2 Composition of the Radio Regulations Board

2.1 The Radio Regulations Board, which was elected by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Guadalajara, 2010), pursuant to No. CS93, took office on 1 January 2011. In accordance with CV144 and considering the fact that it was not possible for the 2010 Vice-Chairman to succeed the Chairman because the Vice-Chairman’s term had ended, and taking into account the benefits of continuity of experience, while respecting the principle of rotation, the Board elected Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen as indicated in Table 2‑1.

TABLE 2-1

RRB members elected at PP‑10

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Name | Country | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 |
| Mr A.R. EBADI | Malaysia |  |  |  |  |
| Mr P.K. GARG | India |  | Vice-Chairman | Chairman |  |
| Mr Y. ITO | Japan |  |  |  |  |
| Mr S.K. KIBE | Kenya |  |  | Vice-Chairman | Chairman |
| Mr S. KOFFI | Côte d’Ivoire |  |  |  |  |
| Mr A. MAGENTA | Italy |  |  |  |  |
| Mr R.L. TERAN | Argentina |  |  |  |  |
| Mr B. NURMATOV | Kyrgyzstan |  |  |  |  |
| Mr V. STRELETS | Russian Federation | Vice-Chairman | Chairman |  |  |
| Mr M. ZILINSKAS | Lithuania |  |  |  | Vice-Chairman |
| Ms J.N. ZOLLER | United States | Chairman |  |  |  |
| Mr M. BESSI | Morocco |  |  |  |  |

2.2 The Radio Regulations Board, which was elected by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Busan, 2014) pursuant to No. CS93, took office on 1 January 2015. In accordance with CV144 and considering the fact that it was not possible for the 2014 Vice-Chairman to succeed the Chairman because the Vice-Chairman’s term had ended, and taking into account the benefits of continuity of experience, while respecting the principle of rotation, the Board elected Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen as indicated in Table 2‑2.

Table 2-2

RRB members elected at PP‑14

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Name | Country | 2015 |
| Mr M. BESSI | Morocco |  |
| Mr Y. KHAIROV | Ukraine |  |
| Mr D.Q. HOAN | Viet Nam |  |
| Mr Y. ITO | Japan | Chairman |
| Mr S.K. KIBE | Kenya |  |
| Mr S. KOFFI | Côte d’Ivoire |  |
| Mr A. MAGENTA | Italy |  |
| Ms L. JEANTY | Netherlands | Vice-Chairman |
| Mr V. STRELETS | Russian Federation |  |
| Mr R.L. TERAN | Argentina |  |
| Mr N. BIN HAMMAD | United Arab Emirates |  |
| Ms J.C. WILSON | United States |  |

# 3 Working methods

3.1 In accordance with amendments to Resolution 119 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) and the Constitution and Convention, as adopted by the Plenipotentiary Conference, and the decisions of WRC‑03 regarding Article **13** of the Radio Regulations, the Board continued the review of its working methods with the aim of improving efficiency, effectiveness and transparency. This review resulted in modified Rules of Procedure concerning the working methods of the Board (Part C of the Rules of Procedure), which were circulated to the membership in CCRR/46 of 11 October 2011, subsequently approved at the 62nd meeting of the Board (18-22 March 2013) and in CCRR/48 of 12 April 2013, and subsequently approved at the 63rd meeting of the Board (24‑28 June 2013).

3.2 The minutes of the Board meetings reflect the detailed considerations and deliberations of the Board in making its decisions. The deadline for circulation to the administrations of the minutes of a Board meeting and their publication on the ITU website is set at one month before the start of the following meeting in accordance with RR No. **13.18**. The Board established that the minutes would be approved after the meeting, but prior to the following meeting. Six weeks before the following meeting, the draft minutes of the previous meeting would be provided electronically to the Board members in the six official languages. Any amendments to the draft minutes by any Board members shall be provided to all Board members and the Executive Secretary no later than five weeks prior to the next meeting. Thereafter, the draft minutes, as amended, shall be considered as being approved and should be circulated to the administrations in a circular letter in the six official languages at least one month prior to the following meeting and also published on the ITU website. The Board also decided to clarify the status of the opinions expressed by individual Board members in the minutes, as opposed to the official decisions contained in the Summary of Decisions of each meeting.

3.3 Pursuant to CS95 and Resolution 119 (Rev. Antalya, 2006), the Board conducts its work in a transparent manner. Consequently, the Board decided that any submission that contains restricted material shall be returned to the Bureau, which will invite the submitting administration to provide unrestricted documents if the Board is requested to consider the matter.

# 4 Meetings and activities of the Board

According to CV145, the Board shall normally hold up to four meetings a year, of up to five days’ duration and may, depending upon the matters to be considered, increase the number of its meetings or their duration (up to two weeks). Taking into account Decision 5 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010) and the need to reduce costs, the Board continued to meet three times in all calendar years in the period following WRC‑12. As a result, in the period 2012-2015, the Board held eleven meetings. In order to progress its reports to WRC‑15, the Board extended one meeting in 2015 from five to seven days.

Members of the Board participated in an advisory capacity in the following meetings of the Union:

• WRC‑12: In accordance with CV141, all Board members participated.

• RA-12: In accordance with CV141A, the Board designated two members to participate in the 2012 Radiocommunication Assembly as stipulated in CV298G.

• PP-14: In accordance with CV141A, the Board designated two members to participate in the 2014 Plenipotentiary Conference. The Board selected two members who were not standing for re-election.

A Board member gave a presentation on the RRB to the biannual World Radiocommunication Seminars in 2012 and 2014.

# 5 Review of Rules of Procedure

5.1 Following the partial revision of the Radio Regulations by WRC‑12, the Board undertook a review of existing Rules of Procedure with a view to reflecting the decisions of WRC‑12. The Board also considered new Rules of Procedure or modifications to existing Rules that were considered necessary to clarify provisions adopted by WRC‑12 or to provide guidance on their implementation to the Radiocommunication Bureau and to administrations. At its 59th meeting (14‑18 May 2012), the first meeting of the Board after WRC‑12 concluded its work; the Board discussed the results of WRC‑12 and agreed on a consolidated list of Rules to be considered due to the decisions of WRC‑12, together with a schedule of work. This list and schedule of work were regularly updated and made available to administrations on the ITU website.

5.2 The majority of the work on Rules of Procedure related to the decisions of WRC‑12 was completed by the Board at the 60th, 61st and 62nd meetings (in September 2012, November 2012 and March 2013, respectively). Other Rules were considered during the 63rd (June 2013), 64th (November 2013), 66th (August 2014) and 67th (November 2014) meetings.

5.3 The Bureau prepared all proposed suppressions, modifications and additions to the Rules of Procedure in a timely manner and made the drafts available to administrations at least ten weeks before the scheduled meetings of the Board, in accordance with No. **13.12A *c)*** of the Radio Regulations and the relevant Rule on the Internal Arrangements and Working Methods of the Board. These drafts were placed on the ITU website and also circulated to administrations by Circular Letters CCRR/44 to 52 issued between June 2012 and August 2014. They included some Rules not related to the decisions of WRC‑12, namely those concerning the Geneva 2006 Regional Agreements and the Internal Arrangements and Working Methods of the Board.

5.4 Overall, the Board suppressed (fully or partially) six Rules of Procedure, modified 31 Rules and added 12 new Rules of Procedure relevant to non-planned terrestrial or space services. It also adopted one new Rule concerning the Geneva 2006 Regional Agreement, two modifications to the Rules of Procedure concerning Appendices **30** and **30A**, and three new Rules concerning Appendix **30B**.

5.5 The list of all Rules of Procedure dealt with by the Board after WRC‑12 up to and including its June 2015 meeting is presented in Table 5-1, related to WRC‑12 decisions, and Table 5‑2, not related to WRC‑12 decisions. These tables include the relevant Radio Regulations provision(s), decisions by WRC‑12, actions by the Board and information concerning the circulation of draft Rules, and the meeting at which the Board took action, where applicable.

5.6 At its 66th meeting the Board approved, among others, a Rule of Procedure that converted the current practice of the Bureau, as required by RR No. **13.12A *b)***, in the application of RR Nos. **9.48**‑**9.49** into this new Rule of Procedure. This action was the result of a request from the Bureau to the Board for a decision at its 65th meeting.

5.7 During its 68th meeting the Board received a submission from the Bureau containing a list of past WRC decisions concerning the application of the Radio Regulations. The Board noted that although these decisions remain relevant, there had been no need to develop Rules of Procedure to address these decisions. The Board decided that this [list of past WRC decisions](http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-R/conferences/RRB/Documents/ai%204_1_compendium%20to%20be%20published%20as%20special%20topics_English.docx) should be retained for reference and published on its website. It was also brought to the attention of the administrations through Circular Letter CR/380. The status of WRC decisions is further elaborated in the report from the Board to WRC‑15 under Resolution **80 (Rev.WRC‑07)** (see § 4.11 of Document [CMR15/14](http://www.itu.int/md/R15-WRC15-C-0014/en)).

TABLE 5-1

Rules of Procedure dealt with by the Board since WRC‑12 (related to WRC‑12 decisions)

| RR  reference | WRC‑12 decision | RoP date of application | Rule of Procedure,  Board action | CCRR | Approved at RRB Meeting | Comment/action |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 5.410 and  Art. 21 | MOD | 01.01.2013 | SUP RoP 5.410 | 44 | 60 |  |
| Appendix 18 | MOD | 01.01.2013 | SUP RoP on AP18 | 44 | 60 |  |
| 5.316A | MOD | 01.01.2013 | SUP RoP 5.316A | 44 | 60 |  |
| 5.327A Res. 417 (Rev.WRC‑12) | MOD | 01.01.2013 | MOD RoP 5.327A | 44 | 60 |  |
| 5.397 | SUP | 14.09.2012 | SUP RoP 5.397 | 44 | 60 |  |
| 5.399 | MOD | 14.09.2012 | MOD RoP 5.399 (SUP Item 1) | 44 | 60 |  |
| 5.399 | MOD | 03.12.2013 | MOD RoP 5.399 (MOD Item 2) | 49 | 64 |  |
| 5.444B | MOD | 01.01.2013 | MOD RoP 5.444B | 44 | 60 |  |
| 5.446A | MOD | 01.01.2013 | MOD RoP 5.446A | 44 | 60 |  |
| Res. 55 (Rev.WRC‑12) | MOD | 14.09.2012 | MOD RoP on receivability of forms of notice | 44 | 60 |  |
| 21.16 | MOD | 14.09.2012 | MOD RoP 21.16 | 44 | 60 |  |
| 5.398A | ADD | 16.11.2012 | MOD Table 9.11A-1 | 45 | 61 |  |
| 5.401 | ADD | 01.01.2013 | MOD Table 9.11A-1 | 45 | 61 |  |
| 5.397 | SUP | 01.01.2013 | MOD Table 9.11A-1 | 45 | 61 |  |
| 5.399 | MOD | 01.01.2013 | MOD Table 9.11A-1 | 45 | 61 |  |
| 5.400 | SUP | 01.01.2013 | MOD Table 9.11A-1 | 45 | 61 |  |
| 5.405 | SUP | 01.01.2013 | MOD Table 9.11A-1 | 45 | 61 |  |
| 5.367 | MOD | 01.01.2013 | SUP Bands for Nos 5.328B and 5.444A no longer in No. 5.367 | 45 | 61 |  |
| 5.401 | ADD | 16.11.2012 | MOD Table 9.11A-2 | 45 | 61 |  |
| 5.397 | SUP | 01.01.2013 | MOD Table 9.11A-2 | 45 | 61 |  |
| 5.400 | SUP | 01.01.2013 | MOD Table 9.11A-2 | 45 | 61 |  |
| 5.405 | SUP | 01.01.2013 | MOD Table 9.11A-2 | 45 | 61 |  |
| 5.400 | SUP | 16.11.2012 | MOD § 2.1 | 45 | 61 |  |
| 5.443D | ADD | 01.01.2013 | MOD RoP 9.11A | 45 | 61 |  |
| Res. 553 and Res. 554 | ADD | 16.11.2012 | MOD RoP 9.27 Section 1 | 45 | 61 |  |
| 5.165 | MOD | 01.01.2013 | MOD RoP Part A6 § 4 Table | 47 | 62 |  |
| 5.171 | MOD | 01.01.2013 | MOD RoP Part A6 § 4 Table | 47 | 62 |  |
| 9.2 | MOD | 01.01.2013 | MOD RoP 9.2 | 45 | 61 |  |
| 11.44, 11.44.1 and 11.44.2 | MOD | 01.01.2013 | MOD RoP 11.44 and 11.44.1 | 45 | 61 |  |
| 11.44 | MOD | 01.01.2014 | MOD RoP 11.44 | 49 | 64 |  |
| 9.42 | MOD | 01.01.2013 | MOD RoP 9.41-9.42 | 45 | 61 |  |
| 11.49 and 11.49.1 | MOD | 01.01.2013 | MOD RoP 11.49 | 45 | 61 |  |
| 11.44B | ADD | 01.01.2013 | MOD RoP 11.47 and 11.43A | 45 | 61 |  |
| 11.44B | ADD | 01.01.2013 | MOD RoP 11.44B | 45 | 61 |  |
| 11.44B | ADD | --- | MOD RoP 11.44B | 52 | -- | MOD No. 11.44B Referred to WRC‑15 (see Doc. [CMR15/14](http://www.itu.int/md/R15-WRC15-C-0014/en)) (proposed at 67th meeting) |
| Res. 907, Res. 980 | ADD | 01.01.2015 | MOD on receivability of forms of notice | 51 | 66 |  |
| 11.31 | MOD | 22.03.2013 | MOD RoP 11.31 | 47 | 62 |  |
| Appendix 30B | --- | 14.09.2012 | ADD RoP 6.16 of Appendix 30B | 44 | 60 |  |
| Appendix 30B | --- | 01.01.2013 | ADD RoP 8.17 of Appendix 30B | 44 | 60 |  |
| Art. 11 | --- | 01.07.2013 | ADD new RoP (GSO networks at the same position) | 47 | 62 |  |
| 11.50 | --- | 21.11.2014 | ADD RoP 11.50 | 50 | 67 |  |
| Appendix 30B Annex 4 | --- | 01.01.2014 | ADD new RoP of § 2.2 Annex 4 of Appendix 30B | 49 | 64 |  |
| 11.49 | --- | --- | ADD new RoP on 11.49  (Satellite failure during the 90‑day bringing into use period) | - | 68 | MOD No. 11.49 Referred to WRC‑15 (see Doc. [CMR15/14](http://www.itu.int/md/R15-WRC15-C-0014/en)) |
| Art. 5 | MOD | 03.12.2013 | ADD RoP Table 21-2 | 49 | 64 |  |
| 5.132A | ADD | 03.12.2013 | ADD RoP 5.132A | 49 | 64 |  |
| 5.145A | ADD | 03.12.2013 | ADD RoP 5.145A | 49 | 64 |  |
| 5.161A | ADD | 03.12.2013 | ADD RoP 5.161A | 49 | 64 |  |
| 11.41.2 | ADD | 01.01.2014 | ADD RoP 11.41 and 11.41.2 | 49 | 64 |  |
| Res. 552 (WRC‑12) and Res. 553 (WRC‑12) | --- | --- | ADD Format used for the submission of information under Res. 552 (WRC‑12) and Res. 553 (WRC‑12) | - | 67 | To be reported to WRC‑15 under agenda item 9 (proposed at 69th meeting) |

TABLE 5-2

Rules of Procedure dealt with by the Board since WRC‑12 (not related to WRC‑12 decisions)

| RR  reference | RoP date of application | Rule of Procedure, Board action | CCRR | Approved at RRB meeting |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| § 1 of Annex 1 of Appendix 30  § 4 of Annex 1 of Appendix 30A | 14.09.2012 | MOD RoP 1 of Annex 1 of Appendix 30  MOD RoP 4 of Annex 1 of Appendix 30A | 44 | 60 |
| - | 14.09.2012 | MOD RoP on receivability of forms of notice | 44 | 60 |
| Res. 51 (Rev. WRC‑07) | 22.03.2013 | SUP RoP Res.51 (Rev. WRC‑07) | 47 | 62 |
| Art. 9 | 22.03.2013 | ADD RoP relating to late payment of satellite network invoices | 47 | 62 |
| 13.18 | 22.03.2013 | MOD Reviewing working methods of the Board with respect to conformity with RR No. 13.18 and addressing late submissions | 46 | 62 |
| - | 28.06.2013 | MOD Reviewing working methods of the Board with respect to the treatment of submissions | 48 | 63 |
| § A10 Annex 2 Appendix 2.1, § A2.1.8.1 of GE06 | 03.12.2013 | ADD RoP concerning the Regional Agreement (GE06) | 49 | 64 |
| 9.48 and 9.49 | 05.08.2014 | ADD RoP 9.47 | 51 | 66 |
| 9.48 and 9.49 | 05.08.2014 | MOD RoP 9.62 | 51 | 66 |

# 6 Review of decisions of the Bureau

A number of issues have been raised by administrations to the Radio Regulations Board for consideration in terms of application of the Radio Regulations or for review of decisions of the Radiocommunication Bureau in terms of the application of Article **14** of the Radio Regulations. In virtually all cases, the RRB has drawn conclusions or reached decisions that have resolved the issues and have been acceptable to the parties involved. Where this has not been the case, the Board noted that the administrations concerned have recourse to the procedure provided under No. **14.6** of the Radio Regulations.

During the 60th meeting of the Board, a number of issues were reported that invoked *force majeure*. The Board requested a legal opinion from the ITU Legal Advisor on this matter and decided to make this legal opinion available on its website (see [RRB12-1/INFO2](http://www.itu.int/md/R12-RRB.12.2-INF-0002/en)).

## 6.1 Cases dealing with the review of a finding which is requested by an administration and which cannot be resolved by the use of the Rules of Procedure (CV171)

During the scheduled meetings of the RRB after WRC‑12, the RRB encountered 17 cases that were dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

Among them, there were 15 cases from four administrations where administrations that failed to pay the cost-recovery charge on time requested reinstatement of satellite networks after payment was made. The Board accepted these requests.

The Board also considered two requests from two administrations for the extension of the suspension period provided for in No. **11.49**. These cases were individually reviewed by the Board, which could not accede to the request of the administrations.

## 6.2 Application of No. 13.6

The Board considered 27 cases from ten administrations where the application of No. **13.6** required a review and decision by the Board on the cancellation of frequency assignments, following investigation by the Bureau and including absence of response or disagreement by the concerned administrations. In all cases, the Board concluded that the Bureau had correctly applied the provisions of the Radio Regulations. The decision to cancel frequency assignments, as proposed by the Bureau, were made by the Board in 16 cases.

## 6.3 Consideration of decisions taken by the Bureau under No. 11.49 and under § 8.17 of Article 8 of Appendix 30B

At its 65th, 66th, 68th and 69th meetings, the Board considered 16 cases from four administrations for which a request for suspension of a satellite network was not received within the period of six months specified in No. **11.49** and under § 8.17 of Article 8 of Appendix **30B**. The Board noted that, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure on No. **11.49** and on § 8.17 of Article 8 of Appendix **30B**, the Bureau had accepted these requests in spite of their late date of receipt (see also Section 8.2).

## 6.4 Other requests submitted by administrations

At its 62nd meeting, the Board considered a submission by several administrations questioning the additional cost-recovery charges imposed on submissions containing the frequency band 21.4-22 GHz (RRB-62). This issue was referred to Council 2014, which decided that the corresponding submissions would be processed at no additional cost.

At its 64th meeting, the Board considered a submission regarding the splitting of several satellite network filings at 26° E under Appendix **30B**, based on the frequency bands. This request was accepted.

At its 66th meeting, the Board considered a submission from one administration on the modification of a frequency assignment in the Appendices **30** and **30A** Regions 1 and 3 List. The Board requested the Bureau to bring this issue to the attention of WRC‑15 (see § 3.2.6.3 of Addendum 2 to Document [CMR15/4](http://www.itu.int/md/R15-WRC15-C-0004/en)).

## 6.5 Other matters which could not be resolved by the Bureau (CS96)

At its 64th meeting, the Board considered a submission for the transfer of the notifying administration of satellite networks from an intergovernmental satellite organization to a specific administration. This change was accepted by the Board, which also indicated that such a transfer should not be regarded as setting a precedent.

# 7 Review of cases of harmful interference (CV140, CV173, RR No. 13.2) and of alleged contravention or non-observance of the Radio Regulations (RR No. 13.3)

The Board considered several cases of harmful interference and of alleged contravention or non-observance of the Radio Regulations.

• Harmful interference to the VHF/UHF broadcasting service of Cuba (on the Board’s agenda at the 59th and 60th meetings, and earlier meetings prior to WRC‑12) reported again on the frequencies 94.7 MHz, 94.9 MHz, 213 MHz and 509 MHz.

• Harmful interference reported to the sound and television broadcasting services of the neighbouring countries of Italy and the continued efforts to resolve this issue (on the Board’s agenda of the 60th to 69th meetings).

• Harmful interference between satellite networks at 25.5/26° E (reported to the 60th, 61st and 63rd meetings of the RRB).

• Harmful interference to EUTELSAT satellites at 7° E and 13° E (reported to the 60th to 64th meetings of the RRB).

• Harmful interference to the television broadcasting service of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea on several frequencies (reported to the 61st meeting of the RRB).

• Harmful interference to the operations of the YAHSAT-1A satellite at 52.2° E from operations of the EMARSAT-1G satellite network at the same orbital position was reported to the 61st, 62nd and 63rd meetings of the RRB. Also at the 65th RRB meeting a submission was made for the coordination between the CHINASAT-15 and YAHSAT-1A satellite networks.

After detailed review of these cases, the Board requested the Bureau to further investigate the cases and provide the necessary assistance. The Board also urged the administrations concerned to make further efforts in reaching a satisfactory solution.

# 8 Specific issues for consideration by WRC‑15

This section identifies specific issues which, in the opinion of the Board, may benefit from consideration by WRC‑15.

## 8.1 Inconsistencies and difficulties in the application of the Radio Regulations

As indicated in § 5 above and in Tables 5‑1 and 5-2, and in accordance with the provisions of No. **13.0.2**, the Board decided to identify difficulties and inconsistencies in the application of the Radio Regulations and to consider actions to alleviate them as reflected in the corresponding approved Rules of Procedure.

## 8.2 Suspension of satellite networks under RR No. 11.49 and under § 8.17 of Article 8 of Appendix 30B (Rule of Procedure on § 8.17 of Article 8)

During the 65th, 66th, 68th and 69th meetings, the Board received requests to consider the suspension of satellite networks under RR No. **11.49** or under the Rule of Procedure on § 8.17 of Article 8 of Appendix **30B** where such requests for suspension were received beyond the six-month regulatory period. The Board noted that RR No. **11.49** and the Rule of Procedure on § 8.17 of Article 8 of Appendix **30B**, related provisions and other relevant Rules of Procedure are silent on the action to be taken in such cases. Consequently, the Board decided that this matter should be brought to the attention of WRC‑15 (see § 4.2, Document [CMR15/14](http://www.itu.int/md/R15-WRC15-C-0014/en)).

## 8.3 Format used for the submission of information under Res. 552 (WRC‑12) and Res. 553 (WRC‑12)

At its 65th meeting the Board received a proposal for the conversion of the current Rule of Procedure concerning the format used for the submission of information under Resolutions **552 (WRC‑12)** and **553 (WRC‑12)**. The proposal was to revise Resolution **55 (Rev.WRC‑12)** to confirm the current practice, as stated in the Rule of Procedure, and to add a footnote to Articles **9** and **11** of the Radio Regulations referring to Resolution **55 (Rev.WRC‑12**). This proposal was based on work performed in ITU‑R Working Party 4A (Annex 38 to Document 4A/468). The Board decided at its 69th meeting that this issue will be taken into consideration in the preparations concerning WRC‑15 agenda item 9 for possible inclusion in the Director’s Report. In this regard, WRC‑15 may wish to consider under agenda item 9 the incorporation of the Rules of Procedure into the Radio Regulations as shown in [Annex 38 to Document 4A/468](http://www.itu.int/md/R12-WP4A-C-0468/en).

## 8.4 Additional 15-day response period in the application of RR No. 9.62

Taking into account RR No. **13.12A *b)***, the Board at its 66th meeting approved, amongst others, the proposed draft Rules of Procedure on RR No. **9.62**, reflecting the Bureau’s practice of sending a reminder providing an additional 15-day period for the response. The Board instructed the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau to report this matter to WRC‑15 (see § 3.2.2.3 of Addendum 2 to Document [CMR15/4](http://www.itu.int/md/R15-WRC15-C-0004/en)).

## 8.5 Frequency assignments with a direct or indirect reference to Article 48 of the Constitution

During its 66th meeting, the Board received a request to cancel the frequency assignments of a satellite network under RR No. **13.6**. It was indicated that these frequency assignments were in use for purposes which fall within the scope of Article 48 of the Constitution. The Board instructed the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau to bring this issue to the attention of WRC‑15 (see § 3.2.4.3 of Addendum 2 to Document [CMR15/4](http://www.itu.int/md/R15-WRC15-C-0004/en)).

## 8.6 Relaxation of the application of RR No. 11.44B

During its 66th meeting, the Board received a request to reinstate the frequency assignments of the CSDRN-M satellite network from the Administration of the Russian Federation under RR No. **11.44B**. The Board noted that such reinstatement would result in the relaxation of the application of RR No. **11.44B** and also of § 8.17 of Appendix **30B** and the associated Rule of Procedure, but decided to reinstate the frequency assignments of the CSDRN-M satellite network, given the information provided by the Administration of the Russian Federation that the network was in operation, providing safety-of-life services for manned space flights and the international space station, and should not cause harmful interference to other networks. The Board also decided to bring this relaxation of No. **11.44B** of the Radio Regulations to the attention of WRC‑15 for endorsement of this decision (see section 12 of Document [RRB14-2/20](http://www.itu.int/md/R15-RRB14.2-C-0020/en) and § 3.2.7.7 of Addendum 2 to Document [CMR15/4](http://www.itu.int/md/R15-WRC15-C-0004/en)).

## 8.7 Modification of an assignment in Appendices 30 and 30A Regions 1 and 3 List

During its 66th meeting, the Board received a request for the modification of a frequency assignment of satellite network after it had successfully entered into the Appendices **30** and **30A** Regions 1 and 3 List. The Board decided that, in accordance with RR No. **13.0.1**, it was not necessary to develop a new Rule of Procedure on this issue, however, it instructed the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau to bring this matter to the attention of WRC‑15 (see § 3.2.6.3 of Addendum 2 to Document [CMR15/4](http://www.itu.int/md/R15-WRC15-C-0004/en)).

## 8.8 Date of receipt of notification and confirmation of bringing into use under RR No. 11.44B

During its 67th meeting, the Board considered the proposed draft Rule of Procedure on RR No. **11.44B** in relation to the date of receipt of notification and the bringing into use of frequency assignments of a satellite network. Noting the divergent views received from administrations on the draft Rule of Procedure, the Board decided not to approve it, however the Board decided to bring this matter to the attention of WRC‑15 (see § 4.1.2 of Document [CMR15/14](http://www.itu.int/md/R15-WRC15-C-0014/en)).

## 8.9 Satellite failure during the 90-day bringing into use period

As a result of the instructions of the 13th Plenary Meeting of WRC‑12, the Board considered developing a Rule of Procedure to cover the case in which a satellite failure occurs during the 90‑day bringing into use period. The Board noted that the studies in ITU‑R resulted in six different methods proposed in the CPM Report to WRC‑15 to satisfy this issue. Consequently, the Board decided not to develop a new Rule of Procedure and instead to report this matter to WRC‑15 under Resolution **80 (Rev.WRC‑07)** (see § 4.10 of Document [CMR15/14](http://www.itu.int/md/R15-WRC15-C-0014/en)).

## 8.10 Notification of typical earth stations in the fixed-satellite service

A submission from the Bureau to the 69th meeting of the Board indicated that requests have been received from administrations to provide international recognition to earth stations used for high-density type applications in the fixed-satellite service. The Board decided to continue the consideration of the issue at its 70th meeting and requested the Bureau to provide more information to that meeting on the difficulties anticipated and the impact on the Bureau in the treatment of such notices. The Board noted the potential importance of this aspect in the work of WRC‑15 and also noted that the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau is bringing this matter to the attention of WRC‑15 (see § 3.2.3.8 of Addendum 2 to Document [CMR15/4](http://www.itu.int/md/R15-WRC15-C-0004/en)).

## 8.11 Extenuating circumstances for the relaxation of RR No. 11.44

During its 69th meeting, the Board received a submission requesting the extension of the regulatory deadline for the bringing into use of the LAOSAT-128.5E satellite network of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic (P.D.R.). The Board took into account its authority to provide a limited and qualified extension of the regulatory time-limit for bringing into use the frequency assignments of a satellite network and that the strict application of RR No. **11.44** would lead to the suppression of the LAOSAT-128.5E network intended to provide essential satellite communications to Lao P.D.R. and its neighbouring countries. The difficulties faced by Lao P.D.R. were beyond its control and led to the postponement of the launch date of the LAOSAT‑1 satellite. The Board also took into account that the launch date of the LAOSAT-1 satellite was foreseen in November 2015 and that the provisions of Article 44, CS 196 (RR No. **0.3**) relating to the special needs of the developing countries and the geographical situation of particular countries are relevant. Consequently, the Board decided to accept the request of the Lao P.D.R. and instructed BR to continue to take into account the frequency assignments of the LAOSAT‑128.5E satellite network until 31 December 2015. The Board decided also to report this matter to WRC‑15 for its final decision (see section 8 of Document RRB [15-2/16](http://www.itu.int/md/R15-RRB15.2-C-0016/en)).

# 9 Issues relating to Resolution 80

The Report by the Radio Regulations Board to WRC‑15 on Resolution **80 (Rev.WRC‑07)** can be found in Document [CMR15/14](http://www.itu.int/md/R15-WRC15-C-0014/en).

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