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| Agenda item 7(L) | |

7 to consider possible changes, and other options, in response to Resolution 86 (Rev. Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, an advance publication, coordination, notification and recording procedures for frequency assignments pertaining to satellite networks, in accordance with Resolution **86 (Rev.WRC‑07)** to facilitate rational, efficient, and economical use of radio frequencies and any associated orbits, including the geostationary‑satellite orbit;

7(L) Issue L – Modification of certain provisions of Article 4 of RR Appendices **30** and **30A** for Regions 1 and 3 namely replacement of tacit agreement with explicit agreement or alignment of those provisions of RR Appendices **30** and **30A** for Regions 1 and 3 with those of Appendix **30B**

Background

Tacit agreement, i.e. no reply means consent, has been the basis for RR Appendices 30 and 30A ever since their introduction by WARC-77 and WARC-83. The issue of tacit and/or explicit agreement and their corresponding consequences have been discussed at several WRCs, including WRC-97 and WRC-2000 which revised and replanned the Appendix 30 and 30A Plans for Region 1 and 3. As a result of these discussions, provisions wherein the Bureau explicitly informs identified administrations and also sends them reminders in the case of no reply, were included in the procedures for Appendices 30 and 30A to the Radio Regulations. When WRC-07 established new procedures and a new Plan for Appendix 30B to the Radio Regulations, the issue of tacit or explicit agreement was again discussed. The result of those discussions was that in Appendix 30B, provisions similar to those of Appendices 30 and 30A were introduced. However, in addition, provisions were included to address cases of no reply. It should also be noted that in respect of coordination of non-planned FSS under Article 9 of the Radio Regulations too, procedures are provided to address cases of no reply. However, the relevant provisions of Article 4 of Appendices 30 and 30A to the Radio Regulations adopted to date have not resolved the problem of reduction of EPM. As a result there are a number of assignments with large negative EPMs as result of non-reply to the request for coordination in the Plan of Appendices 30 and 30A for Regions 1 and 3.

Proposal

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Côte d’Ivoire supports Method L3, which consists in making no modification to RR Appendices 30 and 30A.

**Reasons:** Tacit agreement has the benefit of reducing the administrative burden on administrations.

Aside from the fact that tacit agreement can be contested, the RR offer several solutions whereby administrations so requested can reply to a request for coordination within a reasonable period (see §§ 4.10, 4.1.10*bis* and 4.1.10 of Appendices 30 and 30A). Furthermore, Method L2 would prolong the coordination procedure.

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