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| Proposals for the work of the conference |
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| Agenda item 7(A) |

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(A) Issue A – Informing the Bureau of a suspension under RR No. **11.49** beyond six months

Introduction

Pursuant to RR No. 11.49, when an administration suspends the use of a recorded frequency assignment and the suspension lasts longer than six months, the administration must inform the Radiocommunication Bureau (BR) of the suspension and then follow the procedures for bringing the assignment back into use within the three-year suspension period. Although WRC-12 established an obligation to report the suspension as soon as possible, the conference did not include specific regulatory procedures to address the possible situation of an administration failing to inform the BR of a suspension extending beyond the initial six-month period.

EACO member countries (BDI/KEN/UGA/RRW/TZA) believe that there should be incentives for administrations to inform the Bureau of a suspension beyond six months. Therefore Method A2 with option A is supported.

Proposal

BDI/KEN/UGA/RRW/TZA (EACO member countries) propose the following:

ARTICLE 11

Notification and recording of frequency
assignments1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 7*bis*    (WRC‑12)

Section II − Examination of notices and recording of frequency assignments
in the Master Register

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11.49 Wherever the use of a recorded frequency assignment to a space station is suspended for a period exceeding six months, the notifying administration shall, inform the Bureau of the date on which such use was suspended. When the recorded assignment is brought back into use, the notifying administration shall, subject to the provisions of No. **11.49.1** when applicable, so inform the Bureau, as soon as possible. The date on which the recorded assignment is brought back into use22 shall be not later than three years from the date on which the use of the frequency assignment was suspended, provided that the notifying administration informs the Bureau of the suspension within six months from the date on which the use was suspended. If the notifying administration informs the Bureau of the suspension more than six months after the date on which the use of the frequency assignment was suspended, this three-year time period shall be reduced. In this case, the amount by which the three-year period shall be reduced shall be equal to the amount of time that has elapsed between the end of the six-month period and the date that the Bureau is informed of the suspension. If the notifying administration informs the Bureau of the suspension more than 21 months after the date on which the use of the frequency assignment was suspended, the frequency assignment shall be cancelled.    (WRC‑15)

**Reasons:** An incentive is needed on administrations to help them to inform the Bureau of a suspension beyond six months.

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22 11.49.1 The date of bringing back into use of a frequency assignment to a space station in the geostationary-satellite orbit shall be the date of the commencement of the ninety-day period defined below. A frequency assignment to a space station in the geostationary-satellite orbit shall be considered as having been brought back into use when a space station in the geostationary-satellite orbit with the capability of transmitting or receiving that frequency assignment has been deployed and maintained at the notified orbital position for a continuous period of ninety days. The notifying administration shall so inform the Bureau within thirty days from the end of the ninety-day period.    (WRC‑12)

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