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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(C) Issue C – Review or possible cancellation of the advance publication mechanism for satellite networks subject to coordination under section II of Article **9** of the Radio Regulations

Introduction

The required six-month period between the receipt by the Radiocommunication Bureau (BR) of an advance publication of information (API) and a related coordination request was originally intended for administrations to consider and potentially comment upon the API data as well as for the notifying administration to take into consideration the comments of other administrations before submitting the associated coordination request. However, as a consequence of the changes to the Radio Regulations (RR) made at WRC-95, APIs for satellite networks subject to coordination under Section II of RR Article 9 now contain very little information (i.e. orbital position and frequency bands as well as an indication of the intended service area). There is consequently almost no data for administrations to review and comment upon nowadays.

Notwithstanding the above, the six-month minimum period has an additional purpose: once an orbital position viable for coordination is identified by an administration, the administration sends the Bureau the information corresponding to the API and has a period of at least six-months and up to two years to define, prepare and send to the Bureau the complete information corresponding to the coordination request, while taking into account comments made by other administrations under RR No. 9.5B.

ITU-R studies have shown that the suppression of the six-month period would increase the time dedicated to coordination discussions during the 7-year period and that the suppression of comments under RR No. 9.5B would decrease the administrative workload of administrations and the BR. EACO member countries (BDI/KEN/UGA/RRW/TZA) only support the suppression of the six-month period between the API and the CR/C and would retain RR No. 9.5B. Consequently the Method C3 option B is supported.

Proposal

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

ARTICLE 9

Procedure for effecting coordination with or obtaining agreement of other administrations1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 8*bis*    (WRC‑12)

Section I − Advance publication of information on satellite  
networks or satellite systems

General

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9.1 Before initiating any action under this Article or under Article 11 in respect of frequency assignments for a satellite network or a satellite system, an administration, or one9 acting on behalf of a group of named administrations, shall, prior to the coordination procedure described in Section II of Article 9 below, where applicable, send to the Bureau a general description of the network or system for advance publication in the International Frequency Information Circular (BR IFIC) not earlier than seven years and preferably not later than two years before the planned date of bringing into use of the network or system (see also No. 11.44). The characteristics to be provided for this purpose are listed in Appendix 4. The coordination or notification information may also be communicated to the Bureau at the same time. Where coordination is not required by Section II, notification shall be considered as having been received by the Bureau not earlier than six months after the date of publication of the advance publication information.     (WRC‑15)

**Reasons:** To suppress the six-month period between the date of receipt of API and the date of receivability of the associated coordination request under Section II of RR Article 9, in order to reduce the part dedicated to publication of special sections within the coordination process.

Sub-Section IB − Advance publication of information on satellite networks or satellite  
systems that are subject to coordination procedure under Section II

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9.5B If, upon receipt of the BR IFIC containing information published under No. 9.2B, any administration considers its existing or planned satellite systems or networks or terrestrial stations11 to be affected, it may send its comments to the publishing administration, so that the latter may take those comments into consideration. A copy of these comments may also be sent to the Bureau. Thereafter, both administrations shall endeavour to cooperate in joint efforts to resolve any difficulties, with the assistance of the Bureau, if so requested by either of the parties, and shall exchange any additional relevant information that may be available.     (WRC‑15)

**Reasons:** Consequential to the suppression of the six-month period because the coordination procedure can be initiated before the publication of the advance publication.

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