Radio Regulations Board (RRB)

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Brief history of the Board

- 1947: International Frequency Registration Board (IFRB) with 11 members (full time)

- 1965: ITU PP reduced the IFRB to 5 members

- **1992: PP replaced the IFRB with a part time RRB**

- 1994: PP-94 elected 9 Board members

- 1998: PP-98 increased the Board to **12 members**

Composition and Election

- RRB draws its mandate from **ITU Constitution, Convention and the Radio Regulations (RR)**

- 12 members of the RRB elected by the PP for a term of **4 years**, eligible for re-election once

  - **2 members** each from ITU administrative Regions A (Americas), B (Western Europe) and C (Eastern Europe and Northern Asia) and

  - **3 members** each from ITU administrative Regions D (Africa) and E (Asia and Australasia)

Current Board Members
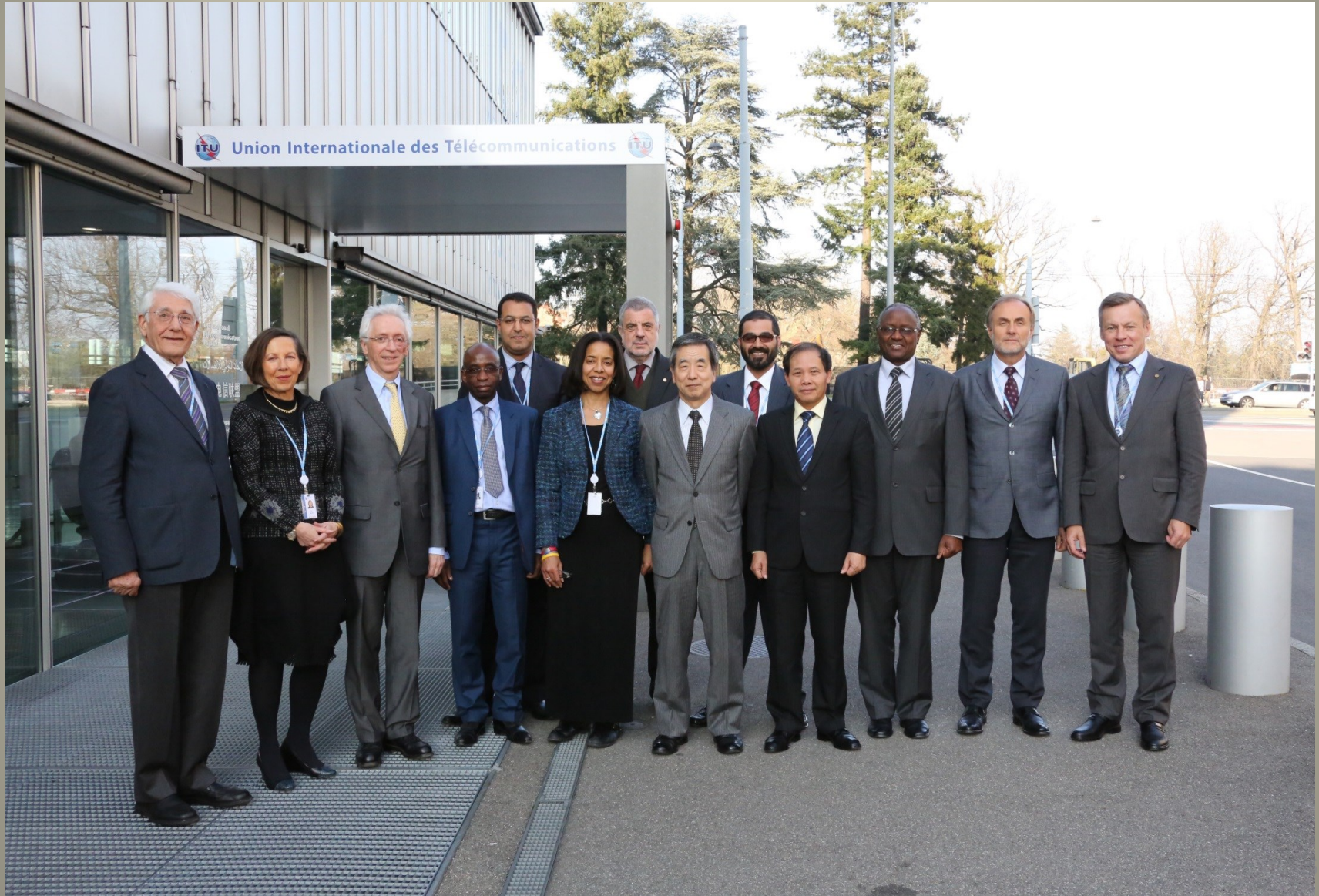
Duties of the Board

- To consider and approve Rules of Procedure (**RoP**)

- At the request of an administration, RRB considers:

  - **Appeals** on BR decisions and other requests

  - **Interference issues** between countries

Duties of the Board (2)

- To prepare **reports** to the WRC on

  - RRB **activities** since the last WRC

  - Proposals for **inclusion of RoP** into the Radio Regulations

  - On implementation of **Resolution 80**

- Address instructions and items referred to RRB by WRC or the Council

- **RRB's decisions may only be overturned by a WRC**

Rules of Procedure (RoP)

- RoP used in the application of RR, Regional Agreements, Resolutions and Recommendations

- Three types of RoP
  - **PART A**: Rules relating to the RR provisions
  - **PART B**: Rules that relate to a process, i.e. technical examination
  - **PART C**: internal arrangements and working methods of the Board

Rules of Procedure (2)

- Rules of Procedure
  - clarify provisions of the RR or BR procedures
  - only in case of clear need

- Draft RoP
  - prepared by Bureau and circulated by Circular Letter (CCRR) to administrations for comments
  - with comments from administrations to RRB for approval

- Published by Circular Letter (CR)

Meetings of the Board

- Normally three meetings per year

- Meetings chaired by a member, who is elected by the members of the RRB for one year

- **RRB endeavours to take its decisions by unanimity, voting is a last resort**

- The BR Director is the Executive Secretary of the Board and is supported by experts from the BR

Transparency of the Board

- Board documents are available on the RRB website

    - meeting dates and deadlines for input

    - input documents

    - agenda of the RRB meeting

    - summary of decisions

    - minutes

    - draft RoP and approved RoP

    - archive

Main activities in 2015/16

- **Report on Resolution 80 to WRC-15**

- Follow-up of WRC-15
  - review the Final Acts of WRC-15 and decisions of the Plenary and adapt existing RoP or develop new RoP
  - review all existing RoP that need change for other reasons

- This should preferably be finalised before the decisions of WRC-15 enter into force (1 January 2017)

Main activities in 2015/16 (2)

- Late payment of fees

- RR No. 13.6 - inquiries by the BR

- **Extending regulatory period for BIU or BBIU**
  - **case by case: limited and qualified period**
  - **force majeure/ co passenger delay**

- Constitution Article 48 – military installations

Main activities in 2015/16 (3)

- Coordination or notification prior to the entry into force of a WRC decision – RoP

- Change of notifying administration

- Precision of the calculations with regard to coordination software

- Interference complaints

Conclusions

- Members of the Board perform a service for the Union, independently and on a part time basis, without personal, commercial, national or political interest

- Their aim is to arrive at fair and consistent decisions in the interest of all

Thank you for your attention