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# 1 Oral reports by the committee chairmen and the Chairman of the Ad hoc Group of the Plenary

1.1 The **Vice-Chairman of Committee 2** (Mr S. Ritchie), acting aschairman of the committee in the chairman’s absence,said that his committee had held its final meeting, at which it had examined 52 further sets of credentials. The committee had prepared a report, contained in Document 274, for consideration by the present plenary meeting.

1.2 The oral report by the Vice-Chairman of Committee 2 was **noted**.

1.3 The **Chairman of Committee 3** said that his committee had no updated information to submit since the previous plenary meeting.

1.4 The oral report by the Chairman of Committee 3 was **noted**.

1.5 The **Chairman of Committee 4** reported that, following the single meeting it had held since the previous plenary meeting, his committee was submitting its conclusions on a number of agenda items to the present meeting in Documents 228, 232 and 233. Several sub-working groups had finished their deliberations and the results had been sent to the Editorial Committee for subsequent submission to the Plenary. The committee’s final meeting was scheduled for Friday, 15 November 2019.

1.6 The oral report by the Chairman of Committee 4 was **noted**.

1.7 The **Chairman of Committee 5** said that his committee had held one meeting since the previous plenary meeting. It had approved nine documents, some of which would be considered by the Plenary at its present meeting. Almost all the sub-working groups had completed their work. Several issues were still under discussion at the working group level, including under Agenda items 1.3, 1.5, 1.6, 1.7 and 7 (Issue A). He urged Member States to seek consensus on those issues.

1.8 The **delegate of the Islamic Republic of Iran** said that, while he appreciated the efforts of Committee 5 and its working and drafting groups, too many issues were still being discussed in informal groups, and it was difficult for small delegations to participate in all such groups of interest to them. Measures should be taken to avoid informal discussions as far as possible.

1.9 The **Chairman** said that, although informal discussions were sometimes necessary, they should be limited. It was up to the chairmen of the committees and working groups to take appropriate action in that regard.

1.10 The oral report by the Chairman of Committee 5 was **noted**.

1.11 The **Chairman of Committee 6** said that his committee had made progress during its latest meeting, particularly on Agenda items 4, 8 and the relevant parts of item 9. The committee had almost completed its work on all agenda items, except for item 10, on which discussions were ongoing. It had prepared two reports for consideration by the Plenary at its present meeting.

1.12 The oral report by the Chairman of Committee 6 was **noted**.

1.13 The **Chairman of Committee 7** said that his committee had held two meetings since the previous plenary meeting. It was submitting 13 documents to the present plenary meeting for consideration.

1.14 The oral report by the Chairman of Committee 7 was **noted**.

1.15 The **Chairman of the Ad hoc Group of the Plenary** said that her group had met that same morning to consider Document 184(Rev.1), relating to a draft declaration on gender equality, equity and parity in the Radiocommunication Sector. The ad hoc group had completed its work, which had included the introduction of editorial changes to the draft declaration to be submitted for consideration at a future plenary meeting.

1.16 The oral report by the Chairman of the Ad hoc Group of the Plenary was **noted**.

# 2 Documents for approval (Documents 228, 232, 233, 274, 289, 293 and 297)

2.1 The **Vice-Chairman of Committee 2** (Mr S. Ritchie), acting as chairman of the committee in the chairman’s absence,said that the report in Document 274 provided an overview of the situation regarding the verification of credentials, the transfer of powers and proxies. All 130 credentials submitted to date had been approved, after minor details had been clarified. The committee had processed one transfer of powers and one proxy. However, 27 delegations had either not submitted their credentials or their documents had arrived after the deadline. In line with past practice, the Plenary was invited to approve Document 274 and to authorize the Chairman of Committee 2, and in his absence the Vice-Chairman, to verify, with the assistance of the committee secretariat, any credentials or transfers of powers received after the date of the current report and to submit their conclusions in that respect to the Plenary.

2.2 It was so **agreed**.

2.3 Document 274 was **approved**.

2.4 The **Chairman of Committee 4** introduced Document 228, containing the seventh report of Committee 4 to the Plenary, relating to the committee’s conclusions regarding Agenda item 9.2 and the notification of IMT stations. It was proposed that the following text, set out in Document 228, be approved and included in the minutes of the plenary meeting as a decision of the conference:

“WRC-19 instructs the Radiocommunication Bureau to apply the following principles when processing notifications of frequency assignments to ‘IMT’ stations:

a) Assignments to base stations in frequency bands identified for IMT in the country submitting the notice can be notified with the nature of service ‘IM’\*.

b) Assignments to base stations in frequency bands allocated to the mobile service, but not identified for IMT in the country submitting the notice, can be notified with the nature of service other than ‘IM’. If in this case assignments to base stations are notified with the nature of service ‘IM’, the notice shall be returned to the notifying administration.

\* The symbol ‘IM’ designates IMT stations in the mobile service, as explained in Circular Letter CR/391 of 26.02.2016.”

2.5 The **delegate of the** **Islamic Republic of Iran** requested clarification regarding the meaning and intention of subparagraph b) of the proposed text, which in his view was unclear and should be sent back to Committee 4 for redrafting.

2.6 The **delegate of the** **Russian Federation** said that the wording of the text was clear. Furthermore, it represented a delicate compromise achieved after lengthy discussions. Introducing changes at such a late stage would result in further prolonged debate.

2.7 The **delegates of Denmark, France**, **the** **United Arab Emirates** and **Nigeria** agreed with the delegate of the Russian Federation; the text was clear and should be approved.

2.8 The **delegate of the Republic of Korea** proposed various amendments intended to clarify the meaning of the text.

2.9 The **Director of BR** provided the following clarification: the objective of the text dealing with the treatment by the Radiocommunication Bureau of the notification of “IMT” stations was that administrations could notify assignments as “IM” only in the case of base stations in frequency bands that had been identified for IMT in the country. Otherwise, the assignments could only be notified as “other than IM”.

2.10 The **delegate of the Islamic Republic of Iran** endorsed that clarification, which should be incorporated into part b) of the text.

2.11 The **Chairman** proposed that the text presented in Document 228 be approved for inclusion in the minutes of the plenary meeting as a decision of the conference, on the understanding that the clarification provided by the Director of BR would also appear in the minutes of the meeting.

2.12 It was so **agreed**.

2.13 Document 228 was **approved**.

2.14 The **Chairman of Committee 4** introduced Document 232, containing the eighth report of Committee 4 to the Plenary, relating to the committee’s conclusions regarding Agenda item 9.2 and the application of RR No. **9.19** to terrestrial services. It was proposed that the following text, contained in Document 232, be approved and included in the minutes of the meeting as a decision of the conference:

“1 Based on the information provided in § 3.1.3.5 of Addendum 2 to the Report of the Director it was noted that the Bureau identifies the coordination requirements for the assignments to terrestrial services vis-à-vis typical earth stations of the broadcasting-satellite service under RR No. **9.19** in eight frequency bands, namely 620-790 MHz, 1 452-1 492 MHz, 2 310-2 360 MHz, 2 520-2 670 MHz, 11.7-12.75 GHz, 17.7-17.8 GHz, 40.5-42.5 GHz and 74-76 GHz.

2 It was further noted that currently the coordination triggers are available only for the band 11.7-12.7 GHz, as contained in Annex 3 of RR Appendix **30**. For all other bands the Bureau uses the Rules of Procedure on RR No. **9.19** establishing the criteria for coordination as a frequency overlap and the coordination distance of 1 200 km with respect to the territories on which typical BSS earth stations are located. It was recognized that 1 200 km would be a very conservative coordination distance that might overestimate real needs for coordination and result in a considerable coordination burden for the administrations.

3 The relevant ITU-R Study Groups are invited to develop more specific criteria for establishing coordination requirements under RR No. **9.19** in the bands 620-790 MHz, 1 452-1 492 MHz, 2 310-2 360 MHz, 2 520-2 670 MHz, 17.7-17.8 GHz, 40.5-42.5 GHz and 74-76 GHz.

4 In addition, the Bureau is invited, when the coordination triggers are available, to simulate the examination of RR No. **9.19** notices in the non-planned bands using digital elevation models (DEM) and report the results to the Radio Regulations Board for further actions.”

2.15 It was so **agreed.**

2.16 Document 232 was **approved**.

2.17 The **Chairman of Committee 4** introduced Document 233, containing the ninth report of Committee 4 to the Plenary. The committee had agreed that no changes were required to the Radio Regulations under Agenda item 1.10, and that Resolution **426** (WRC-15) was no longer required and could be suppressed.

2.18 The **Chairman** proposed that the Plenary approve those conclusions as reflected in Document 233, on the understanding that the suppression of Resolution **426** would be brought to the attention of Committees 6 and 7 for further appropriate action.

2.19 Document 233 was **approved** on that understanding.

2.20 The **Chairman of Committee 5** introduced Document 293, containing the first report of Committee 5 to the Plenary and reflecting the committee’s conclusions regarding Agenda item 1.2. It was proposed that the following text contained in the document be approved and included in the minutes of the meeting as a decision of the conference:

“Noting the exceptional circumstances encountered by the Administration of Slovenia in bringing into use the NEMO-HD satellite network, WRC-19 decided to exclude the assignments of this satellite network, which are recorded in the Master Register (see Part II-S contained in BR IFIC 2832), from the application of e.i.r.p. limits in the frequency band 401-403 MHz contained in RR No. **5.C12** until 22 November 2029 and instructed the Radiocommunication Bureau to act accordingly.”

2.21 It was so **agreed**.

2.22 Document 293 was **approved**.

2.23 The **Chairman of Committee 6** introduced Document 289, containing the second report of Committee 6 to the Plenary and reflecting the committee’s conclusions regarding Agenda item 4 and the application of Resolution **95 (Rev.WRC-07)**. The committee had agreed to suppress Resolution **556** **(WRC-15)**. For the sake of clarity, it was proposed that the following text, contained in Document 289, be approved and included in the minutes of the meeting as a decision of the conference:

“As a result of the suppression of Resolution **556 (WRC-15)**, the Bureau is instructed to continue to apply the current calculation method in regard to analogue assignment in the Region 2 Plan.”

2.24 It was so **agreed**.

2.25 The **Chairman** noted that the suppression of Resolution **556 (WRC-15)** would be considered at a subsequent plenary meeting.

2.26 Document 289 was **approved** on that understanding.

2.27 The **Chairman of Committee 6** introduced Document 297, containing the third report of Committee 6 to the Plenary and reflecting the committee’s further conclusions regarding Agenda item 4 and the application of Resolution **95 (Rev.WRC-07)**. The document contained in annex a list of existing resolutions and recommendations for which no change (NOC) was recommended by the committee. The Plenary was invited to consider and approve the committee’s conclusions.

2.28 Document 297 was **approved.**

# 3 Sixth series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee for first reading (B6) (continued) (Document 222)

3.1 The **Chairman** recalled that consideration of the modifications to Resolution **27 (Rev.WRC-12)** and suppression of Resolution **28 (Rev.WRC-15)**, contained in the sixth series of texts, had been deferred from the fifth plenary meeting.

3.2 The **Chairman of Committee 4** introduced the proposals in Document 222 that had not been considered at the fifth plenary meeting.

MOD Resolution 27 (Rev.WRC-12), SUP Resolution 28 (Rev.WRC-15)

3.3 **Approved**.

3.4 The modifications to Resolution **27 (Rev.WRC-12)** and suppression of Resolution **28 (Rev.WRC-15)**, as set out in Document 222, were **approved** on first reading.

# 4 Sixth series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee (B6) – second reading (continued) (Document 222)

4.1 The modifications to Resolution **27 (Rev.WRC-12)** and the suppression of Resolution **28 (Rev.WRC-15)**, as set out in Document 222, were **approved** on second reading.

# 5 First series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee for second reading (R1) (Document 239)

5.1 The **Chairman of the Editorial Committee** reminded the meeting that the second reading of the seventh series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee for first reading (B7) (Document 223) had been deferred from the fifth plenary meeting in order to allow administrations time to carefully examine the proposed changes. Those changes were now placed before the Plenary in the first series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee for second reading (R1) (Document 239).

5.2 The **Chairman** invited the meeting to consider Document 239.

5.3 The first series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee for second reading (R1) (Document 239) was **approved**.

# 6 Eighth series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee for first reading (B8) (Document 248)

6.1 The Chairman of the Editorial Committee introduced Document 248.

6.2 The **Chairman** invited the meeting to consider Document 248.

Article 5 (MOD 5.79, MOD Table 495-1 800 kHz, ADD 5.A18; Appendix 17 (MOD Title and introductory paragraphs, SUP Annex 1\*, MOD Annex 2, MOD Part A – Table of subdivided bands – addition of note *pp)*, MOD Part A – Table of subdivided bands – deletion of note *w)*)

6.3 **Approved**.

6.4 The eighth series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee for first reading (B8) (Document 248) was **approved**.

# 7 Eighth series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee (B8) - second reading (Document 248)

7.1 The eighth series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee (B8) (Document 248) was **approved** on second reading.

# 8 Ninth series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee for first reading (B9) (Document 249)

8.1 The Chairman of the Editorial Committee introduced Document 249.

8.2 The **Chairman** invited the meeting to consider Document 249.

Appendix 18 (MOD Table of transmitting frequencies in the VHF maritime mobile band – Specific notes – *f)*; MOD Table of transmitting frequencies in the VHF maritime mobile band – Specific notes – *r)*)

8.3 **Approved**.

8.4 The ninth series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee for first reading (B9) (Document 249) was **approved**.

# 9 Ninth series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee (B9) - second reading (Document 249)

9.1 The ninth series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee (B9) (Document 249) was **approved** on second reading.

# 10 Tenth series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee for first reading (B10) (Document 250)

10.1 The Chairman of the Editorial Committee introduced Document 250.

10.2 The **Chairman** invited the meeting to consider Document 250.

Article 19 (MOD 19.36, SUP 19.114)

10.3 **Approved**.

10.4 The tenth series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee for first reading (B10) (Document 250) was **approved**.

# 11 Tenth series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee (B10) - second reading (Document 250)

11.1 The tenth series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee (B10) (Document 250) was **approved** on second reading.

# 12 Eleventh series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee for first reading (B11) (Document 251)

12.1 The Chairman of the Editorial Committee introduced Document 251.

12.2 The **Chairman** invited the meeting to consider Document 251.

Article 5 (MOD 5.329); Article 11 (MOD 11.44B); Article 32 (MOD 32.10A); Appendix 11 (MOD Part C); Appendix 30 (MOD 5.2.10); Appendix 30A (MOD 5.2.10); Appendix 30B (MOD 8.17); MOD Resolution 7 (Rev.WRC-03); MOD Resolution 40 (WRC-15); MOD Resolution 143 (Rev.WRC-07); MOD Resolution 344 (Rev.WRC-12); MOD Resolution 349 (Rev.WRC-12); MOD Resolution 356 (WRC-07); MOD Resolution 517 (Rev.WRC-15); MOD Resolution 543 (WRC-03); MOD Resolution 608 (Rev.WRC-15); MOD Recommendation 16 (WRC-12); MOD Recommendation 36 (WRC-97); MOD Recommendation 63; MOD Recommendation 207 (Rev.WRC-15); MOD Recommendation 503 (Rev.WRC-2000)

12.3 **Approved**.

12.4 The eleventh series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee for first reading (B11) (Document 251) was **approved**.

# 13 Eleventh series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee (B11) - second reading (Document 251)

13.1 The eleventh series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee (B11) (Document 251) was **approved** on second reading.

# 14 Twelfth series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee for first reading (B12) (Document 252)

14.1 The Chairman of the Editorial Committee introduced Document 252.

14.2 The **Chairman** invited the meeting to consider Document 252.

Article 5 (MOD 5.70, MOD 5.87, MOD 5.107, MOD 5.123, MOD 5.133B, MOD 5.161B, MOD 5.162A, MOD 5.171, MOD 5.211, MOD 5.212, MOD 5.214, MOD 5.221, MOD 5.252, MOD 5.275, MOD 5.280, MOD 5.295, MOD 5.296, 5.308A, MOD 5.313A, MOD 5.331, MOD 5.346, MOD 5.349, MOD 5.382, MOD 5.429A, MOD 5.468, MOD 5.480, MOD 5.505, MOD 5.508); Article 11 (MOD 11.13); Article 13 (MOD 13.7, MOD 13.9, MOD 13.10); Article 20 (MOD 20.2, MOD 20.3); Appendix 26 (MOD 26/5.2); Appendix 30 (MOD 10.1, MOD Country symbols, MOD 11.1, MOD Column headings in Table 6B); Appendix 30A (MOD 9.1; MOD Country symbols, MOD 9A.1, MOD 9A.2, MOD Column headings of Tables 3B1 and 3B2); Appendix 42 (MOD Table of allocation of international call sign series)

14.3 **Approved**.

14.4 The twelfth series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee for first reading (B12) (Document 252) was **approved**.

# 15 Twelfth series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee (B12) - second reading (Document 252)

15.1 The twelfth series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee (B12) (Document 252) was **approved** on second reading.

# 16 Thirteenth series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee for first reading (B13) (Document 253)

16.1 The Chairman of the Editorial Committee introduced Document 253.

16.2 The **Chairman** invited the meeting to consider Document 253.

Article 5 (MOD 5.67, MOD 5.67B, MOD Table 200-415 kHz, SUP 5.71, MOD 5.77, MOD 5.112, MOD 5.114, MOD 5.117, MOD 5.118, MOD 5.128, MOD 5.132B, MOD 5.133A, MOD 5.141B, MOD 5.145B, MOD 5.149A, MOD 5.158, MOD 5.159, MOD 5.163, MOD 5.165, MOD 5.194, MOD 5.201, MOD 5.202, MOD 5.204, MOD 5.242, MOD 5.277, MOD 5.278, MOD 5.308, MOD 5.350, MOD 5.352A, MOD 5.359, MOD 5.388B, MOD 5.428, MOD 5.429C, MOD 5.429D, MOD 5.429F, MOD 5.430, MOD 5.432, MOD 5.432A, MOD 5.432B, MOD 5.433A, MOD 5.434, MOD 5.448, MOD 5.455, MOD 5.473, MOD 5.478, MOD 5.481, MOD 5.483, MOD 5.495, MOD 5.546)

16.3 **Approved**.

16.4 The thirteenth series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee for first reading (B13) (Document 253) was **approved**.

# 17 Thirteenth series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee (B13) - second reading (Document 253)

17.1 The thirteenth series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee (B13) (Document 253) was **approved** on second reading.

# 18 Fifteenth series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee for first reading (B15) (Document 288)

18.1 The Chairman of the Editorial Committee introduced Document 288.

18.2 The **Chairman** invited the meeting to consider Document 288.

Article 5 (MOD Table 248-3 000 GHz, ADD 5.X115); MOD Resolution 731 (Rev.WRC-12); SUP Resolution 767 (WRC-15)

18.3 **Approved**.

18.4 The fifteenth series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee for first reading (B15) (Document 288) was **approved**.

# 19 Fifteenth series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee (B15) - second reading (Document 288)

19.1 The fifteenth series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee (B15) (Document 288) was **approved** on second reading.

# 20 Sixteenth series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee for first reading (B16) (Document 290)

20.1 The Chairman of the Editorial Committee introduced Document 290.

20.2 The **Chairman** invited the meeting to consider Document 290.

Article 5 (MOD Table 335.4-410 MHz, ADD 5.A12, ADD 5.B12, MOD Table 335.4-410 MHz, ADD 5.C12, ADD 5.D12); SUP Resolution 765 (WRC-15)

20.3 **Approved**.

20.4 The sixteenth series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee for first reading (B16) (Document 290) was **approved**.

# 21 Sixteenth series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee (B16) - second reading (Document 290)

21.1 The sixteenth series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee (B16) (Document 290) was **approved** on second reading.

# 22 Seventeenth series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee for first reading (B17) (Document 291)

22.1 The Chairman of the Editorial Committee introduced Document 291.

22.2 The **Chairman** invited the meeting to consider Document 291.

ADD Resolution [A917] – Measures to limit unauthorized uplink transmissions from earth stations

22.3 The **delegate of the Islamic Republic of Iran** suggested that the *instructs the Secretary-General* section should be deleted, as it was redundant; all resolutions were important and all were circulated as a matter of course in the final acts of the conference.

22.4 The **Chairman of Committee 5** said that his committee and its working group had considered the wording in Document 291 very carefully in order to achieve the delicate balance that it now reflected.

22.5 The **Chairman** said that the retention of the *instructs the Secretary-General* section would have no detrimental effect and noted that no other delegation supported its deletion.

22.6 ADD Resolution [A917] was **approved**.

22.7 The seventeenth series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee for first reading (B17) (Document 291) was **approved**.

# 23 Seventeenth series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee (B17) - second reading (Document 291)

23.1 The seventeenth series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee (B17) (Document 291) was **approved** on second reading.

# 24 Eighteenth series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee for first reading (B18) (Document 292)

24.1 The Chairman of the Editorial Committee introduced Document 292.

24.2 The **Chairman** invited the meeting to consider Document 292.

Appendix 30 (MOD 4.1.18*bis*); Appendix 30A (MOD 4.1.18*bis*)

24.3 **Approved**.

24.4 The **delegate of Japan** made the following statement:

“Japan goes along with this modification to 4.1.18*bis)* of Appendices **30** and **30A**.

In relation to WRC-19 Agenda item 7, Issue G, Japan holds the following view.

The EPM criterion defined in Appendices **30** and **30A** of the Radio Regulations contributes to alleviating the problem of a GSO BSS satellite network having a very low transmitting power and possibly making a new entry of a satellite network difficult if only the power flux-density criterion applies. The new GSO BSS entry may be accommodated by applying the EPM criterion despite such a very low transmitting power satellite network.

Therefore the EPM criterion shall be maintained in the future in order to ensure the efficient use of the BSS spectrum and equitable access to the geostationary satellite orbit.”

24.5 The eighteenth series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee for first reading (B18) (Document 292) was **approved**.

# 25 Eighteenth series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee (B18) - second reading (Document 292)

25.1 The eighteenth series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee (B18) (Document 292) was **approved** on second reading.

# 26 Nineteenth series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee for first reading (B19) (Document 296)

26.1 The Chairman of the Editorial Committee introduced Document 296.

26.2 The **Chairman** invited the meeting to consider Document 296.

Article 5 (MOD 5.338A, MOD Table 51.4-55.78 GHz; ADD 5.A919); Article 21 (MOD Table 21-2, MOD Table 21-3); Appendix 4 (MOD Table C); Appendix 7 (MOD Table 7c); MOD Resolution 750 (Rev.WRC-15); SUP Resolution 162 (WRC-15)

26.3 **Approved**.

26.4 The nineteenth series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee for first reading (B19) (Document 296) was **approved**.

# 27 Nineteenth series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee (B19) - second reading (Document 296)

27.1 The nineteenth series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee (B19) (Document 296) was **approved** on second reading.

# 28 Proposal for the work of the conference (Document 164)

28.1 The **delegate of Mongolia** introduced Document 164, which contained an appeal to the conference regarding the reference situation of the Mongolian satellite system at 113.6°E in the FSS Plan. He outlined the background to and reasons for the appeal, as described in the document, as well as the proposal set out therein for a modification of the parameters of certain notified frequency assignments at 119.1°E with the aim of improving the reference situation for the MNG00000 and SANSAR-1 networks. The Administration of Mongolia requested the conference to take a decision on the matter.

28.2 The **Chairman** suggested that the matter be allocated to Committee 5 for consideration.

28.3 It was so **agreed**.

# 29 Approval of minutes – third and fourth plenary meetings (Documents 216 and 237)

29.1 The minutes of the third and fourth plenary meetings (Documents 216 and 237) were **approved**.

# 30 Documents for noting (Documents 21(Rev.1) and 23(Rev.1))

30.1 The **Chairman** drew attention to Documents 21(Rev.1) and 23(Rev.1), which had each been updated to include the relevant details pertaining to the Ad hoc Group of the Plenary.

30.2 Documents 21(Rev.1) and 23(Rev.1) were **noted**.

# 31 Statement by the Minister of Communications and Digital Economy of Nigeria

31.1 **H.E.** **Mr Isa Ali Ibrahim, Minister of Communications and Digital Economy of Nigeria,** having extended the greetings of the President of Nigeria to the conference, commended the process by which the conference arrived at its decisions and expressed the hope that, in its discussions, it would accord priority to the African continent in the light of the widening and increasingly worrying digital gap between developed and developing countries. Broadband penetration and the spread of information and communication technology, which played significant roles in supporting the gross domestic products of countries and continents, remained inadequate in Africa. Citing by way of example the relatively low percentages of smartphone and Internet users among the population of Nigeria, he appealed to the conference to explore ways of bridging the gap between African countries and developed nations. He wished the conference success in its deliberations.

# 32 Closing remarks

32.1 The **delegate of Samoa**, expressing himself as one of the many Pacific islanders, thanked the Egyptian Administration for the celebrations it had organized on Monday, 11 November, to mark the special occasion of the birthday of the Prophet Muhammad.

**The meeting rose at 1535 hours.**

The Secretary-General: The Chairman:
H. ZHAO A. BADAWI