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| Common Interregional ScheduleS and Calendar for the Preparation of World Radiocommunication Conferences |

# Introduction

The planning of meetings in the regional and interregional scene, as well as on the various ITU levels is a challenging effort. Time is a scarce resource and towards the end of the study cycles the proper set-up of larger meetings becomes unlikely, noting that all the interregional groups try to schedule their regional preparatory meetings in accordance with the ITU calendars. In addition there is a large number of additional workshops, conferences, summits, and other events to be taken into account. Overlapping of meetings is the result, which is hindering the participation needed to facilitate the necessary consultation between all interested stakeholders and the regional groups.

# Proposal

In order to develop and maintain an overall schedule covering all meetings and events related to preparations of WRCs provided by the BR is proposed. As this may include additional resources one possible method of implementation would be a modification to Resolution **72 (Rev.WRC-07)** "World and regional preparations for world radiocommunication conferences". An initial suggestion is attached in the Annex.

RAG is invited to consider the issue and provide its guidance on the most beneficial implementation for the Membership.

ANNEX

RESOLUTION 72 (Rev.WRC‑07)

**World and regional preparations for world radiocommunication conferences**

The World Radiocommunication Conference (Geneva, 2007),

*considering*

*a)* that many regional telecommunication organizations continue to coordinate their preparations for WRCs;

*b)* that many common proposals have been submitted to this Conference from administrations participating in the preparations of regional telecommunication organizations;

*c)* that this consolidation of views at regional level, together with the opportunity for interregional discussions prior to the Conference, has eased the task of reaching a common understanding and saved time during past WRCs;

*d)* that the burden of preparation for future conferences is likely to increase;

*e)* that there is consequently great benefit to the Member States of coordination of preparations at world level and at regional level;

*f)* that the success of future conferences will depend on greater efficiency of regional coordination and interaction at interregional level prior to future conferences, including possible face-to-face meetings between regional groups;

*g)* that there is a need for overall coordination of the interregional consultations,

*recognizing*

*a) resolves*2 of Resolution 80 (Rev. Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference:

“to support the regional harmonization of common proposals, as stated in Resolution **72 (WRC‑97)**, for submission to world radiocommunication conferences”;

*b) resolves*3 of Resolution 80 (Rev. Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference:

“to encourage both formal and informal collaboration in the interval between conferences with a view to resolving differences on items already on the agenda of a conference or new items”,

*noting*

that the plenipotentiary conferences have resolved that the Union should continue to develop stronger relations with regional telecommunication organizations,

*resolves*

to invite the regional groups to continue their preparations for WRCs, including the possible convening of joint meetings of regional groups formally and informally,

*further resolves to instruct the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau*

1 to continue consulting the regional telecommunication organizations on the means by which assistance can be given to their preparations for future world radiocommunication conferences in the following areas:

– organization of regional preparatory meetings;

– organization of information sessions, preferably before and after the second session of the Conference Preparatory Meeting (CPM);

– identification of major issues to be resolved by the future world radiocommunication conference;

– facilitation of regional and interregional formal and informal meetings, with the objective of reaching a possible convergence of interregional views on major issues;

– maintenance of a solidified schedule, containing all the relevant meetings and events of the Union, the regional telecommunication organizations and their sub-regional bodies.

2 pursuant to Resolution ITU-R 2-5 of the Radiocommunication Assembly on the CPM, to assist in ensuring that overview presentations of the chapters of the CPM Report will be made by the CPM management at an early stage in the CPM session, as part of the regularly scheduled meetings, in order to help all participants understand the contents of the CPM Report;

3 to submit a report on the results of such consultations to the next WRC,

*invites the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau*

to collaborate with the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau in implementing this Resolution.

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