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| Further improvement of working methods of the Radiocommunication Assembly, the Radiocommunication Study Groups, the Radiocommunication Advisory Group and other groups of the Radiocommunication Sector of the International Telecommunication Union |

# 1 Introduction

The Radiocommunication Assembly 2019 (RA-19) introduced a number of amendments and additions to the Resolution ITU-R 1-7 and other Resolutions of the ITU Radiocommunication Sector (ITU-R), related to working methods of the Radiocommunication Assembly, the Radiocommunication Study Groups (SGs) and other groups of the ITU-R, focused on improving the Sector’s activity.

In the course of RA-19 work, one of the possible uncertainties existing in Resolution ITU-R 1 has already been identified regarding the specific case of consideration for drafts new and revised ITU‑R Recommendations, specifically, when using procedure for adoption Recommendations by a Study Group by correspondence (§ А2.6.2.2.3 Resolution ITU-R 1-7), when the ITU-R Recommendation is relevant to the topics of multiple SGs and SGs in question need to coordinate their work accordingly.

Having discussed this and a number of other issues regarding working methods of the Radiocommunication Assembly, the Study Groups and other groups of the Radiocommunication Sector, the following instructions were made by RA-19 to the Radiocommunication Advisory Group (see Document [RA19/PLEN/84](https://www.itu.int/md/R19-RA19-C-0084/en)):

 “RA-19 instructs the Radiocommunication Advisory Group (RAG), based on proposals from the Member States and Sector Members and in consultation with the Study Group Chairmen, to review the maximum term of office for Chairmen of Radiocommunication Working Parties and report the results of this review back to RA-23.”

 “RA-19 further instructs the RAG, based on proposals from the Member States and Sector Members and in consultation with the Study Group Chairmen, to consider the need to review Resolution ITU-R 1, including the addition of provisions for training newly-elected Study Group Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen.”

 “The RA invited the RAG to identify possible modifications to Resolution ITU-R 1 with respect to approval procedures when a text is relevant to the topics of multiple SGs. The RA also agreed that objections received during the approval process should be circulated.”

# 2 Proposals

The Russian Federation sends preliminary proposals aimed at implementing RA-19 Decisions to be discussed among members of Radiocommunication Advisory Group.

## 2.1 Preliminary proposals for possible clarification of ITU-R Resolution 1-8 provisions concerning procedures for adopting and approving ITU-R Recommendations by correspondence.

To avoid different interpretations pertaining to submitting drafts new and revised Recommendations to be considered by RAG, a preliminary proposal on amending ITU-R Resolution 1-8 sub-section A2.6.2.1 “General considerations” of Section A2.6 is submitted. This proposal determines more clearly the procedure for actions prior to RA. It is proposed to add new items А2.6.2.1.8 and А2.6.2.1.9 to sub-section A2.6.2.1 as shown below:

А2.6.2.1.8 If draft new or revised Recommendation has not been approved at the Study Group meeting in accordance with procedure А2.6.2.2.2 or in case of Study Group by correspondence in accordance with procedure А2.6.2.2.3, and no other SG meeting has been scheduled prior to RA, the Director shall forward the text, along with objections, to RA, as well as inform the Chairman of the relevant SG.

А2.6.2.1.9 If draft new or revised Recommendation has not been approved through consultations with Member-States in accordance with procedure А2.6.2.3 or simultaneously adopted and approved by correspondence in accordance with procedure А2.6.2.4, and no other SG meeting has been scheduled prior to RA, the Director shall forward the text, along with comments and objections, to RA, as well as inform the Chairman of the relevant SG.

## 2.2 Consider establishing a RAG Correspondence Group on preparing draft proposals to amend ITU-R Resolution 1 and, if necessary, other ITU-R Resolutions defining the main approaches and working methods of the RA, SGs, RAG and other groups of the Radiocommunication Sector.

The Russian Federation proposes that RAG will consider the issue on establishing Correspondence Group which will consider and prepare draft proposals for RAG on the following issues concerning provisions of Resolutions on ITU-R working methods:

a) viability of determining the maximum term of office for Chairmen of Radiocommunication Working Parties;

b) addition of provisions for training newly-elected Study Group Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen;

c) actions to avoid duplication of Plenipotentiary Conference Resolutions and to streamline the ITU-R Resolutions accordingly;

d) and others as instructed by RAG.

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