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| implementation of INSTRUCTIONS FROM RA-19 and WRC-19 TO RAG | | |

Background

This administration noticed that both the 2019 Radiocommunication Assembly (RA-19) and the 2019 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-19) held in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt in October/November 2019 gave instructions to the Radiocommunication Advisory Group (RAG). RA-19 in particular instructed the RAG:

1) to review the maximum term of office for Chairmen of Radiocommunication Working Parties and report the results of this review back to RA-23;

2) to identify possible modifications to Resolution ITU-R 1 with respect to the approval procedures when a text is relevant to the topics of multiple SGs and to the circulation of objections received during the approval process;

3) 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.

RA-19 also suggested to prepare a sort of briefing note and guidelines for newly elected Vice-Chairmen in order to acquaint them with the working methods of the SGs.

In addition, as an important achievement of WRC-19, the conference adopted its first ever “Gender Declaration”, which declared the commitment of the sector to gender equality and balance. It identified specific actions for the ITU-R to accelerate efforts to ensure that all its policies, work programmes, information dissemination activities, publications, study groups, seminars, courses, assemblies and conferences reflect the commitment to gender equality, and promote gender balance. Further, it declared that ITU Member States and Sector Members should encourage the adoption of proven measures to increase globally the number of women pursuing academic degrees at all levels in STEM fields, particularly those related to the ICT. WRC-19 also declared that Member States should consider and adopt a Resolution at the 2023 Radiocommunication Assembly on gender equality, equity and parity in the ITU-R. It also identified several actions that can be supported by the work of the RAG.

Pursuant to §3.2.5 of the Director’s Report (Document RAG20/1), the RAG may promote the objectives of the Gender Declaration by:

1) providing guidance and encouragement toward the equitable selection of chairmen, vice chairmen and rapporteurs in the work of the ITU-R Study Groups, the CPM and in the work of the RAG itself;

2) developing a draft resolution on gender equality, equity and parity in the ITU-R for submission to the 2023 Radiocommunication Assembly for its consideration and adoption;

3) supporting and providing input to the ongoing work of the “Network of Women” to enhance and maximize the effectiveness of this initiative;

4) providing advice, where possible, on ITU-R matters supporting the goal of achieving gender equality, equity and parity in the work of the sector.

Proposal

In order to better implement the above instructions, it is proposed that RAG set up two rapporteur groups to discuss the above issues in the form of smaller-scale meetings in response to the instructions given to the RAG by RA-19 and WRC-19 respectively.

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