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| Resolution ITU-R 1-8 Submission of draft new or revisedrecommendation or report  |
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# 1 Background

RA-19 instructed 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”.

It is noted that there are some discussions in ITU-R Working Parties on the interpretation of the terminology “when a study has reached a mature state” that is included in section A.2.6.2.1 of Resolution ITU-R 1-8 to trigger the submission of a draft new or revised Recommendation to a Study Group. There are some ambiguities on how the agreement that a study is “mature” should be reached within a working party, in particular when there are continuous objections.

It is recognized that Working Parties are the place where to have technical discussions. Although the initial basis for decision in WP should be the consensus, it should be clarified that, in case of impossibility to reach consensus, the right level to decide whether the adoption and approval process should be launched is the Study Group. Such clarification requires additional provisions in the annex of Resolution ITU-R 1.

Although Resolution ITU-R 1-8 does not explicitly refer to the same terminology for ITU-R Report, the process for deciding whether to submit a draft new or revised Report to a Study Group is, in practice, the same and this should be clarified similarly.

# 2 Proposal

It is proposed that RAG considers the need to clarify the process under which a Working Party reaches an agreement that a study has reached a mature state and develops possible revisions of Resolution ITU-R 1-8.

An example of possible revision is provided in the annex to this contribution.

# ANNEX

**Example of modification of the Annex of Resolution ITU-R 1-8**

# A2.6 ITU-R Recommendations

## A2.6.1 Definition

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## A2.6.2 Adoption and approval

### A2.6.2.1 General considerations

**A2.6.2.1.1** When a study has reached a mature state, based on a consideration of existing ITU‑R documentation and of contributions from Member States, Sector Members, Associates or Academia, and has resulted in a draft new or revised Recommendation as agreed[[2]](#footnote-2) by the appropriate WP, TG or JTG, as the case may be, the approval process to be followed is in two stages:

*a)* adoption by the SG concerned (see also Note 3 above); dependent on circumstances, the adoption may take place at a Study Group meeting or by correspondence following the SG meeting (see § A2.6.2.2);

*b)* following adoption, approval by the Member States, either by consultation between RAs or at an RA (see § A2.6.2.3).

If there is no objection by any Member State attending the meeting, when adoption of a draft new or revised Recommendation is sought by correspondence, its approval is undertaken simultaneously (PSAA procedure). This procedure shall not be applied to ITU‑R Recommendations incorporated by reference in the Radio Regulations.

# A2.7 ITU-R Reports

## A2.7.1 Definition

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## A2.7.2 Approval

**A2.7.2.1** When a study has reached a mature state, based on a consideration of existing ITU‑R documentation and of contributions from Member States, Sector Members, Associates or Academia, and has resulted in a draft new or revised Report as agreed[[3]](#footnote-3) by the appropriate WP, TG or JTG, the SG may approve it, normally by consensus of all Member States attending the meeting of the SG.

After all efforts to reach consensus have been exhausted, the Study Group may approve the draft Report and the Chairman of the SG will invite the objecting Member State to include an attributed statement in the Report and/or in the Summary Record of the SG meeting, at the discretion of that Member State.

Any statement from a Member State contained in the draft Report shall be maintained, unless the Member State having made the statement formally agrees to its deletion.

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1. This document has been developed and agreed within the framework of CEPT/ECC/CPG [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. The agreement that the study has reached a mature state is normally subject to consensus from all Member States attending the meeting of the WP, TG or JTG. After all efforts to reach consensus have been exhausted, the WP, TG or JTG may agree to submit the text to the SG. The WP, TG or JTG Chairman will submit the draft new or revised Recommendation to the SG with all objections raised during the meeting. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. The agreement that the study has reached a mature state is normally subject to consensus from all Member States attending the meeting of the WP, TG or JTG. After all efforts to reach consensus have been exhausted, the WP, TG or JTG may agree to submit the text to the SG. The WP, TG or JTG Chairman will submit the draft new or revised Report to the SG with all objections raised during the meeting. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)