|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Radiocommunication Advisory Group** | C:\Users\murphy\AppData\Local\Temp\Temp1_ITU logo Entire package.zip\jpg\ITU official logo_blue_RGB.jpg | |
|  | |  |
|  | |  |
|  | | **Document RAG/51-E** |
| **25 March 2022** |
| **Original: English** |
| United States of America | | |
| Resolution ITU-R 1-8 | | |

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO RESOLUTION ITU-R 1-8

# 1 Introduction

The purpose of this contribution is to reaffirm our support for revisions that were put forth in the RAG CG-2, to confirm our support for certain revisions made by other administrations, and to make some additional proposals to revise the text of Resolution ITU-R 1-8. We also provide the rationale behind these proposals for additional discussion at the 2022 meeting of the RAG.

# 2 Proposals

In this contribution the United States puts forward proposals to improve and clarify Resolution ITU‑R 1. Some of these proposed editorials were made during the discussion by correspondence during RAG CG-2. These include,

* our confirmation of support for the revision to A1.3.2.2 in adding the words “at its first meeting after the RA” in order to emphasize the importance of timeliness in the actions of the SGs following an RA;
* the addition of the words “as well as mainstreaming a gender perspective in the policies of all ITU Sectors” to the proposed A1.3.2.2bis to emphasize gender equity issues cited in PP Resolution 208 (Dubai, 2018);
* and the proposed new A1.3.2.2ter, which instead of directly addressing term limits at the working party level, draws attention to the principals outlined in PP Resolution 208 (Dubai, 2018) and making the distinction between *elected* officers and *appointed* officers. The United States notes that the text proposed in this document for A1.3.2.2ter has been slightly revised against that which was provided to the CG-2 as a contribution.

Given the importance of PP Resolution 208 (Dubai, 2018), the United States proposes to add two new *recognizing*s to Resolution ITU-R 1-8 to better reference the principles on mainstreaming a gender perspective in ITU policies as well as principles to be used for elected officers to advisory groups, study groups, and other groups, and suggests that the *considering f)* for PP Resolution be suppressed.

**Attachment:** 1

ATTACHMENT

Working document towards a revision of   
resolution ITU-R 1-8

Working methods for the Radiocommunication Assembly, the Radiocommunication Study Groups, the   
Radiocommunication Advisory Group and other groups of the Radiocommunication Sector

(1993-1995-1997-2000-2003-2007-2012-2015-2019)

The ITU Radiocommunication Assembly,

considering

*a)* that the duties and functions of the Radiocommunication Assembly (RA) are stated in Article 13 of the ITU Constitution and Article 8 of the ITU Convention;

*b)* that the duties, functions and organization of the Radiocommunication Study Groups (SGs) and the Radiocommunication Advisory Group (RAG) are briefly described in Articles 11, 11A and 20 of the Convention;

*c)* that the RA is authorized to adopt the working methods and procedures for the management of the Sector’s activities in accordance with No. 145A of the Constitution and No. 129A of the Convention;

*d)* Resolutions ITU‑R 2, 36 and 52, concerning the Conference Preparatory Meeting (CPM), the Coordination Committee for Vocabulary (CCV) and RAG, respectively;

*e)* that Resolution 165 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) of the Plenipotentiary Conference sets firm submission deadlines for proposals from participants in conferences and assemblies of the Union, sets a firm submission deadline for secretariat documents, and applies to the RA;

*f)* that Resolution 191 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) of the Plenipotentiary Conference establishes methods and approaches for the coordination of efforts among the three Sectors of the Union;

*g)* that the General Rules of Conferences, Assemblies and Meetings of the Union have been adopted by the Plenipotentiary Conference,

recognizing

*a)* that Resolution 208 (Dubai, 2018) of the Plenipotentiary Conference establishes the appointment procedure and the maximum term of office for Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Sector Advisory Groups, SGs and other groups;

*b)* that Resolution 208 (Dubai, 2018) of the Plenipotentiary Conference recalls mainstreaming a gender perspective in ITU and promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women through information and communication technologies,

noting

that the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau (BR) is authorized by this Resolution, in close cooperation with RAG when needed, to periodically issue updated versions of guidelines on working methods which complement and are additional to this Resolution,

resolves

that the working methods and documentation of the RA, the SGs, the RAG and other groups of the Radiocommunication Sector shall be in accordance with Annexes 1 and 2.

Annex 1

Working methods of ITU‑R

**Page**

[A1.1 Introduction 2](#_Toc433787738)

[A1.2 The Radiocommunication Assembly 3](#_Toc433787739)

[A1.2.1 Functions 3](#_Toc433787740)

[A1.2.2 Structure 4](#_Toc433787741)

[A1.3 Radiocommunication Study Groups 5](#_Toc433787742)

[A1.3.1 Functions 5](#_Toc433787743)

[A1.3.2 Structure 9](#_Toc433787744)

[A1.4 The Radiocommunication Advisory Group 9](#_Toc433787745)

[A1.5 Preparations for World and Regional Radiocommunication Conferences 9](#_Toc433787746)

[A1.6 Other considerations 10](#_Toc433787747)

[A1.6.1 Coordination among Study Groups, Sectors and with other   
international organizations 10](#_Toc433787748)

[A1.6.2 Director’s Guidelines 10](#_Toc433787749)

**A1.1 Introduction**

[…]

**A1.2 The Radiocommunication Assembly**

[…]

**A1.3 Radiocommunication Study Groups**

### A1.3.1 Functions

[…]

### A1.3.2 Structure

A1.3.2.1 The Chairman of an SG should establish a Steering Committee composed of all Vice‑Chairmen, WP Chairmen and their Vice-Chairmen, as well as the Chairmen of subgroups to assist in the organization of the work.

A1.3.2.2 The SGs, at its first meeting after the RA, shall set up WPs to study topics within their scope, and topics based on the Questions assigned to them, as well as topics in accordance with § A1.3.1.2 above. WPs are understood to exist over an undefined period to answer Questions and study the topics put before the SG. Each WP will study Questions and these topics, and will prepare draft Recommendations and other texts for consideration by the SG. To limit the resource impact on the BR, Member States, Sector Members, Associates and Academia[[1]](#footnote-1)3, an SG shall establish by consensus[[2]](#footnote-2)4 and maintain only the minimum number of WPs.

A1.3.2.2bis Each SG shall appoint Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of WPs at the first meeting of that SG after RA taking into account Resolution 208 of the Plenipotentiary conference and the desire to observe fully the principle of equitable geographical distribution among ITU regional organizations, as well as mainstreaming a gender perspective in the policies of all ITU Sectors. The mandate of Vice-Chairmen shall be to assist the WP Chairman in matters related to the management of WP, including substitution for the chairman at official ITU meetings when necessary.

A1.3.2.2ter Taking into account the principles expressed for elected officers to advisory groups, study groups, and other groups, as expressed in Resolution 208 of the Plenipotentiary Conference, Study Group chairmen should periodically review working party leadership to assure that there is reasonable stability in the leadership to advance the work of the groups, while providing opportunities for different individuals to serve in these appointed capacities. Such renewal will allow for candidates to bring new perspectives and vision to the working parties.

[…]

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. 3 The term Academia includes colleges, institutes, universities and their associated research establishments concerned with the development of telecommunications/ICT which are admitted to participate in the work of ITU‑R (see Resolution 169 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) of the Plenipotentiary Conference). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. 4 Consistent with the United Nations practice, consensus is understood to mean the practice of adopting decisions by general agreement in the absence of any formal objection and without a vote. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)