

Status of SG 5 work for RAG 2026

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General

- 3rd meeting in this cycle : 1st – 2nd December 2025, Geneva (summary record see document [5/113](#))
- 299 delegations (144 present physically), 49 Member States, 10 recognized operating agencies, 17 scientific or industrial organizations, 6 regional and other international organization, 1 UN special agency, 2 academia plus ITU-staff.
- 21 draft new or revised Recommendations, 1 revised Question, 7 new or revised reports, some LSs and other inputs

Information on SG 5 meeting in 2025

- Mr. Fichoux (F) was appointed as one of the SG 5 Vice Chair, replacing Mr. André (F)
- SG 5 Chair has provided document [5/102](#), which collects the on-going studies of Working Parties relating to the implementation of ITU-R Resolutions, WRC Resolutions etc. to respond to the call by RAG.
- Terms of References of Working Parties were consulted among WP Chairs during 2025 and it will be further considered by Working Parties during 2026.
- All Chairs of Working Parties were appreciated for their hard, stellar and excellent work.

IPR Policy in ITU-R Report and Recommendation

- During SG 5 meeting, there was a brief discussion on IPR Policy which is included as a disclaimer in ITU-R Report and Recommendation.
- [Resolution ITU-R 1](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-R/study-groups/Pages/itu-r-patent-information.aspx) addresses the common Patent Policy for ITU-T/ITU-R/ISO/IEC and ITU-R web pages on Working Party and Study Group also provide the information on the policy of IPR (See; <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-R/study-groups/Pages/itu-r-patent-information.aspx>.)
- After SG 5 meeting, the disclaimer has been further aligned with ITU-T disclaimer and then included in the published version.

Topics for the attention of RAG (1)

A multi-country input to SG 5 proposes elements for inclusion in the SG 5 Report to the 33rd RAG meeting, which highlighted several areas where the submitting administrations had concerns about **intra-SG** and **inter-SG** overlaps in term of mandates and topics.

- Regarding **intra-SG**, SG 5 has been undertaking any such issues by way of adjusting and rationalizing the ToR for its Working Parties during 2025 and 2026.
- While SG 5 has concluded that there is no overlap between SG 4 and SG 5, concerned Administrations were encouraged to submit input directly to RAG, since potential **inter-SG** overlaps are under purview of RAG and RA.

Topics for the attention of RAG (2)

A suggestion to rearrange the order of the preamble sections within ITU-R Recommendations was made during several meetings of SG 5 Working Parties:

- Based on the result of a RAG CG, RA-15 reviewed the format of the ITU-R Recommendations (see [RA15/PLEN/102](#)):
 - Committee 5 recommends that the RA-15 approves the new format of the ITU-R Recommendations (to be implemented in the next cycle),
 - RA-15 revised Resolution ITU-R 1, by adding "mandatory" into provision A1.6.2.2.
 - The format is mandatory for 'new and revised' ITU-R Recommendations
- Consequently, the "*Guidelines for the working methods*" (16.02.24) and the "*Format of ITU-R Recommendations*" (both available on the [SG 5 website](#), right side) provide the mandatory order:
"recognizing" and then "noting" (concluding with "recommends")
- Suggestions were discussed to rearrange the order to:
"noting" and then "recognizing" (concluding with "recommends")
- RAG is requested to discuss this issue further