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| Agenda item 9.3 | | | |

9 to consider and approve the Report of the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau, in accordance with Article 7 of the ITU Convention;

9.3 on action in response to Resolution **80 (Rev.WRC‑07)**;

Background

In response to the Report by the Radio Regulations Board (RRB) to WRC‑23, Resolution **80** **(Rev.WRC‑07)** in (Doc. [WRC‑23/50](https://www.itu.int/md/R23-WRC23-C-0050/en)), CITEL is providing the following comments and proposals with respect to the issue covered in Section 4.14 of Doc. WRC‑23/50 on the Recording of frequency assignments to satellite networks and systems under RR No. **4.4** of that Report.

Section 4.14 - Recording of frequency assignments to satellite networks and systems under RR No. 4.4

This preliminary proposal refers to section 4.14 of the Report by the Radio Regulations Board (RRB) to WRC‑23 on Resolution **80 (Rev.WRC‑07)**, submitted as input Document 50 to WRC‑23. It indicates the issue of increased recording of frequency assignments to satellite networks and systems under RR No. **4.4** and also calls for consideration and possible decision by the Conference under WRC‑23 agenda item 9.3.

As expressed by the Board, the Rule of Procedure on RR No. **4.4** specifies that the scope of RR No. **4.4** is limited to derogations to the Table of Frequency Allocations and to the provisions listed in the Rules of Procedure on RR No. **11.31** with regard to the “other provisions”. In particular, administrations intending to authorize the use of spectrum under RR No. **4.4** still have the obligation, under Sections I and II of RR Article **9**, RR Nos. **11.2** and **11.3**, to notify to the Bureau “any frequency assignment if its use is capable of causing harmful interference to any service of another administration”.

In June 2023, in the last and final version of the RRB Report to WRC‑23, information from the Radiocommunication Bureau indicated that there were more than 1 600 groups of frequency assignments associated with 488 satellite networks and systems recorded in the MIFR using RR No. **4.4**.

The RRB expressed the following views in its Report to WRC‑23:

– WRC‑23 is invited to confirm that frequency assignments recorded under RR No. **4.4** are not entitled to protection from harmful interference from other frequency assignments recorded under RR No. **4.4**.

– WRC‑23 is invited to consider more stringent regulatory measures to ensure RR No. **4.4** can be enforced with respect to the application of the condition of non-interference to, and non-protection from, frequency assignments which are operating in compliance with the provisions of the Radio Regulations.

– WRC‑23 is invited to encourage administrations to refrain from using RR No. **4.4** for commercial applications that would provide services on a long-term basis, if a new space allocation that would provide international recognition to the frequency assignments is not under study in the ITU‑R or under consideration at an upcoming WRC.

CITEL would like to provide its views along with proposals to address this issue on WRC‑23 agenda item 9.3.

Proposals

PROPOSAL ON RRB VIEWS

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**RRB View 1:** “WRC‑23 is invited to confirm that frequency assignments recorded under No. 4.4 are not entitled to protection from harmful interference from other frequency assignments recorded under No. 4.4.”

CITEL proposes to WRC‑23 to confirm that frequency assignments recorded under RR No. **4.4** are not entitled to protection from harmful interference from other frequency assignments recorded under RR No. **4.4**.

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**RRB View 2:** “WRC‑23 is invited to consider more stringent regulatory measures to ensure No. 4.4 can be enforced with respect to the application of the condition of non-interference to, and non-protection from, frequency assignments which are operating in compliance with the provisions of the Radio Regulations”.

CITEL proposes to WRC-23 to instruct the BR to improve the disclosure of information on satellite networks and systems invoking RR No. **4.4** to allow further information be made available to the membership on the application of RR No. **4.4** with regards to operating on a non-interference basis. In order to facilitate the follow up of this issue by administrations, easy access to updated information should be made available by the Radiocommunication Bureau regarding notification and bringing into use of filings under RR No. **4.4**. This information could include the list of filings that are using RR No. **4.4** and historical data on filings using this provision in its website. It could also be implemented as a new filter option in ITU Space Explorer Data Analytics tool, along with new historical data graphs, for instance.

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