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

9.2 on any difficulties or inconsistencies encountered in the application of the Radio Regulations;[[1]](#footnote-1)1 and

Part 4: Section 3.2.5.1 of Addendum 2 to the Report of the Director to WRC-23

Introduction

§ 4.1.24 of Article 4 of Appendix **30** of the Radio Regulations (RR) states that: “*No assignment in the List shall have a period of operation exceeding 15 years, counted from the date of bringing into use, or 2 June 2000, whichever is later. Upon request by the responsible administration received by the Bureau at the latest three years before the expiry of this period, this period may be extended by up to 15 years, on condition that all the characteristics of the assignment remain unchanged[[2]](#footnote-2)9bis.     (WRC‑19)*”.

§ 4.1.24 of Article 4 of RR Appendix **30A** states that: “*No assignment in the feeder-link List shall have a period of operation exceeding 15 years, counted from the date of bringing into use, or 2 June 2000, whichever is later. Upon request by the responsible administration received by the Bureau at the latest three years before the expiry of this period, this period may be extended by up to 15 years, on condition that all the characteristics of the assignment remain unchanged11bis.* *(WRC-19)*”

Section 3.2.5.1 of the Report of the Director to WRC-23 observes that:

*In accordance with § 4.1.24 of RR Appendices* ***30*** *and* ***30A****, no assignment in the List shall have a period of operation exceeding 15 years, counted from the date of bringing into use, or 2 June 2000, whichever is later. Upon request by the responsible administration received by the Bureau at the latest three years before the expiry of this period, this period of operation may be extended by up to 15 years on condition that all the characteristics of the assignment remain unchanged.*

*In response to a suggestion contained in the Director’s report, WRC-19 decided to include footnotes to § 4.1.24 of Article 4 of Appendices* ***30*** *and* ***30A*** *in order for the Bureau to send a reminder to the notifying administration no later than 90 days before the three-year deadline for such a request.*

*Since WRC-19 decision, the Bureau received an extension request after the deadline set in accordance with § 4.1.24 of Article 4 of Appendices* ***30*** *and* ***30A*** *(see item 4n of the* [*Summary of decisions of the 92nd meeting of the Radio Regulations Board*](https://www.itu.int/md/R23-RRB23.1-C-0015/en) *for the details of the case and the course of action adopted).*

*Despite the decision that a reminder be sent, it appears that the 3‑year period for requesting the extension may be difficult to implement for administrations because of the long period of time between the time when the request needs to send and the end of the first period of operation of 15 years.*

*In view of the above,* *the Conference may wish to review §4.1.24 of Article 4 of Appendices* ***30*** *and****30A****.*

Proposal

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CEPT agrees that due to the long time horizons, it may be difficult for administrations to react within a 90-day time period. CEPT also notes that § 4.1.24 of Article4 of RR Appendices **30** and **30A** sets a definitive end time to assignments in the List irrespective of whether these are operational at that time or not. This is in contradiction to *resolves* 1.2 of Resolution **4 (Rev.WRC‑03)** and could put administrations in severe difficulties in that coordinated and operational satellite networks find themselves with no recognition in the ITU databases. This would cause a difficulty not only to the notifying administration whose operational network is cancelled, but also to other administrations seeking to establish a new satellite network and which will be unable to identify the existence of the operational satellite network and the implications in respect of technical compatibility.

Ways to resolve the problems associated with § 4.1.24 of Article4 of RR Appendices **30** and **30A** needs to be studied and solutions identified.

CEPT therefore proposes to include the following statement in the WRC-23 minutes:

*WRC‑23 agrees that due to the long time horizons, it may be difficult for administrations to react within a 90-day time period. WRC‑23 also notes that § 4.1.24 of Article 4 of RR Appendices****30*** *and****30A*** *sets a definitive end time to assignments in the List irrespective of whether these are operational at that time or not. This is in contradiction to resolves*1.2 *of Resolution****4 (Rev.WRC‑03)*** *and could put administrations in severe difficulties in that coordinated and operational satellite networks find themselves with no recognition in the ITU databases. This would cause a difficulty not only to the notifying administration whose operational network is cancelled, but also to other administrations seeking to establish a new satellite network and which will be unable to identify the existence of the operational satellite network and the implications in respect of technical compatibility.*

*Ways to resolve the problems associated with § 4.1.24 of Article 4 of RR Appendices****30*** *and****30A*** *need to be studied and solutions identified.*

*In view of the above WRC‑23 invites the ITU‑R to conduct studies, in time for consideration by WRC‑27, with respect to possible revisions to § 4.1.24 of Article 4 of RR Appendices****30*** *and****30A*** *and take any other actions, as appropriate, to remedy the above identified difficulties.*

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1. 1 This agenda sub-item is strictly limited to the Report of the Director on any difficulties or inconsistencies encountered in the application of the Radio Regulations and the comments from administrations. Administrations are invited to inform the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau of any difficulties or inconsistencies encountered in the Radio Regulations. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. *9bis Unless the request has been received by the Bureau, it shall, no later than 90 days before the deadline of such a request, send a reminder to the notifying administration.     (WRC‑19)*

   *11bis Unless the request has been received by the Bureau, it shall, no later than 90 days before the deadline of such a request, send a reminder to the notifying administration.     (WRC-19)* [↑](#footnote-ref-2)