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| PLENARY MEETING | | **Addendum 23 to Document 157-E** | |
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| PROPOSALS FOR THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE | | | |
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| Agenda item 8 | | | |

8 to consider and take appropriate action on requests from administrations to delete their country footnotes or to have their country name deleted from footnotes, if no longer required, taking into account Resolution **26 (Rev.WRC‑19)**;

Introduction

Past world radiocommunication conferences allowed countries to add their names to footnotes provided that there was no objection on the part of countries that were geographical neighbours to the country wishing to be added to a given footnote.

With this in mind, and given the need to harmonize frequency bands that enable the deployment of systems contributing to an increased level of connectivity and the provision of mobile broadband, India deems WRC-23 to be the appropriate opportunity, within the framework of agenda item 8, for its name to be added to specific footnotes where it considers it necessary in order to allow it to achieve its telecommunication infrastructure development objectives and avoid delays in its plans for the future deployment of IMT systems.

The Conference’s approval of this request will avoid delaying the deployment of IMT in the bands below 1 GHz by at least four years, that being the periodicity of WRCs.

Proposal

Add the name of India to footnote No. **5.296A** of the Radio Regulations associated with frequency band 610-698 MHz so that the conditions for IMT deployment are satisfied and India can get benefitted with the economies of scale of a well-developed ecosystem and proceed with the deployment based on its planning to ensure the efficient use of the radio spectrum and development of its telecommunication infrastructure, especially focusing on digital connectivity to rural and remote areas.

ARTICLE 5

Frequency allocations

Section IV – Table of Frequency Allocations  
(See No. 2.1)

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5.296A In Micronesia, the Solomon Islands, Tuvalu and Vanuatu, the frequency band 470-698 MHz, or portions thereof, and in Bangladesh, India, Maldives and New Zealand, the frequency band 610-698 MHz, or portions thereof, are identified for use by these administrations wishing to implement International Mobile Telecommunications (IMT) – see Resolution **224** **(Rev.WRC‑19)**. This identification does not preclude the use of these frequency bands by any application of the services to which they are allocated and does not establish priority in the Radio Regulations. The mobile allocation in this frequency band shall not be used for IMT systems unless subject to agreement obtained under No. **9.21** and shall not cause harmful interference to, or claim protection from, the broadcasting service of neighbouring countries. Nos. **5.43** and**5.43A** apply.     (WRC‑23)

**Reasons:** Given the technological trends in the frequency band dealt with in this footnote, the need to increase the amount of spectrum identified for IMT on its territory and harmonization of frequency bands for the deployment of mobile broadband, the Administration of India considers this Conference to be the opportune moment for its name to be included in the said footnote; this will contribute to planning of the use of frequency bands below 1 GHz on the territory of India and the timely introduction of IMT.

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