

## RESOLUTION 804 (REV.WRC-19)

**Principles for establishing agendas for world radiocommunication conferences**

The World Radiocommunication Conference (Sharm el-Sheikh, 2019),

*considering*

- a)* that, in accordance with No. 118 of the ITU Convention, the general scope of the agendas for world radiocommunication conferences (WRCs) should be established four to six years in advance;
- b)* Article 13 of the ITU Constitution relating to the competence and scheduling of WRCs and Article 7 of the Convention relating to their agendas;
- c)* that No. 92 of the Constitution and Nos. 488 and 489 of the Convention require conferences to be fiscally responsible;
- d)* that, in Resolution 71 (Rev. Marrakesh, 2002), concerning the strategic plan of the Union, the Plenipotentiary Conference noted the increasingly complex and lengthy agendas for world radiocommunication conferences;
- e)* that Resolution 80 (Rev. Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference and Resolution **72 (Rev.WRC-19)** recognize the positive contribution of regional telecommunication organizations and informal groups and the need for improved efficiency and fiscal prudence;
- f)* the relevant Resolutions of previous WRCs;
- g)* that Resolution ITU-R 2-8 describes the principles of the organization of the work of the Conference Preparatory Meeting (CPM), including the reporting of contributions concerning future agenda items for information,

*noting*

- a)* that the number of issues addressed in agendas for WRCs has been growing, and that some issues could not be resolved adequately in the time allotted to the conference, including conference preparations;
- b)* that some agenda items may have a greater impact on the future of radiocommunications than others;
- c)* that the human and financial resources of ITU are limited;
- d)* that there is a need to limit the agenda of conferences, taking account of the needs of developing countries, in a manner that allows the major issues to be dealt with equitably and efficiently;
- e)* that, in accordance with No. 90 of the Constitution, the interval between WRCs should normally be three to four years, to ensure that changes in technology and requirements of Member States are adequately reflected in conference agendas;

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f) that administrations and regional telecommunication organizations need sufficient time to evaluate and examine the potential consequences of proposed new items for inclusion in the agendas of future WRCs,

### *resolves*

1 that recommended agendas for future WRCs shall include a standing agenda item for the establishment of preliminary agendas for subsequent WRCs;

2 that the principles in Annex 1 to this Resolution should be used when developing future WRC agendas;

3 to encourage administrations and regional telecommunication organizations to submit, to the extent practicable, information on possible items/topics for the agenda of future WRCs under the WRC standing agenda item mentioned in *resolves* 1 to the second session of CPM,

### *invites administrations*

1 to use the template in Annex 2 to this Resolution in proposing agenda items for WRCs;

2 to participate in regional activities for the preparation of future WRC agendas.

## ANNEX 1 TO RESOLUTION 804 (REV.WRC-19)

### **Principles for establishing agendas for world radiocommunication conferences**

1 A conference agenda shall include:

1.1 items assigned to it by the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference;

1.2 items on which the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau (BR) has been requested to report;

1.3 items concerning instructions to the Radio Regulations Board and BR regarding their activities and concerning the review of those activities.

2 In general, a conference may include on a future conference agenda an item proposed by a group of administrations or an administration, if all the following conditions are met:

2.1 it addresses issues of a worldwide or regional character;

2.2 it is expected that changes in the Radio Regulations, including WRC Resolutions and Recommendations, may be necessary;

2.3 it is expected that required studies can be completed (e.g. that appropriate ITU Radiocommunication Sector (ITU-R) Recommendations will be approved) prior to that conference;

2.4 resources associated with the subject are kept within a range which is manageable for Member States and Sector Members, BR and ITU-R study groups and CPM.

3 Items that meet the requirements specified in section 2 of this Annex shall be included in the future WRC agenda as standalone items, and shall not be included as separate issues under the agenda item on which the Director of BR reports on ITU-R activities since the last WRC.

4 To the extent possible, agenda items arising from previous conferences, normally reflected in Resolutions, and which have been considered by two successive conferences, should not be considered, unless justified.

5 In addition, where possible, issues that could be addressed through actions undertaken by a Radiocommunication Assembly, particularly those not involving amendments to the Radio Regulations, should not be included in the agenda.

6 In developing the conference agenda, efforts should be made to:

- a)* encourage regional and interregional coordination on the subjects to be considered in the preparatory process for the WRC, in accordance with Resolution 72 (Rev.WRC-19) and Resolution 80 (Rev. Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, with a view to addressing potentially difficult issues well before a WRC;
- b)* include, to the extent possible, agenda items that are prepared within regional telecommunication organizations, taking into account the equal right of individual administrations to submit proposals for agenda items;
- c)* ensure that proposals are submitted with an indication of priority;
- d)* include in proposals an assessment of their financial and other resource implications (with the assistance of BR) to ensure that they are within the agreed budgetary limits for ITU-R;
- e)* ensure that the objectives and scope of proposed agenda items are complete and unambiguous;
- f)* take into account the status of ITU-R studies related to the potential agenda items before considering them as possible candidates for future agendas;
- g)* distinguish between items intended to result in changes to the Radio Regulations and those dealing solely with the progress of studies;
- h)* arrange items on the agenda by subject to the extent possible.

ANNEX 2 TO RESOLUTION 804 (REV.WRC-19)

**Template for the submission of proposals for agenda items**

**Subject:**

**Origin:**

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***Proposal:***

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***Background/reason:***

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***Radiocommunication services concerned:***

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***Indication of possible difficulties:***

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***Previous/ongoing studies on the issue:***

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***Studies to be carried out by:***

***with the participation of:***

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***ITU-R study groups concerned:***

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***ITU resource implications, including financial implications (refer to CV126):***

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***Common regional proposal:*** Yes/No

***Multicountry proposal:*** Yes/No

***Number of countries:***

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***Remarks***