# Development of the ITU-R documents database search facility

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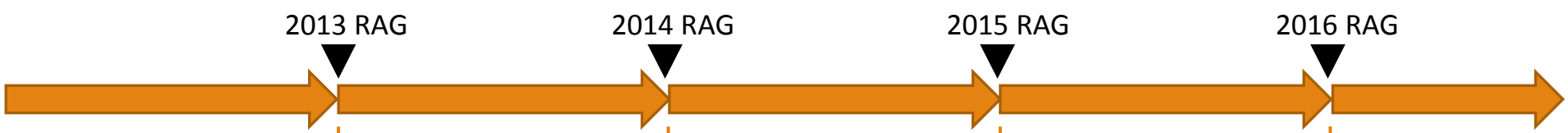
# Overview

- RAG (2012) invited the Director to develop a search database facility for ITU-R Recommendations for assisting membership to identify ITU-R Recommendations.
- Voluntary Contribution USD 290,000 kindly provided by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC), Japan in April 2014
  - Expedite the database development
  - Expand this search function to ITU-R Questions, Reports, Handbooks, Resolutions
  - Make it more accessible for ITU members, including developing countries
  - Consider the equipment of functions to make it more effective and useful

Main Activities

1. ITU-R Documents review & identify/extract search elements
2. Database develoment on ITU Sharepoint Platform
3. Document the working procedures specifying roles & responsiblities of the ITU/BR and ITU-R SGs/WPs to maintain the database
4. Develop a search application accessible by mobile terminals

# Current Progress




**ITU-R Docs review & identify/extract search elements (metadata)**

**ITU-R Recommendations**
- M Series
- Series, Number
- Radio Services
- Min and Max freqs

**ITU-R Recommendations**
- M, F, S Series
- Series, Number
- Text Search
- Radio Services
- Radio Categories
- Responsible SGs/WPs

**ITU-R Recommendations**
- All Series
- Series, Number
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- Radio Services
- Radio Categories
- Responsible SGs/WPs
- All frequency ranges
- Cross Reference
- Approval Year

**ITU-R Questions**
- Responsible SGs/WPs
- Approval Year
- Category
- Target Year

**ITU-R Reports**
- All Series
- Series, Number
- Text Search
- Radio Services
- Radio Categories
- Responsible SGs/WPs
- All frequency ranges
- Approval Year

**ITU-R Resolutions**
[under development]

**ITU-R Handbooks**
[under development]

**Database develoment on ITU Sharepoint Platform (2014.4-)**

- Develop the web-based demonstration site
- Import/update search elements (metadata)
- Synchronize with ITU DMS database

**working procedures specifying roles & responsiblities of the ITU/BR and ITU-R SGs/WPs to maintain the database**

**Develop a search application accessible by mobile terminals**

# ITU-R Documents Search Database Facility Web Site

- **ITU-R Documents Search Database Facility Web Site URL**
  https://extranet.itu.int/brdocsearch/

- **Link to the Search Database Facility is placed to the following pages:**
  - ✓ ITU-R Study Groups, Working Parties and CCV pages
  - ✓ RAG page
  - ✓ RA-15 page

  ("ITU-R Documents Search Tool" in **Documentation** part)

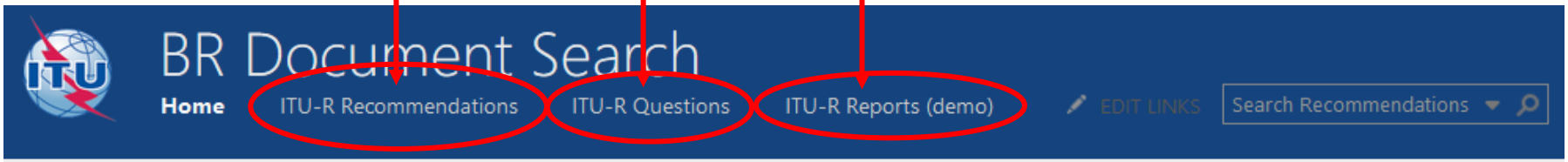
# ITU-R Documents Database Search Facility Top Page

https://extranet.itu.int/brdocsearch

Link to ITU-R Recommendations search page

Link to ITU-R Questions search page

Link to ITU-R Reports search page




## ITU-R Documents Database Search Facility Page

The ITU-R documents database search facility is being developed to make ITU-R documents (ITU-R Recommendations, ITU-R Questions, ITU-R Reports, ITU-R Resolutions and ITU-R Handbooks) more accessible. This database search facility assists to identify ITU-R documents by providing search functions which enable ITU-R documents to be filtered by search criteria such as number, radio category, radio services, frequency ranges and approval year.

**Recent Updates**

- **ITU-R Recommendations** and **ITU-R Questions** searches are OPERATIONAL since 19 October 2015
- **ITU-R Reports** search is available as a demonstration version since 10 November 2015
- **ITU-R Resolutions** and **ITU-R Handbooks** will be available in early 2016
- Search function is available only for "in force" documents
- Reference material for ITU-R Documents Database Search Facility is available **here**
- Any comment and question: junko.koizumi@itu.int (BR/SGD)

# Target documents and main search elements

- **ITU-R Recommendations**
  - Metadata Search (Search Criteria)
    "ITU-R Recommendation Series", "Radio Category", "Radio Services", "Cross Reference", "Responsible SGs/WPs" and "Approval Year"
  - Frequency Search
    Search by frequency range (min and max frequencies)
- **ITU-R Questions**
  - Metadata Search (Search Criteria)
    "Responsible SGs/WPs", "Approval Year", "Target Year" and "Category" (Resolution ITU-R 5)
- **ITU-R Reports [demo version, data verification is required]**
  - Metadata Search (Search Criteria)
    "ITU-R Recommendation Series", "Radio Category", "Radio Services", "Responsible SGs/WPs" and "Approval Year"
  - Frequency Search
    Search by frequency range (min and max frequencies)
- **ITU-R Resolutions and ITU Handbooks [under development]**

# newly introduced search criteria

- **Radio Category (for ITU-R Recommendations and ITU-R Reports)**

  Classified into the following 8 categories according to subject.

  1. Technical/operational characteristics or parameters
  2. Sharing/compatibility issues
  3. Frequency arrangements
  4. Error performance/availablility objectives
  5. High Frequency (HF) systems
  6. Antenna reference patterns
  7. Vocabulary
  8. IMT

  (Each ITU-R Recommendation can have multiple categories, or without category.)

- **Cross Reference (for ITU-R Recommendations)**

  The location where the Recommendations are referred to in the RR is searchable.

  "IBR" : «incorporated by reference» (IBR) in the Radio Regulations
  "Ref." : referred to in the Radio Regulations, but not IBR
  blank : not referred to in the Radio Regulations

- **Frequency Search (for ITU-R Recommendations and ITU-R Reports)**

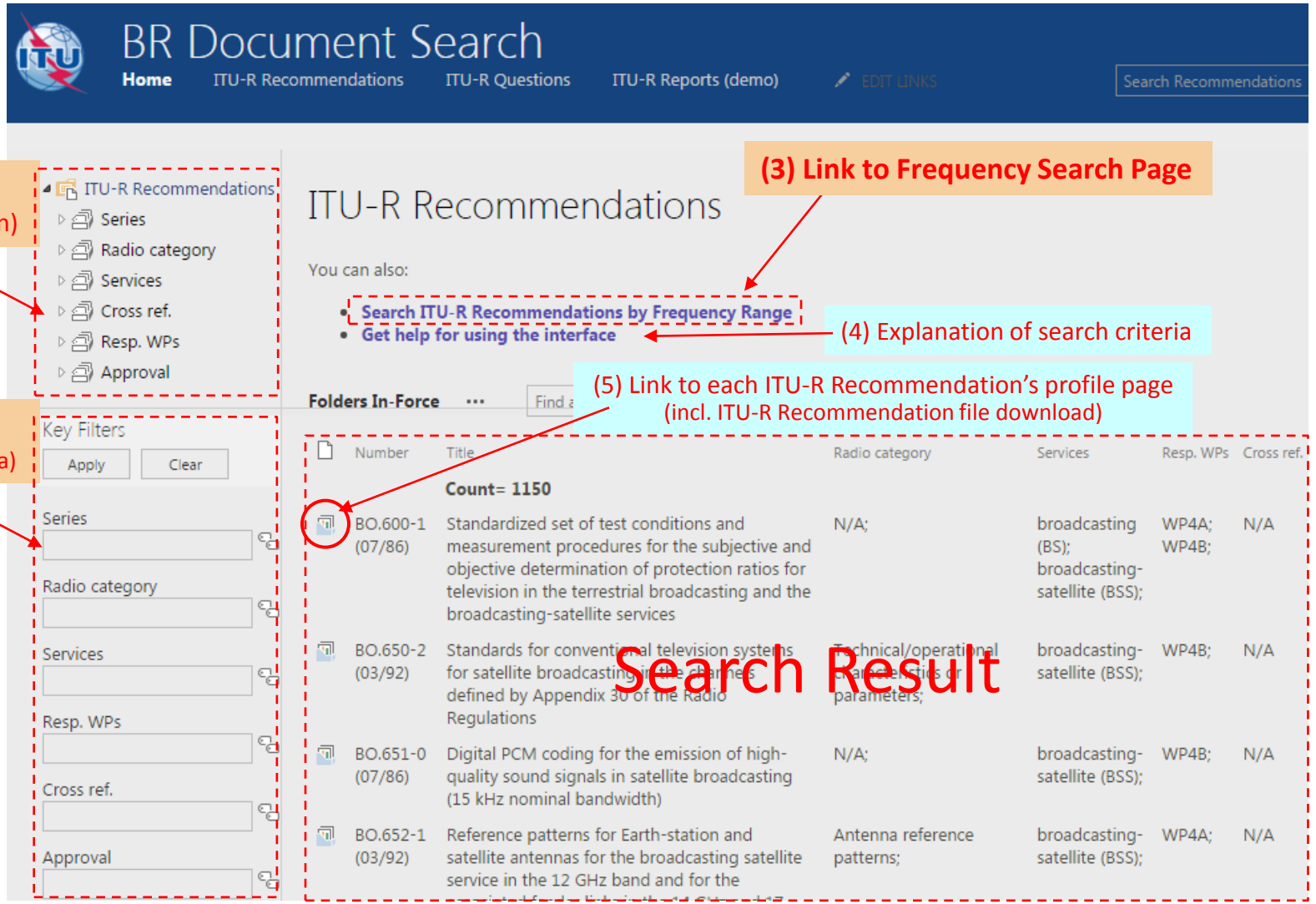
  Frequency Search by frequency range (with min and max frequencies) is available.
  (This function is provided in the separate page from main search page.)

# Demonstration of
# ITU-R Documents Search Database Facility

by ITU-R Recommendation search page
(ITU-R Recommendation Page covers all functions)

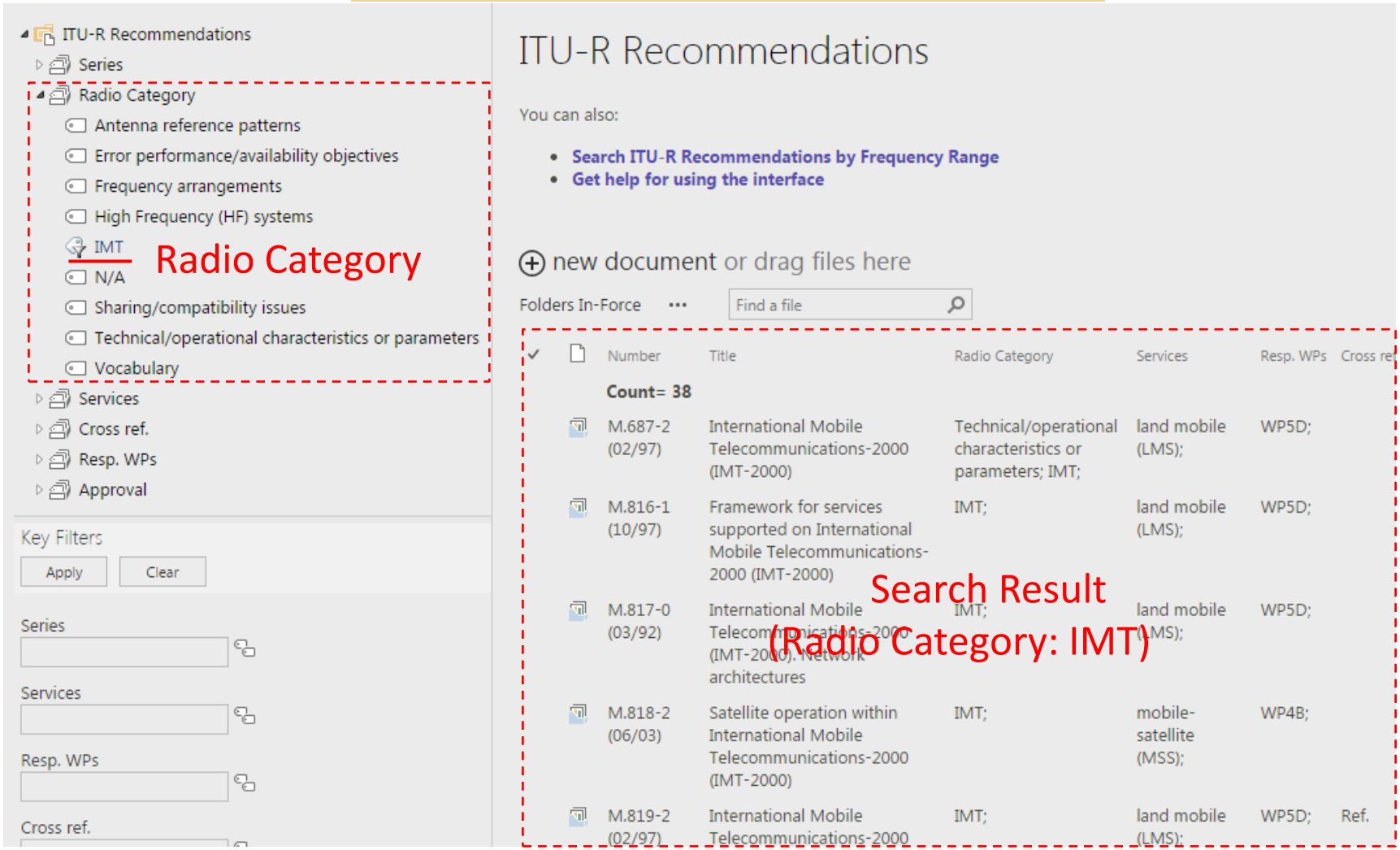
# ITU-R Recommendations Search

https://extranet.itu.int/brdocsearch/R-REC/



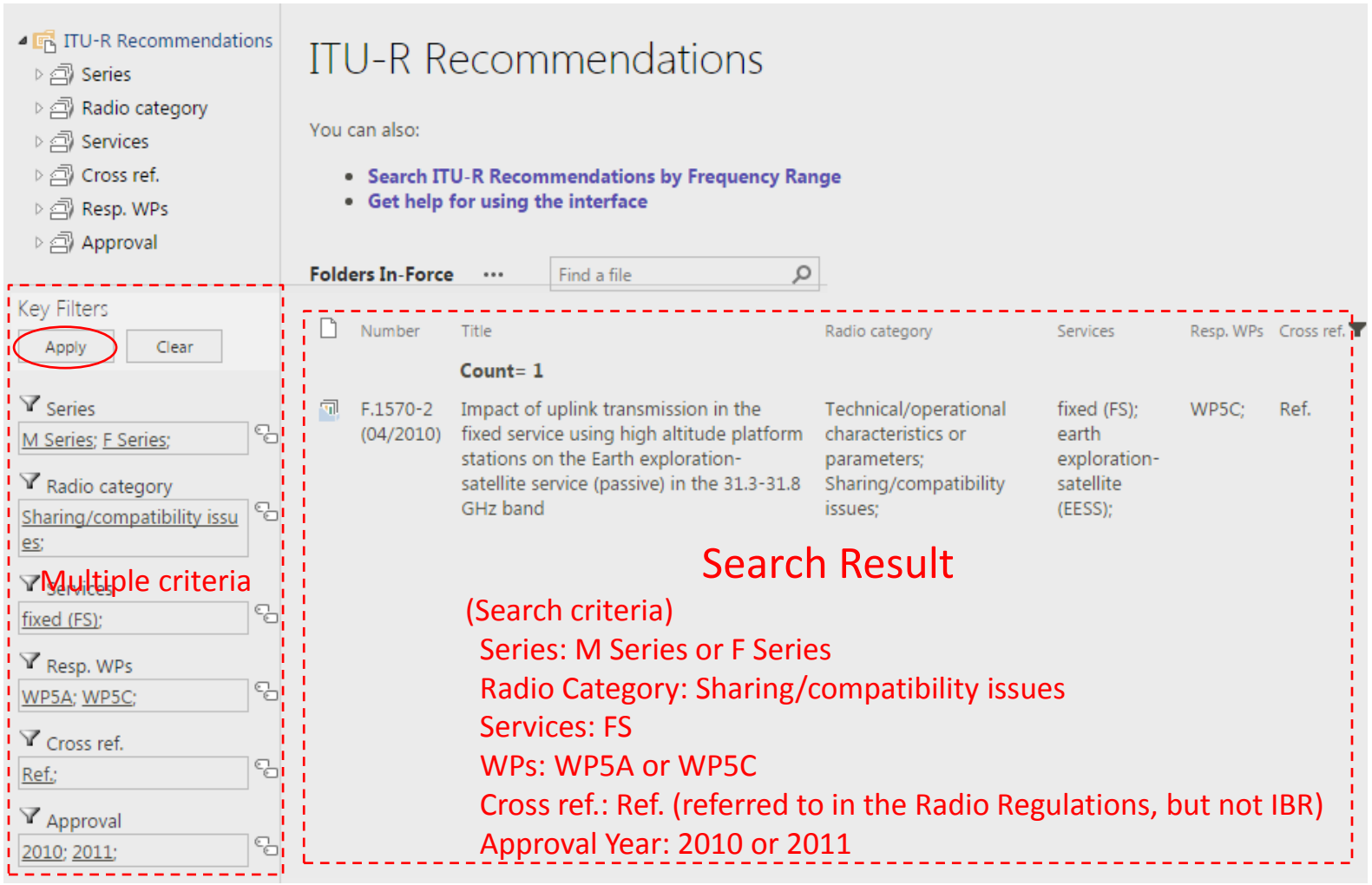
# ITU-R Recommendations Search

**(1) Metadata Search** (search by single criterion)



# ITU-R Recommendations Search

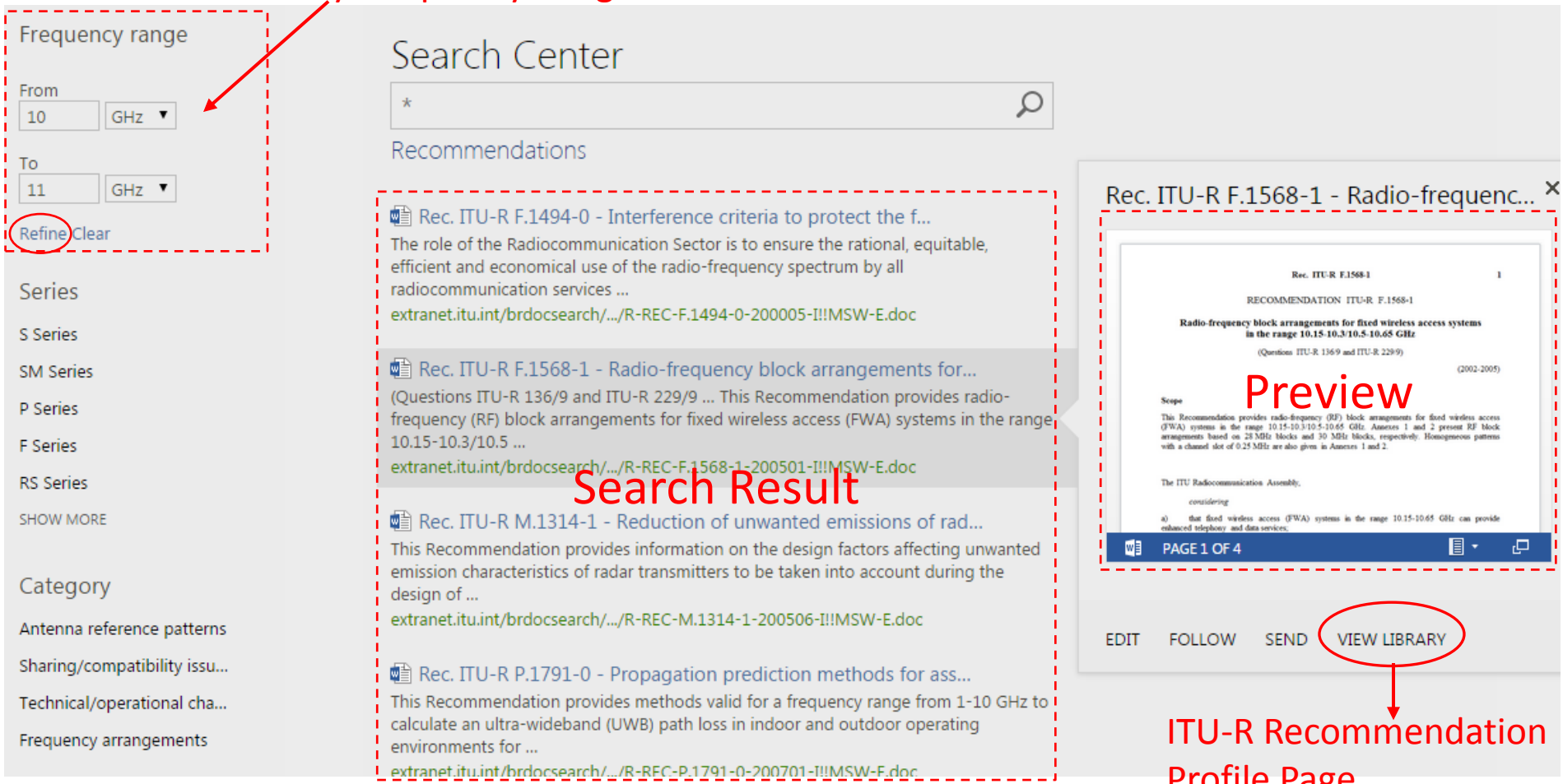
**(2) Metadata Search** (search by multiple criteria)



# ITU-R Recs Frequency Search

## (3) Frequency Search

Search by Frequency Range




ITU-R Recommendation Profile Page

# ITU-R Recommendations Search

## (4) Explanation of search criteria

### Main search criteria

**Metadata Search**

Metadata Search of ITU-R Recommendations / Reports is available by Series, Radio Category, Services, Cross reference , Responsible WPs, Approval year.

- **Series (ITU-R Recommendations Series / ITU-R Reports Series)**

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| BO | Satellite delivery | P | Radiowave propagation | SM | Spectrum management |
| BR | Recording for production, archival and play-out; film for television | RA | Radio astronomy | SNG | Satellite news gathering (ITU-R Recommendations only) |
| BS | Broadcasting service (sound) | RS | Remote sensing systems | TF | Time signals and frequency standards emissions (ITU-R Recommendations only) |
| BT | Broadcasting service (television) | S | Fixed-satellite service | V | Vocabulary and related subjects (ITU-R Recommendations only) |
| F | Fixed service | SA | Space applications and meteorology | | |
| M | Mobile, radiodetermination, amateur and related satellite services | SF | Frequency sharing and coordination between fixed-satellite and fixed service systems | | |

- **Radio Category**

  The ITU-R Recommendations / Reports are classified into the following 8 Radio Categories.
  (One ITU-R Recommendation / Reports can have multiple or without categories.)

  1. Technical/operational characteristics or parameters
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- **Services (Radio Services)**

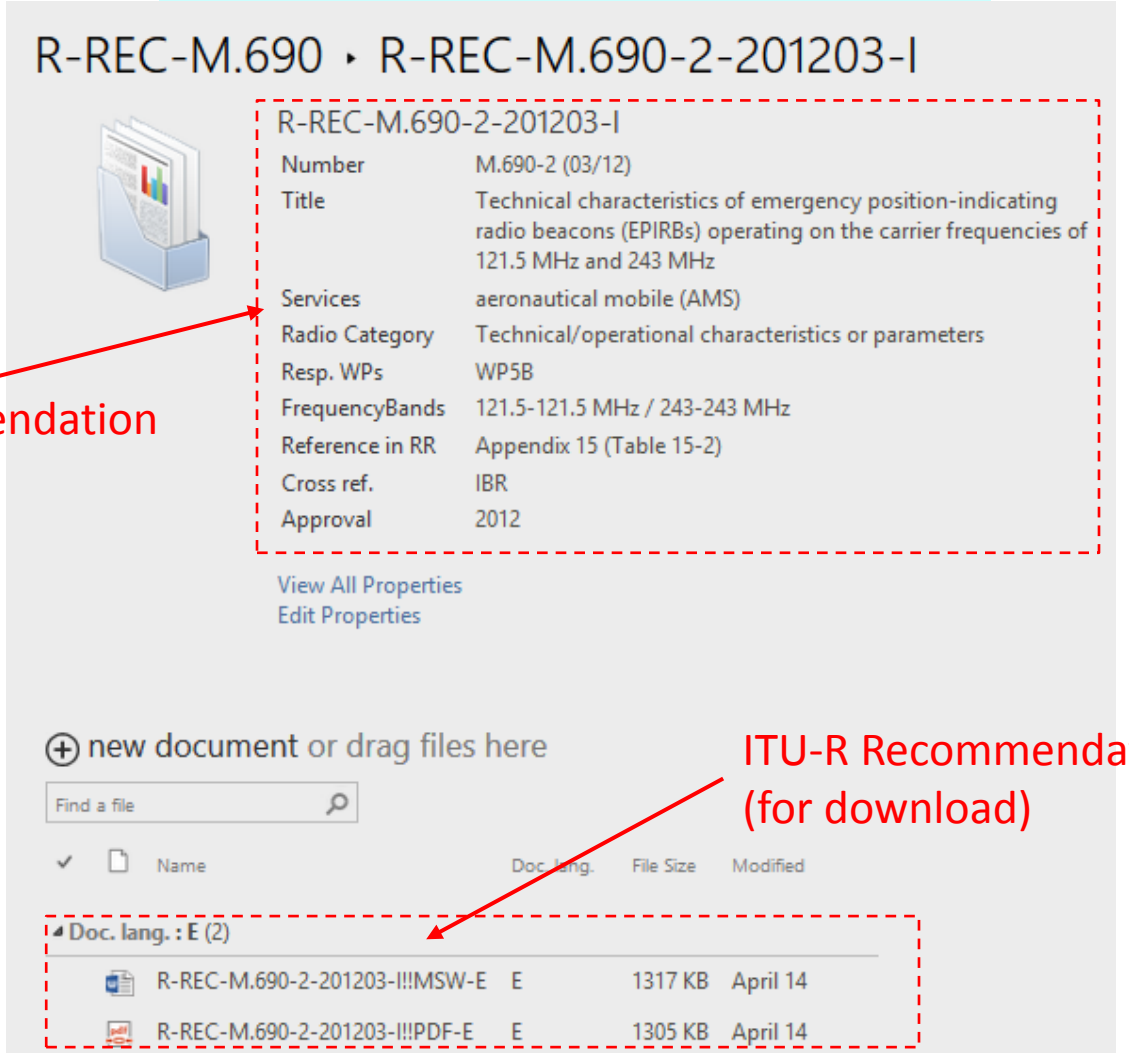
  Radio Services are defined in the Radio Regulations ARTICLE 1 Section III (Radio services).
  "(all)" = no specific radio service is indicated.
  "(others)" = ISM, SRD, UWB, etc.

- **Cross ref. (Please refer to the Radio Regulations Volume IV for IBR (ITU-R Recommendations incorporated by reference)** (ITU-R Recommendations only)

  There are 2 cross reference status on this search: "IBR" and "ref."
  "IBR" = "incorporated by reference in the Radio Regulations"

# ITU-R Recommendations Search

**(5) ITU-R Recommendation Profile Page**




Detail Profile of selected Recommendation

ITU-R Recommendation file (for download)

# Future work

- **Further development of ITU-R Documents Database Search Facility (Data preparation and search tool development for ITU-R Resolutions and ITU Handboks)**

- **Continuous reviews and updates of ITU-R Documents Database Search Facility data (at the timing of new document approval, revision, suppression of document)**

- **Establishment of working procedures specifying roles & responsiblities of the ITU/BR and ITU-R SGs/WPs to maintain the database**

- **Development of mobile application to make it accessible by mobile terminals**

# *Thank you!*

*For comments or feedbacks,*

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