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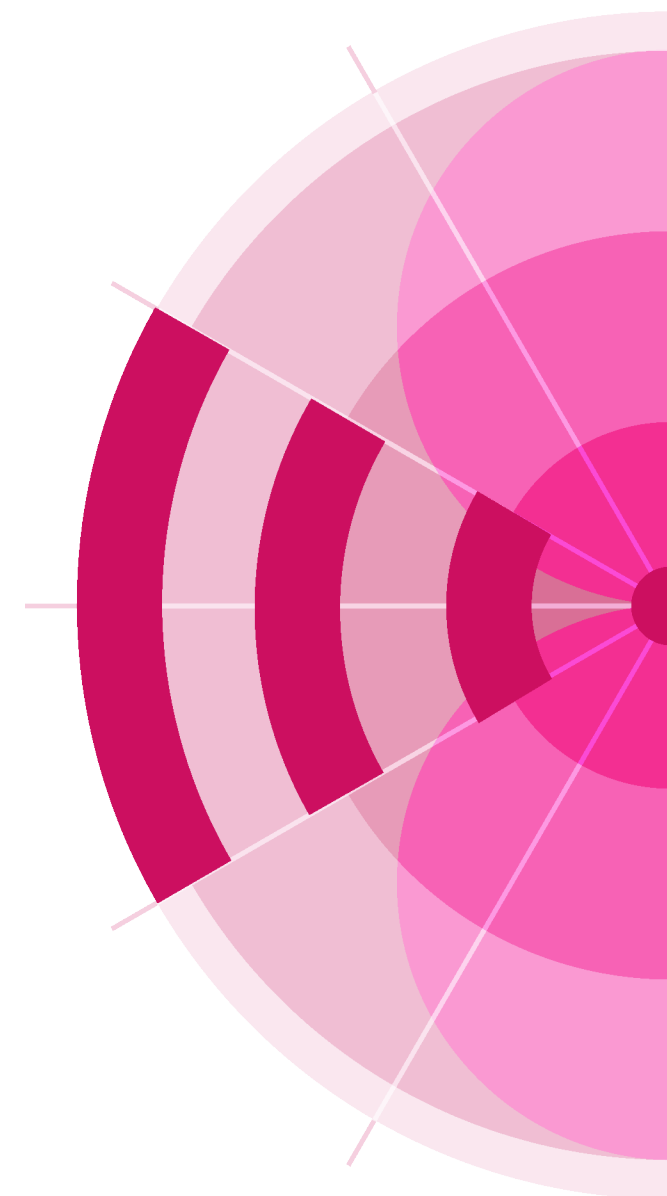
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# Radio Regulations Board (RRB)

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# Mandate of the Board - 1/3

- ITU Constitution
- ITU Convention
- ITU Radio Regulations



# Mandate of the Board – 2/3

## □ Mandate from the ITU Constitution

- CS 93 to CS 101: Composition & Functions of the Board
- CS 98: serve as **custodians of an international public trust** and not as members of their individual Administrations

## □ Mandate from the ITU Convention

- CV 140 to CV 147: Additional duties and working methods of the Board
- Resolution 119: Methods to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Radio Regulations Board

# Mandate of the Board – 3/3

## ❑ Mandate from the Radio Regulations

- RR Article 6: Special Agreements - No 6.6 (rarely used)
- RR Article 7: Application of the procedures - Nos 7.1, 7.5-7.7
- RR Article 14: Review of a Bureau finding – Nos 14.5-14.8

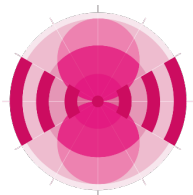
## ❑ Mandate from RR Article 13

- Section 0 - Development of Rules of Procedure (RoPs)
- Section II - Deletion of assignments from MIFR (No 13.6)
- Section III - Maintenance of RoPs
- Section IV - Board Documents

# Composition of the Board

- ❑ **12 members of RRB elected by the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference for a term of 4 years**
  - Selected from 5 different geographical regions
  - Perform their duties independently and on a part-time basis
  - Eligible for re-election once
- ❑ **Director, Radiocommunication Bureau (Bureau or BR) is the Executive Secretary for the Board**
- ❑ **The Board is supported by experts from the BR**

# Current Members of the Board



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# Current Members 2018-2022

## ☐ Region A

**Ms. C. Beaumier** (Canada)

Mr. F. Borjon (Mexico)

## ☐ Region B

Mr. Y. Henri (France)

**Ms. L. Jeanty** (Netherlands)

## ☐ Region C

**Ms. S. Hasanova** (Azerbaijan)

Mr. N. Varlamov (Russian Federation)

## ☐ Region D

Dr. E. Azzouz (Egypt)

Mr. S. M. Mchunu (South Africa)

Mr. H. Talib (Morocco)

## ☐ Region E

Mr. T. Alamri (Saudi Arabia)

Dr. A. Hashimoto (Japan)

Mr. D. Hoan (Vietnam)



# Duties of the Board 1/2

- ❑ **Consider and approve the Rules of Procedures (RoP)**
- ❑ **Consider at the request of an administration:**
  - **Appeals** on Bureau's decisions and other requests
  - **Interference issues** between countries
- ❑ **Address matters identified by the Bureau which cannot be resolved through application of the Radio Regulations and Rules of Procedure**
- ❑ **Provide advice to Radiocommunication Conferences and Radiocommunication Assemblies**

# Duties of the Board 2/2

- ❑ **Perform any additional duties prescribed by a WRC or the ITU Council – for example**
  - Consider **requests** for limited and qualified **extension** of regulatory time-limit **for bringing into use** of frequency assignments to a satellite **in cases of co-passenger delay or *force majeure***
  - Prepare **reports** to the WRC on 1) RRB **activities**, 2) possible modifications to the Radio Regulations to WRCs to **transfer the content of RoPs** and 3) on its **recommendations** to address **Resolution 80 *Due Diligence in Applying the Principles Embodied in the Constitution***
- ❑ **Note: RRB's decisions can only be overturned by a WRC**

# Rules of Procedure 1/2

- ❑ **Complement the Radio Regulations and Regional Agreements**
  - Provide clarifications on how various provisions will be applied by the Bureau
- ❑ **Developed only if there is a clear need**
- ❑ **Three types of RoPs**
  - **PART A:** Rules relating to the RR provisions
  - **PART B:** Rules that relate to a process, i.e. technical examination
  - **PART C:** Internal arrangements and working methods of the Board



# Rules of Procedure 2/2

## □ Procedure for developing a Rule of Procedure

- A **draft RoP** is prepared by the Bureau and approved by RRB
- The draft RoP is **circulated to administrations for comments** via a CCRR circular letter
- The draft RoP and comments from administrations are **submitted to RRB for approval**
- The BR then **publishes the approved RoP** in a CR circular letter

## □ RoPs reviewed after each WRC

# Meetings of the Board

- ❑ **Normally 3 meetings per year**
  - **Documents** from administrations **due 3 weeks before** Board's meeting
  - **Comments** on the **draft Rule** of Procedure **due 4 weeks before** the Board's meeting
  - Meetings chaired by a member, who is elected to serve as the **chairman for one year**
- ❑ **Note: Board cannot accept 'Confidential' documents in order to work in a transparent manner**

# Transparency of the Board

- ❑ **Transparency essential for the Board's activities**
  
- ❑ **All documents of the Board are posted on RRB website**
  - Meeting dates and deadlines
  - Agendas and meeting documents
  - Summary of Decisions
  - Minutes of Meetings
  - Draft RoPs and Approved RoPs
  - Archives

# Recent Activities

- ❑ **Resolution 80 Report to WRC-19**
- ❑ **Review of Rules of Procedure to reflect WRC-19 decisions**
- ❑ **Decisions under No. 13.6 to cancel frequency assignments**
  - Non-conformity with bringing into use (BIU) date, assignments no longer in use or non-conformity with characteristics in the MIFR
- ❑ **Requests for extension of regulatory deadlines**
  - Cases of co-passenger delay
  - Delays due to *force majeure*
- ❑ **Implementation of Resolution 559 (WRC-19)**
- ❑ **Interference cases**

# Resolution 80 Report to WRC-19

- RRB recommendations adopted to enhance the fulfilment of the principles of rational, efficient and economical use, and equitable access to spectrum/orbital resources, such as:
  - Administrations to provide **sufficient detail to justify a request to extend regulatory deadlines** due to co-passenger delay
  - ITU-R to **study** whether the **use of electric propulsion satellite technology** should be taken into account in the regulations
  - ITU-R to **study** specific **criteria and conditions** upon which the RRB could consider granting an **extension** of the **regulatory deadline to a developing country**



# Conclusions

- ❑ **Members of the Board are spectrum management experts that perform a service for the Union, independently and on a part time basis, without personal, commercial, national or political interest.**
- ❑ **Our objective is to arrive at fair and consistent decisions that are in the interest of all, and to offer advice that support the needs of Member States.**

# Thank you!

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