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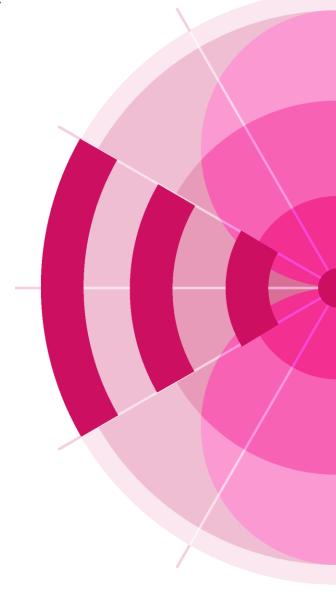
e-Communications

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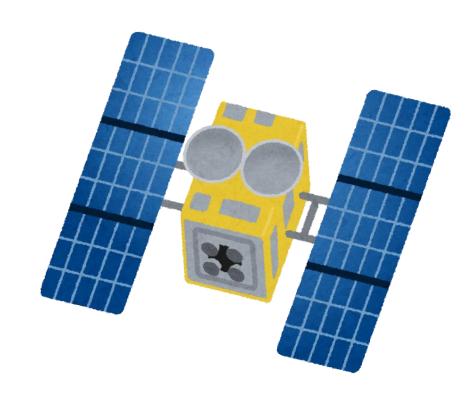


e-Communications

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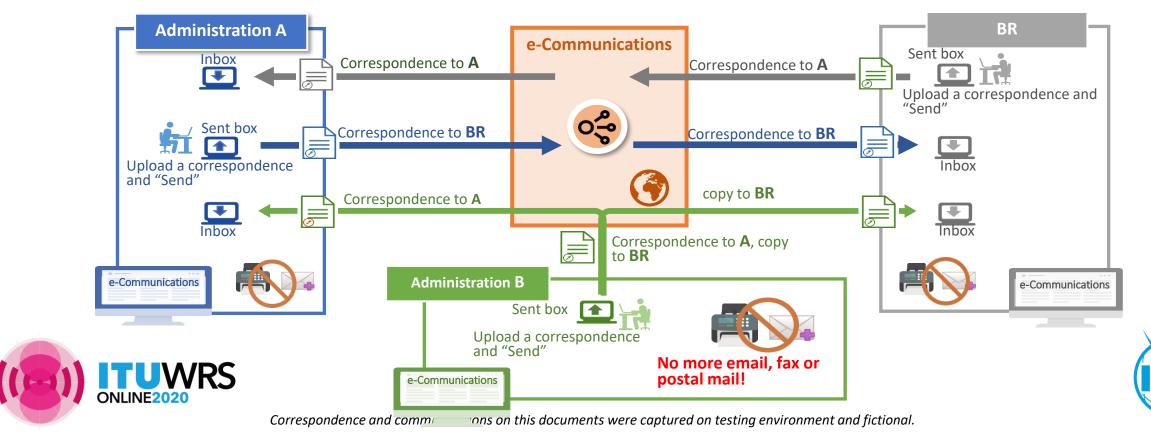
The diagrams in this material were captured from a testing environment of e-Communications.

Correspondence on this document are fictional.



General Introduction (1) Abstract of e-Communications

- e-Communications is an online communication platform to allow Administrations and the Bureau to send and receive administrative correspondence related to space services.
- This online application covers all types of administrative correspondence related to space services between Administrations and the Bureau as well as between Administrations without using emails and telefaxes.
- This tool was developed by the Bureau under Resolution **907** (Rev. WRC-15) and is available at: https://www.itu.int/ITU-R/go/space-communications



General Introduction (2) Background

- Res **907** (Rev. WRC-15)* was resolved at WRC-12 and revised at WRC-15: "Use of modern electronic means of communication for administrative correspondence..."
 - resolves that modern electronic means of communication shall be used whenever possible in the administrative correspondence between Administrations and the Radiocommunication Bureau...,
 - instructs the Radiocommunication Bureau to provide Administrations with the necessary technical means to ensure that the modern electronic correspondence is secure,



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Successful testing by Administrations (August - September 2019)

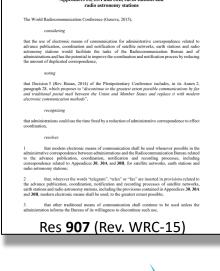


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Online communication platform "e-Communications" commenced its operation at the end of October 2019.



*Resolution **907** (Rev. WRC-15): Use of modern electronic means of communication for administrative correspondence related to advance publication, coordination and notification of satellite networks including that related to Appendices 30, 30A and 30B, earth stations and radio astronomy stations



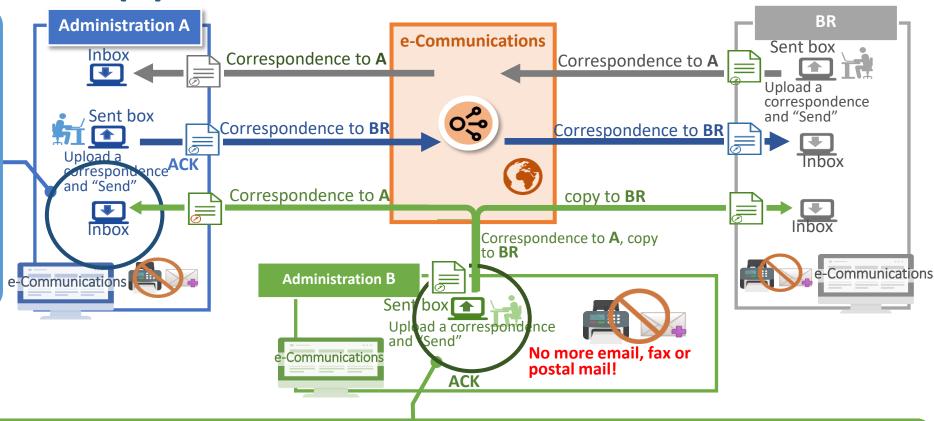
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General Introduction (3) Overall system workflow

When receiving correspondence from ADM or BR

- 1. Correspondence is delivered.
- Receiving correspondence is shown on the list of Inbox of receiving ADM
- Automatic ACK email is delivered to receiving ADM.
- Reply on the system if necessary



When sending correspondence from Administration

- 1. Create a correspondence.
 - 1. Enter or select metadata: "Category", "To" and "Copy to" (Other ADMs or BR), subject, IFIC No., Satellite name as necessary.
 - 2. Compose a message and attach a letter (not mandatory)

- 2. Click on "Send" button
 - 1. Correspondence is sent to destinations.
 - 2. Sent correspondence is listed on "Sent" box.
 - 3. Automatic acknowledgement email is delivered to sending Administration and receiving Administration or BR.



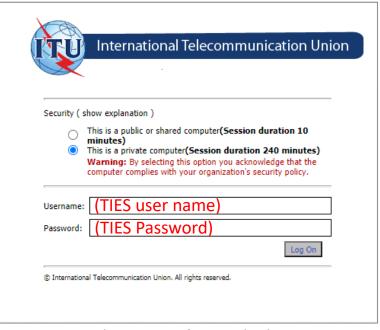
User accounts (1) General Steps to get your user account



- **1. TIES account** is necessary before getting access rights to the system.
 - If you don't have TIES user account, please obtain it via TIES Services.

2. Each Administration needs to nominate Administration Manager role(s) to ITU.

- Nominate Administration Managers if your Administration hasn't been registered.
- 3. Your Administration Manager registers your TIES account as Administration users on the system.
- 4. You can log in the system with your TIES user name and password: https://www.itu.int/ITU-R/go/space-communications
- Please note that all existing users registered with "e-Submission" with Administration Manager or Administration User roles as of **22 October 2019** have been automatically added to "e-Communications" with the same roles.
- Those e-Submission users can log in e-Communications with their TIES user names and passwords through the login page (the right figure).



Login page to e-Communications

User accounts (2) Nomination of Administration Manager and User roles

Nomination of Administration Manager

- Administrations not registered in "e-Submission" as of 22 October 2019 are requested to first designate an Administration Manager to the Bureau with the following information via email brmail@itu.int or telefax: +41 22 730 5785
 - Required information: (1) the person's name, (2) title, (3) email address, (4) telephone number and (5)
 TIES user name
- The Administration Manager can authorize access to e-Communications for other Administration Users.

(Please refer to further details in the circular letter CR/447, CR/450 and Release Note (User Guides)

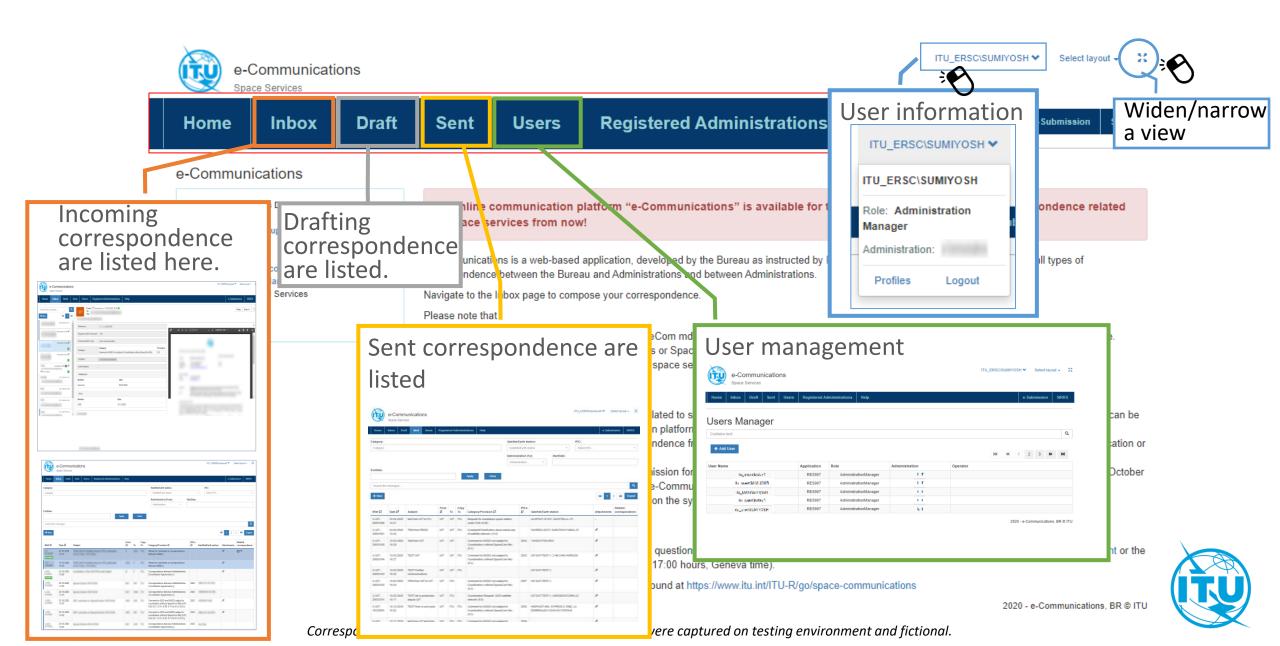
User roles

This system has the following 2 categories of user accounts in Administrations corresponding to the roles.

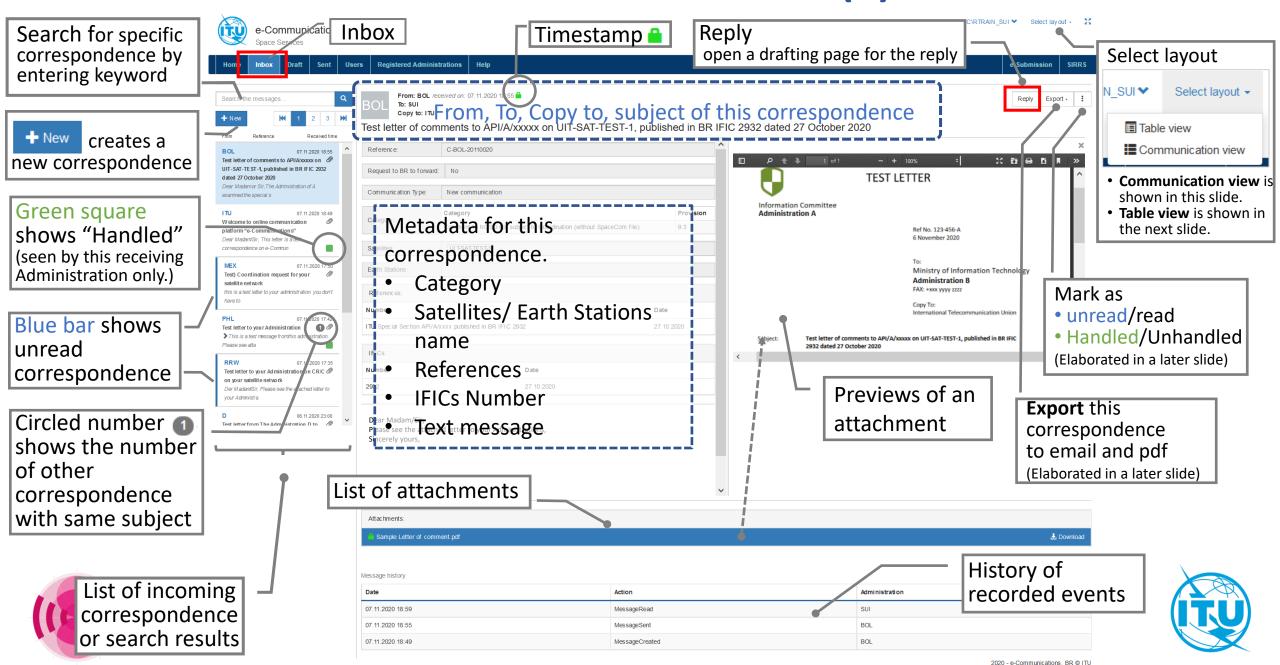
- (1) Administration Manager: has the privileges to
 - Compose and send correspondence to BR and Administrations.
 - Add/Remove user accounts for Administration User in the same Administration.
- (2) Administration User: has the privilege to compose and send correspondence to BR and Administrations,



General functions for e-Communications (1) Basic layout

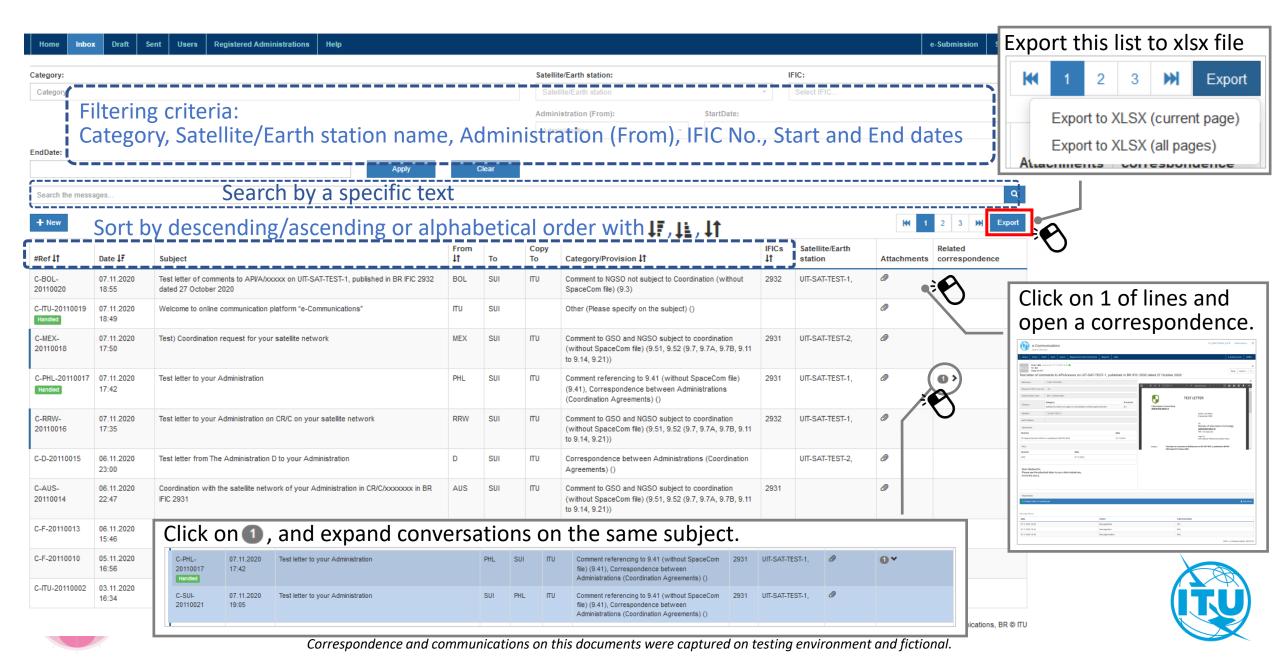


General functions for e-Communications (2) **□** Communication view



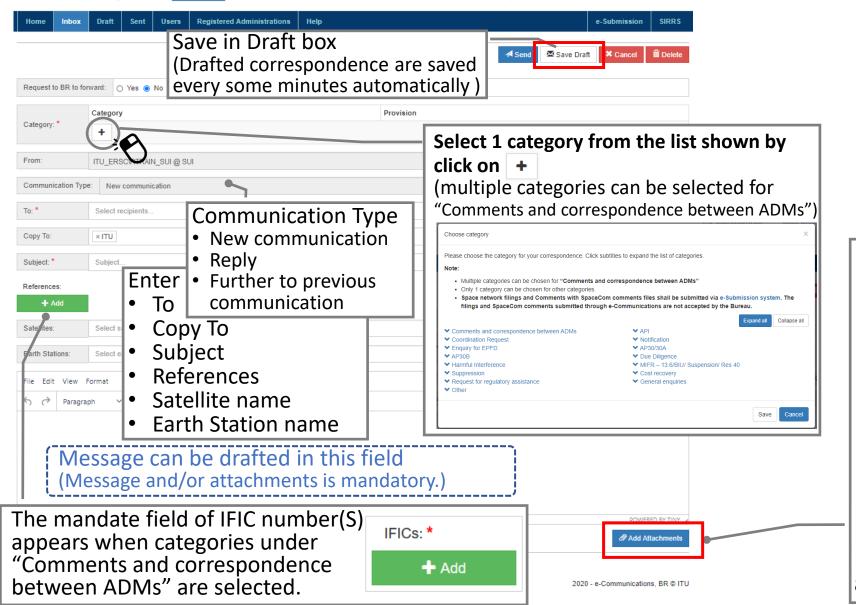
General functions for e-Communications (3) Table view

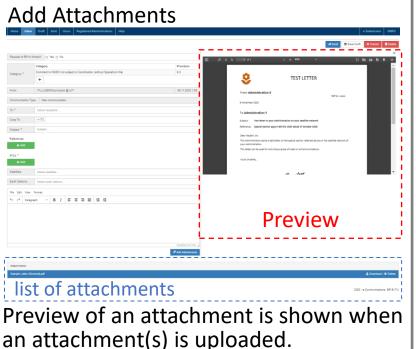




General functions for e-Communications (4) Compose view

Clicking on to compose a new correspondence.





General functions for e-Communications (5)

List of categories on e-Communications (1)

This is a list of categories on e-Communications as of 1 November 2020. This list may be updated according to feedbacks or requirements from Administration and users in the Bureau.

Comments and correspondence between ADMs

- Comment to NGSO not subject to Coordination (without SpaceCom file)
- Comment to GSO and NGSO subject to coordination (without SpaceCom file)
- Comment referencing to 9.41 (without SpaceCom file)
- Exclusion of service area of BSS
- Exclusion from service area (AP30B) under §6.16 of AP30B
- Correspondence related to coordination meeting
- Correspondence between Administrations (Coordination Agreements)
- Request for coordination for Earth stations between Administrations
- Comments on Part-IS for networks not subject to coordination
- Comment to AP30/30A Special Section (without SpaceCom file)
- Comment to a AP30B Special Section
- Assistance on commenting for AP30/30A/30B
- Others for comments or correspondence between ADMs

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Coordination Request

- Coordination Request: GSO satellite network
- Coordination Request: NGSO satellite network
- Coordination Request: Earth Station

Notification

- Notification: GSO satellite network
- Notification: NGSO satellite network
- Notification: Earth station
- Notification: Radio astronomy station
- Disagreement on coordination indicated in Part I/II-S publication
- Request to Review a Finding or Decision made by the Bureau
- Update of Information on completion of coordination
- Resubmission under 11.46

Enquiry for EPFD

AP30/30A

- Assistance under §4.1.10a-4.1.10d
- Request extension of period of operation (Regions 1 & 3 networks)
- Application of §4.1.18/§4.2.21A description of steps under §4.1.18bis/§4.2.21B
- AP30/30A Request for cancellation of a Special Section
- AP30/30A Assistance

AP30B

- Assistance under §6.13-6.15
- AP30B Request for cancellation of a Special Section
- AP30B Assistance

General functions for e-Communications (6)

List of categories on e-Communications (2)

Due Diligence

- Res 49 for unplanned bands
- Res 552
- New launch site
- Res 49 for AP30/30A/30B
- Others for Due Diligence

Harmful Interference

Harmful Interference - Infringement of RR

MIFR - 13.6/BIU/ Suspension/ Res 40

- Complaint/Clarification about actual use of satellite network
- Bring into Use / Bring back into Use
- Suspension
- Resumption of operation
- Res 40
- Extension of period of validity
- Others for MIFR

Suppression

- Suppression of satellite network
- Suppression of Earth station
- Suppression of Radio astronomy station

Cost recovery

- Free entitlement
- Payment status
- Change of account
- Others for Cost recovery

Request for regulatory assistance

- Request for Assistance space station under 9.60
- Request for Assistance Earth station under 9.46, 9.60
- Assistance in Coordination / Notification Procedures

General enquiries

- Radio Regulations
- Space publications
- Space web services
- BR space software
- Request to review a Finding or Decision made by the Bureau

Other

- Request for new operating agency
- Request for change of address
- Request for change of satellite name
- Inquiry for a publication in a BRIFIC
- Other (Please specify on the subject)

General functions for e-Communications (7) Other views

Draft Box and Sent Box Draft



- Both views have Table view and Communication view.
 - The functionalities on both views are same with Inbox.
- Further communication to the previous sent correspondence can be composed by clicking on Further communication

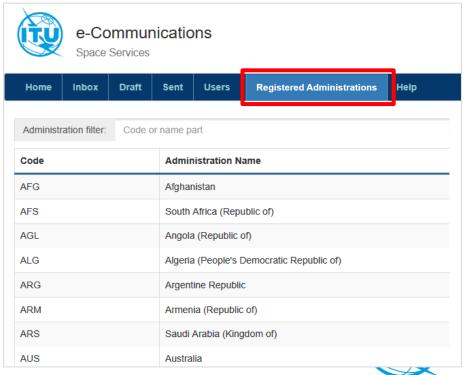
• The communication type via "Further communication" button becomes "Further to previous communication". Communication Type: Further to previous communication

Registered Administrations

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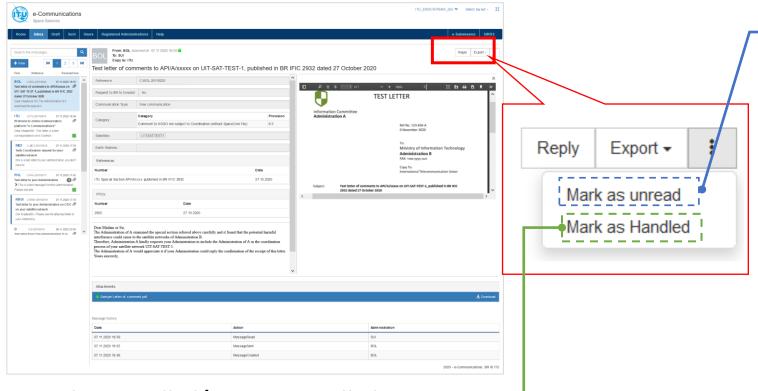
- Administrations which have been registered on e-Communications are listed under Registered Administrations tab.
- Uand a warning message appears if users select an Administration not registered on e-Communications in "To" or "Copy to" field.





Useful functions (1) Management of status of each correspondence

On the view of each incoming correspondence, click on i and change the status of "Read/Unread" and "Handled".



Mark as Handled/Remove Handled

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- Handled status helps to inform other users in the same Administration of the completion of tasks related to this correspondence.
- Handled doesn't mean any regulatory status and can be seen by only the receiving Administration.
- Handled can be removed by select Remove Handled.

Mark as unread/Read

- When a new incoming correspondence is read by a user, a blue vertical line is removed.
- If the correspondence should remain as unread, click on the top right corner and select **Mark as unread.**





On list view



On the view of each correspondence

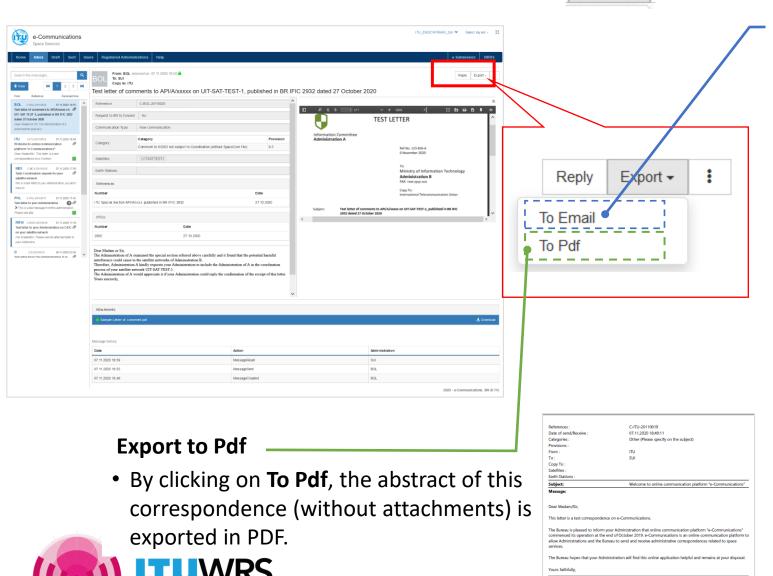


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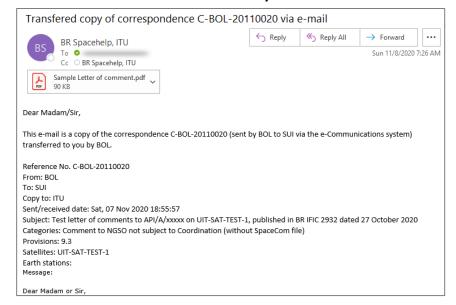
Useful functions (2) Sharing correspondence by exporting

On the view of each incoming correspondence, click on Export and export the correspondence to email and pdf file.



Export to Email

 By selecting To Email, the abstract of the correspondence and attachments are sent to email addresses entered by a user.





Operation of e-Communications (1) (**)



Traditional means (email, telefax, postal mail)

Future operational plan

Welcome!

Initial Operation

- During an initial period of operation,
 - Outgoing correspondence from the Bureau are sent by the traditional means and through e-Communications system.
 - Correspondence from Administrations to the Bureau can be sent either using the traditional means or e-Communications system.
- The Bureau envisages that relevant Rules of Procedure may be adopted to make the "e-Communications" system the sole means of communications.

Future Development

- The Bureau is developing several new functionalities on e-Communications.
- Many new features are coming soon such as the improved reminder process on Planned Band, improved user management features etc.
- The Bureau will welcome suggestions and comments to improve the system from your Administrations by email (spacehelp@itu.int).



Operation of e-Communications (2)

Submission via e-Communications, e-Submission and SIRRS 🖵 🖵

BR provides 3 online applications: **e-Communications**, **e-Submission**, and **SIRRS**. Here are the points of the online applications according to the type of notices.

- The online "e-Communications" system is intended only for sending and receiving administrative correspondence related to space services.
- The online system "e-Submission for Satellite Network Filings" shall continue to be used for submissions of satellite filings and SpaceCom comment files (see Circular Letter CR/434).
- The online system "Satellite Interference Reporting and Resolution System" (SIRRS) shall continue to be used for reports of harmful interference. (see Circular Letter CR/435).
- Users must be registered on each system separately.

	What do you want to submit?	Which tool should be used?
1.	Correspondence related to Space Services (other than 3 5 below)	<u>e-Communications</u>
2.	non SpaceCom comments (without SpaceCom mdb files)	<u>e-Communications</u>
3.	Satellite network filings	<u>e-Submission</u>
4.	SpaceCom comments files	<u>e-Submission</u>
5.	Report of a harmful interference affecting space services	SIRRS



Important notes (1)

(!) Access e-Communications and read correspondence from other Administrations

- Please access e-Communications frequently and read correspondence sent from other Administrations or BR at least when you receive automatic acknowledgment emails from e-Communications system.
- If you don't receive any acknowledgment emails though you are a user of e-Communications, please update your email address associated with TIES account to the email address you access frequently in order to acknowledge correspondence your Administration receives smoothly.
- The coordination process of your satellite network may be delayed if your Administration doesn't notice correspondence received via e-Communications.

(!) Update email addresses for TIES accounts

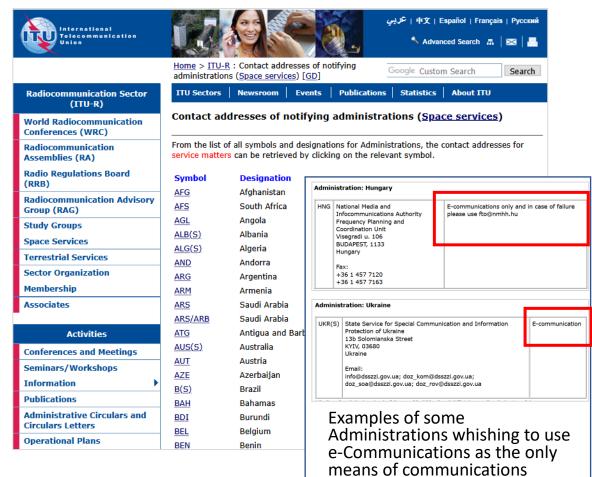
- Automatic acknowledgement emails are sent to your email address associated with your TIES account.
- In order to deliver acknowledgement emails to you correctly, please keep to update your email address associated to your TIES account thorough TIES Services:
 - https://www.itu.int/en/ties-services/Pages/default.aspx
- Change email addresses associated with TIES accounts to ones which you use on your business if your email addresses associated with TIES account are free email addresses to which you don't access.



Important notes (2)

(!) Inform BR of the willingness to discontinue traditional means of communications

- Your Administrations are invited to inform the willingness to discontinue traditional means of communication (email, telefax and postal mail) if your Administrations wish to use "e-Communications" as the only means of communication between the Administrations and BR.
- BR sends outgoing correspondence via only e-Communications to the Administrations which have informed the above-mentioned willingness on e-Communications.
- The Administrations which have informed their willingness on "e-Communications" are indicated on Contact addresses of notifying administrations (Space services) page on ITU website.



http://www.itu.int/online/mm/scripts/org br admin.list? group=BR SSD



Important notes (3)

- When an Administration sends correspondence to the Bureau via e-Communications, the same correspondence is not required to be sent to the Bureau via e-mail or telefax again.
- (!) Rest assured that all correspondence sent to BR via e-Communications have been treated by BR
 - BR is sometimes asked if BR reads correspondence sent via e-Communications from Administrations because the history of correspondence doesn't change to "Read".
 - The Bureau accepts and reads all of correspondence from all Administrations via e-Communications smoothly and processes them normally even if the history on e-Communications does not show that the message has been read by ITU.
 - This discrepancy will be resolved soon by a new implementation on e-Communications.
 - Backup necessary correspondence by Administrations themselves
 - All communications uploaded on e-Communications are stored there for a while.
 - Mowever, please backup necessary correspondence by Administrations themselves.





e-Communications Test site (1)



Test site of e-Communications

You can exercise drafting/sending/receiving correspondence on e-Communications with the following test site with test user accounts.

- Test site: https://www.itu.int/itu-r/e-communications/external/wrs
- Video tutorial on how to use e-Communications has been uploaded to WRS-20 website. Please watch it to see the detailed process of e-Communications system.

Test user account

- Test user accounts have been prepared for all Administrations.
- Test user name: rtrain_XXX
 ("XXX" is different according to your administration's symbol.
 e.g., F (France), IND (India), SUI (Switzerland))
- Password: rtrain@ITU



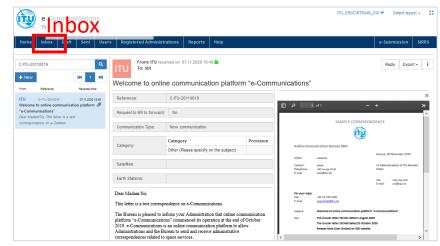




e-Communications Test site (2)

Test materials

- You can send any correspondence with/without attachments to any Administrations and BR on the test site.
- Some test correspondence have been sent to Inbox of all Administrations on the test site.
 - If you don't have an appropriate test material tested on the test site, please download the test letters attached to correspondence from ITU to the test user account of your Administration.



Inbox on the test site where test letter can be downloaded.

Tips for exercise on the test site

- If you have your own TIES user account, you can register it as Administration User of your Administration on the test site after you log into the test site with a test user account of your Administration.
- Please note that all test user accounts are shared by everyone. All files or messages uploaded to the test site
 can be seen by all test users. Therefore, please don't upload sensitive or confidential information to the
 test site.



User Support

e-Communications



More detailed information for the system are described in CR/447 dated 1 August 2019, CR/450 dated 25 September 2019 and the system website: https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-R/space/e-communications

Helpdesk



Please contact the helpdesk (spacehelp@itu.int) or the hotline (<a href="mailto:spa

hours, Geneva time) if you have questions or any difficulties using the system.



BR also welcomes any suggestions for improvements to the system.

User support page





User Guide, notices to users and other useful references have been uploaded the user support page:

https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-R/space/e-communications/Pages/default.aspx



User Guide

https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-R/space/e-communications/Documents/User Guide of eCommunications.pdf





User support page

Takeaways 💠

- 1. The online communication platform "e-Communications" allows Administrations and the Bureau to send and receive correspondence through an online interface instead of via emails or telefaxes.
- 2. The Bureau hopes that the system improves communication between Administrations and the Bureau, and ultimately helps the entire satellite coordination process.
- 3. Administrations which have no registered users on the system are urged to nominate one or more Administration Manager(s) to the Bureau to use "e-Communications".
- 4. The Bureau encourages Administration to indicate their willingness to use "e-Communications" as the only means of communication and to discontinue the traditional means of communication from Administrations.
- 5. Administrations registered on the system are strongly requested to access e-Communications to check/read the incoming correspondence regularly.
- 6. The system is constantly being updated in accordance with requests from Administrations as well as internal requirements of Bureau. The Bureau welcomes any suggestions and comments to improve the system (email to spacehelp@itu.int).





Thank you!

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Questions to spacehelp@itu.int



