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RADIOCOMMUNICATION ADVISORY GROUP

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SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS

| Agenda ItemNo. | Subject | Conclusions |
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| 3.1 | Council issues – Cost recovery for the maintenance of satellite assignments recorded in the MIFR*(Docs. RAG11-1/1 (Rev.1) (§2.1) + Add.4 and RAG11-1/15 (§3))* | RAG noted the information contained in the Director’s Report.Taking into account that this is an issue of policy nature and quite complex and very sensitive, [and outside the terms of reference of RAG as stipulated in Article 11A of the Convention,] RAG concluded that it is not in a position to consider the matter. RAG noted, however, that the objectives of satellite cost recovery are neither to generate revenue for the Union nor to ensure the application of the principle of equitable access for the use of the spectrum/orbit utilization; the objectives are also not to deal with satellite backlog and paper satellites. Consequently, in any further development of the issue, the above mentioned points together with various arguments put forward during the discussion related to the matter, including the timeliness and appropriateness of the proposed approach, especially the strong concerns expressed on any possible revision to Council Decision 482 (modified 2008) need to be considered by competent entities such as the Council and the Plenipotentiary Conference from the policy and financial aspects and a competent WRC from the regulatory aspects.  |
| 3.2 | PP issues – ITU-R publications ([Decision 12 (Guadalajara, 2010)](http://www.itu.int/council/Basic-Texts/ResDecRec-PP10-e.docx#dec12A) and [Resolution 66 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010)](http://www.itu.int/council/Basic-Texts/ResDecRec-PP10-e.docx#res66)) *(Docs. RAG11-1/1 (Rev.1) (§§3.5, 3.6 and Add.1))* | RAG noted the big increase of downloads of ITU-R Recommendations since their access was made free online. During the discussions, a request was made for the Secretariat to provide an estimation of the loss of revenue that could result from the free online access to the Radio Regulations, as mentioned in *recognizing h)* of PP-10 Decision 12.RAG noted the application of market prices to ITU-R publications since 1.1.2011 in accordance with the new ITU Publication Pricing and Sales Policy resulting from the implementation of PP-10 Resolution 66. RAG noted the information provided by the Chief of ITU Conference and Publications Department on the good results obtained so far from the sales of the new List V of ship stations far (20 % increase in revenue with respect to 2010 figures) and on comments received regarding its new format. RAG expressed concern with the application of market prices to publications which are mandatory according to the Radio Regulations.During the discussions, a request was made for the Secretariat to make the ITU Publication Pricing and Sales Policy available as an information document. |
|  | PP issues – Date of CPM15-1*(Docs. RAG11-1/1 (Rev.1) (§3.2.1))* | RAG discussed the options presented in the Director’s Report and concluded that the first session of the CPM (CPM15-1) should take place immediately after the WRC-12. |
| 3.2.1 | PP issues - Contributions and registration ([Resolution 165 (Guadalajara, 2010)](http://www.itu.int/council/Basic-Texts/ResDecRec-PP10-e.docx#res165))*(Docs. RAG11-1/1 (Rev.1) (§3.8) and RAG11-1/8)* | During the discussions, some administrations considered that the deadline harmonization would be useful and it would be necessary to have deadlines not only for membership contributions but for the Secretariat to post all documents, including documents from the Secretariat in advance to give reasonable time to the members to analyse them before the meetings.RAG expressed general support for the need for deadlines and satisfaction with the implementation of the current deadline contained in Resolution ITU-R 1-5. While acknowledging the desirability of harmonizing deadlines across the ITU Sectors, RAG recognized that due to the different working methods and requirements of the Study Groups in each Sector, harmonization may be difficult to implement and that each Sector should determine appropriate deadlines to meet their requirements. In order to expedite the Secretariat’s preparation of meeting documents, RAG noted that members should be encouraged to submit their contributions using the applicable ITU templates. |
| 4.1 | Study Group issues*(Doc. RAG11-1/6)* | RAG noted the document and concluded that Study Groups should be encouraged to continue to study the matter towards facilitating the roaming of radio and broadcasting equipment taking into account the use of different standards. As a general principle of guidance, the Study Groups should strive for single world-wide standards. |
|  | *(Doc. RAG11-1/15 (§3))* | RAG concluded that, in developing Recommendations, Study Groups should be invited to fully respect the letter and spirit of the Radio Regulations, such that references to provisions of the RR should be factual and avoid any interpretation or qualifications, or any eventual changes of the status of allocations. |
|  | *(Doc. RAG11-1/17)* | RAG noted the views of delegations that there seems to be no practical problem in the study of regulatory/procedural matters by Study Groups and Working Parties. A view was expressed that Resolution ITU-R 2 already provides adequate provision for SGs/WPs to study regulatory/procedure matters to be used in support of the work of Radiocommunication Conferences. Other views supported proposals to clarify the matter (e.g, modifications to Resolution ITU-R 38 or other options).RAG concluded that the issue should be referred to the Radiocommunication Assembly for further discussion. |
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|  | *(Doc. RAG11-1/15 (§9))* | RAG noted the points raised in the document and agreed that the workload during SG and WP meetings should be properly coordinated and smoothly distributed. In particular, scheduling of the meeting during the week-end and beyond working hours should normally be avoided unless absolutely necessary.  |
| 4.3 | Study Group issues – Electronic Working Methods (EDH)*(Docs. RAG11-1/5, 15 (§10), 18)* | RAG discussed the report of the Coordinator of CG-EDH and noted that SGs, when preparing Recommendations containing hyperlinks, should find solutions for making the linked information available if the Recommendation is to be incorporated by reference into the RR.RAG expressed satisfaction with the efforts made by the Secretariat to work paperless in ITU-R meetings. RAG noted the suggestions made at this meeting and advised the Director to continue to investigate methods and tools to improve capabilities for electronic meetings as called upon in Resolution 167 (Guadalajara, 2010). |
| 5 | BR Information Systems*(Doc. RAG11-1/14 (Rev.1))* | RAG agreed to establish a Correspondence Group to review and define requirements for a consolidated and integrated BR information system for the treatment of space and terrestrial notices, largely shared with the membership, and establish a roadmap for its implementation, together with a workplan and costs involved. The issue of whether or not to opt for a full or partial outsourcing of the project together with its advantages and drawbacks needs to be clearly and comprehensively described and documented. The matter should be timely reported to the Council. The mandate of the group is contained in Doc. RAG11‑1/TEMP/1. RAG, while establishing the Correspondence Group recalls that the Bureau in developing and operating its spectrum management information systems, has the obligation and responsibility to: implement relevant decisions and resolutions of  plenipotentiary conferences, Council, world and regional radiocommunication conferences related to the Radio Regulations and Regional Agreements; provide uninterrupted service to the membership by assuring the security and stability of its ICT systems and applications; and ensure that the service provided corresponds to the requirements and expectations of the membership and those of the service departments of the Bureau. The development and implementation of such integrated information system shall in no way result in any backlog, in particular, during the migration from the current information system to the planned integrated system. It should also be emphasized that once the  planned integrated system reaches its final stage , all intellectual properties and  software source codes should be transferred to the Bureau and remain as the exclusive property of the Bureau with all associated rights.These obligations and responsibilities should be embedded in the outcomes of the work of the group. |
| 6.1 | RA-12 preparations – Resolution ITU-R 1*(Docs. RAG11-1/3, 15 (§8), 20, 24)* | RAG considered the various proposals relating to working methods and other relevant Resolutions/Opinions and decided to establish a Correspondence Group to address these matters. The terms of reference of the Correspondence Group is contained in Doc. RAG-11-1/TEMP/2. |
| 6.2  | RA-12 preparations - Conformance and interoperability of radio equipment - Resolution 177 (Guadalajara, 2010)*(Docs. RAG11-1/1(Rev.1) (§3.10), 4, 10)* | RAG noted the matters raised in Documents 1R1 (§ 3.10), 4, 10 and was of the view that it is premature to take any firm position on this matter. ITU-R should monitor the outcome of the internal ITU Intersector Task Force and the consideration of the business plan that will be presented in the TSB Director’s Report to the Council. |
|  6.3     | RA-12 preparations - Number of Vice-Chairmen – Resolution 166 (Guadalajara, 2010)*(Docs. RAG11-1/1(Rev.1) (§3.9), 9, 15 (§5), 16)* | RAG recognized the need to develop criteria for the selection of Vice-Chairmen in response to Resolution 166, and decided to establish a Correspondence Group.The terms of reference of the Correspondence Group on Resolution 166 (Guadalajara, 2010) is contained in Doc. RAG11-1/TEMP/3. |
| 6.4 | RA-12 preparations - Intersector Rapporteur Groups*(Doc. RAG11-1/2 + Add.1)* | RAG considered the proposal to revise Resolution ITU-R 6 to establish the procedures for setting up IRGs, noting that TSAG had agreed with a similar proposal (re Resolution ITU-T 18). RAG requested the Director to consult with the Directors of the other Bureaux on the mechanisms and merits of establishing these groups. |
| 6.5 | RA-12 preparations – Climate change*(Doc. RAG11-1/12)* | RAG noted the proposal to adopt a new Resolution ITU-R on the use of wireless technologies and radio systems for environment protection and mitigation of the effect of climate change that will determine the main activities of ITU-R on the use of radiocommunications for combating climate change, including the use of innovative wireless technologies, and taking into account the work being carried out in the other Sectors of ITU.  |
| 7.2 | WRC-12 preparations – BR and regional activities*(Doc. RAG11-1/1(Rev.1) (§6.2))* | RAG discussed the need for holding the third Information Meeting on WRC-12 preparation planned for 7-8 November 2011.RAG invited the Director to pursue consultations with the regional groups and other members on this issue. |
| 8.2 | Operational Plan*(Docs. RAG11-1/1(Rev.1) (§7), 15 (§4))* | In considering the draft Operational Plan for 2012-2015, RAG requested the inclusion of activities related to Resolution 140 (Rev.Guadalajara, 2010) on WSIS.  |
| 8.3 | Strategic Plan*(Docs. RAG11-1/1(Rev.1) (§3.1), 7)* | RAG agreed to establish a Correspondence Group on the ITU-R Strategic Plan with the terms of reference as contained in Document RAG11-1/TEMP/5. |
| 11 | Date of next meeting | RAG took note of the proposed dates for its 19th Session planned for 25 to 27 June 2012 (2 ½ days), in conjunction with TSAG and TDAG meetings. |
| 12 | Other business – WCIT-12 | RAG noted Council Decision 1312 which calls upon ITU-R Study Groups to carry out studies in preparation to WCIT-12. RAG requests the Director to include a link on the ITU-R website to the WCIT‑12 web pages. |
|  | Other business - Report of Resolution ITU-R 52 | RAG has authorized the Chairman, in consultation with the Vice-Chairmen, to prepare the report to the 2012 Radiocommunication Assembly on the results of implementing Resolution ITU-R 52. |

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