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Japan

Review of the text under the definition  
of Recommendation in Resolution ITU-R 1-5

# 1 Introduction

This contribution proposes to slightly review the text for the definition of “Recommendation” in § 6.1.2 in Resolution ITU-R 1-5 so that it would be in line with the agreement made at the past RAG meeting.

**2 Discussion**

### The current text under § 6.1.2 in Resolution ITU-R 1-5 (the 1st paragraph only) is as follows:

### 6.1.2 Recommendation

An answer to a Question or part(s) of a Question which, within the scope of existing knowledge and studies or the results of studies referred to in § 3.3, recommends specifications, data or guidance provides a recommended way or ways of undertaking a specified task; or a recommended procedure or procedures for a specified application and which is considered to be sufficient to serve as a basis for international cooperation in a given context in the field of radiocommunications.

The underlined phrase was inserted in the latest version of this Resolution based on the result of the 12th RAG meeting in November 2004 (see section 1 of Annex 1). The reason for this modification was to make it clear that Recommendation could be developed without a Question for the cases referred to in § 3.3.

However, since the language above approved at the previous RA is slightly different from what had been agreed originally, it is questionable that the current text clearly covers the cases that there is no Question.

The agreement of the 12th RAG on this subject was further endorsed through the Correspondence Group activity, and finally proposed to the RA-07 by the Director BR in Document RA07/PLEN/13 (see section 2 of Annex 1).

In order to examine the background for the current text in § 6.1.2, we may refer to other contributions to the RA-07 on this subject (see sections 3-5 of Annex 1).

It was confirmed that all the proposals on this subject to the RA-07 supported the agreement made at the 12th RAG.

We did not remember that, during the RA-07 in October 2007, there was any new counter proposal to override this conclusion. However, unfortunately, the text was finally approved in a different form (where the phrase “or the results of studies referred to in § 3.3” was inserted in a different place), resulting in the ambiguity in whether a Recommendation could be developed without a Question.

**3 Proposal**

The RAG is requested to advice that the following modification (editorial improvement) is made to the text for the first paragraph in § 6.1.2 in Resolution ITU-R 1-5.

### 6.1.2 Recommendation

An answer to a Question or part(s) of a Question or the results of studies referred to in § 3.3 which, within the scope of existing knowledge and studies, recommends specifications, data or guidance; provides a recommended way or ways of undertaking a specified task; or a recommended procedure or procedures for a specified application and which is considered to be sufficient to serve as a basis for international cooperation in a given context in the field of radiocommunications.

Annex: 1

**Annex 1**

**The proposed texts for 6.1.2 in Resolution ITU-R 1-4**

**Reproduced from the relevant Documents in the past RAG or the RA-07**

1. **Document RAG04-1/32 (rev.1)** (Summary of Conclusions of the 12th RAG)

2.3.4.2 With respect to the subject of conducting studies without a Question and the possible consequential development of a Recommendation (Document RAG04-1/18): RAG noted the inconsistencies in the texts of § 6.1.2 (definition of Recommendation) and § 6.1.6 (definition of Report) in Resolution ITU-R 1-4, with § 3.3 of the same Resolution, and concluded that the inconsistencies could be eliminated if §§ 6.1.2 and 6.1.6 are modified as follows:

“**6.1.2** Recommendation

An answer to a Question or part(s) of a Question; or the results of the studies referred to in 3.3; which …” (no change to the remaining text)

“**6.1.6** Report

A technical, operational or procedural statement, prepared by:

– a Study Group on a given subject related to a current Question or the results of the studies referred to in 3.3;

– a CPM.”

**2 Document RA-07/PLEN/13** (Director, BR, on behalf of the Correspondence Group on Resolution ITU-R 1).

### 6.1.2 Recommendation

An answer to a Question or part(s) of a Question as a result of studies of existing knowledge, research and available information, or the results of studies referred to in § 3.3 [Note that this text was requested by RAG-04] which, gives specifications, data or guidance; the recommended way or ways of undertaking a specified task; or a recommended procedure or procedures for a specified application and which is considered to be sufficient to serve as a basis for international cooperation in a given context in the field of radiocommunications.

**3 Document RA-07/PLEN/19** (United States of America)

### 6.1.2 Recommendation

An answer to a Question or part(s) of a Question as a result of studies of existing knowledge, research and available information, or the results of studies referred to in § 3.3 which, gives specifications, data or guidance; the recommended way or ways of undertaking a specified task; or a recommended procedure or procedures for a specified application and which is considered to be sufficient to serve as a basis for international cooperation in a given context in the field of radiocommunications.

**4 Document RA-07/PLEN/28** (Syrian Arab Republic)

### 6.1.2 Recommendation

An answer to a Question or part(s) of a Question as a result of studies of existing knowledge, research and available information, or the results of studies referred to in § 3.3 [Note that this text was requested by RAG-04] which **recommends**(Syria: delete) specifications, data or guidance; the recommended way or ways of undertaking a specified task; or a recommended procedure or procedures for a specified application and which is considered to be sufficient to serve as a basis for international cooperation in a given context in the field of radiocommunications.

**5 Document RA-07/PLEN/39** (United Kingdom)

*(Editor’s Note: The underline is added later in this Document.)*

In addition to the consideration of proposals made resulting from the work of the correspondence group, to amend section 6.1.2 as follows:

### 6.1.2 Recommendation

An answer to a Question or part(s) of a Question which, within the scope of existing knowledge and studies, recommends specifications, data or guidance; provides a recommended way or ways of undertaking a specified task; or a recommended procedure or procedures for a specified application and which is considered to be sufficient to serve as a basis for international cooperation in a given context in the field of radiocommunications.

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