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Progress Report of the RSPG Sub Group on WRC

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1. The Group met in total 9 times electronically and worked on the development of the draft Interim Opinion for the ITU-R World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC) 2023, with the participation of representatives from numerous MS: Germany, Greece, France, Italy, Portugal, Romania, Austria, Czech Republic, Slovenia, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Sweden, Spain, Finland, Norway, Denmark and the European Commission.
2. The Opinion addressed – as outlined in the Work Program – the result of an analysis of the WRC-23 Agenda and identified the relevance of Agenda item to EU policies and EU law in particular EU spectrum harmonization decisions. This work is essential for recommendations by RSPG to the EC on elements for a proposal towards an EU Position for WRC-23.
3. The following structure of the Interim Opinion has been agreed as follows:
 - i. In 4 Chapters:
 1. Introduction
 2. Identification of relevant EU Policies for WRC-23
 3. Response to public consultation
 4. Identification of relevant EU policies and EU legislation
 - ii. Each Agenda Item in Chapter 4 (Identification of relevant EU policies and EU legislation) has been structured as follows:
 1. Description of the Agenda Item
 2. Link with EU Policies
 3. Relevant spectrum harmonisation decisions
 4. RSPG Recommendation (this section is subject to the final Opinion)
4. The Group considered the full Agenda of WRC-23, the progress on the preparatory activities and identified the following 12 Agenda items and topics which have relevant relation to EU Policy and/or legislation:
 - 1.2 (IMT centimeter bands)
 - 1.3 (MS 3600-3800 MHz)
 - 1.5 (UHF Review)
 - 1.7 (AMS(R)S 137 MHz)
 - 1.11 (GMDSS)
 - 1.12 (EESS(active) radar sounders)
 - 1.14 (EESS (passive) 250 GHz)
 - 1.15 (GSO ESIM Ku-band)
 - 1.16 (NGSO ESIM Ka-band)
 - 1.18 (MSS Data collection)
 - 9.1 topic b (RNSS protection from Amateur at 1300 MHz)
 - 9.1 topic d (EESS (passive) 37 GHz)

5. Furthermore, after thorough consideration concerning a certain level of confidentiality needed and discussions at which stage to run a public consultation, the Group recommended to hold a public consultation on the draft Final Opinion.
6. The Group also notes the need to take into account the opportunity of stakeholders to express their views on the content at the course of a workshop as well as during the public consultation.
7. The version of the Interim Opinion can be found in Doc **RSPG21-031rev1**, submitted for final adoption.
8. The Group will continue to work electronically and carry on for the elaboration of the Final Opinion draft.

The Co-Chairs would like to express their special thanks to all members of the Group for their active participation as well as to the representative of the European Commission.

Action for RSPG:

1. The Interim Opinion for the WRC-23 (**RSPG21-031rev1**) has been submitted for consideration and adoption to the RSPG Plenary of 16th of June 2021.
2. Noting of this Progress Report.