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7th Progress Report of the RSPG Working Group on WRC-19

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The Group met once since the 46th RSPG plenary and worked on the following issues:

1. Review of the result of the public consultation on the Opinion on WRC-19;
2. Development of the final Opinion on WRC-19 for approval;
3. Further development of a supplemental Opinion to RSPG09-294 on EU Coordination at WRC's;

Representatives from Austria, Greece, Germany, the United Kingdom, Sweden, Finland, France, Denmark, the Netherlands, Luxemburg and the European Commission participated actively.

1.

During the public consultation 20 Comments have been received by the RSPG secretariat; three responses from Member States and 17 from a variety of stakeholders.

The comments vary in size and content. Some concentrated on proposals on the text of the draft Opinion, whereas others provided additional information about specific points of view on WRC-19 issues and beyond.

The Group analysed all comments thoroughly, considered all specific proposals and identified some further action regarding the Opinion necessary.

The Group also agreed to inform the Plenary on the following: Notwithstanding the right of all Member States to make comments during public consultations of RSPG, it would be beneficial for the work and reputation of RSPG that interested Member states participate actively in the work of the RSPG Working Groups, either at meetings or electronically.

Furthermore the representative of the Commission informed the meeting about an ongoing issue of interference, which was recently brought to the attention of CEPT (CPG PTA) too.

2.

The Group considered the results of the public consultation together with the current developments within international fora and updated the Opinion accordingly. This includes mainly the proposed Recommendation to the European Commission in some Agenda items and the development of section 3, results of the public consultation:

- The Group suggested based on the comments a clarification of case b) which was intended to cover cases where an affection of common rules may not be clear (e.g. future common ruled) or where other policy aspects suggest a common position of the Member states.
- A further subject the suggestion by some comments to insert elements on the band 27.5-29.5 GHz in order to reflect national or European usages of the fixed service in parts of the band and possible additional usages with 5G technology. The Group

concluded to maintain the current position as the Opinion is only related to the WRC-19 positions, that this band is outside the Agenda of WRC-19 and that any reflection of national usages would have a negative impact on the agreed 5G strategy of the Union as outlined in the RSPG Second Opinion on 5G networks.

- Numerous comments were made on Agenda item 10 and the position on the proposal for a new Agenda item for WRC-23 on the review of the UHF band. Several stakeholder raised concerns that an early decision may already be taken by WRC-19. For that reason the Group suggests to amend the recommendation on Agenda item 10 for an EU position by opposing any proposal to change to the Articles of the RR in that relation and support the new Agenda item as described by Resolution 235 without further changes.
- . It was proposed to delete the preliminary Agenda item 2.1 (GMDSS) from the Opinion, due to the fact that IMO may not be in the position to describe any necessary change to the RR in terms of modernization of GMDSS, which makes it impossible for the Group to analyse the potential effect on common rules.
- Regarding the Agenda Item 1.16, the Group considered intensively an approach on the frequency band 5 750- 5 825 MHz. Some Member States were of the view that the provisions of this band should not be changed due to potential interference with Road Tolling equipment and Radars, whereas some other member States see a possibility for a RLAN usage in cases no Radar or Road Tolling equipment is in use. Finally the Group decided to provide a separate bullet on this band.

With such changes the Group submits this Opinion for approval of RSPG.

3.

The Group did not have time for additional consideration on the draft supplemental Opinion on the EU coordination at WRC's at its meeting. There were also no contribution on the matter to the meeting.

Therefore it was decided to continue the work as much as possible electronically in order to finalise a Draft Opinion at the next meeting of the Group.

Summary

The development of the final Opinion on WRC-19 has been completed after public consultation and is therefore submitted for final approval.

All interested Member states are invited to contribute and should also consider participating at the meetings of WG WRC-19.

Special thanks are going all group members, the representative of the European Commission and all hosts.

The next, 10th, meeting is scheduled for 12 December 2018.

Recommended action for RSPG#44:

1. Endorsement of progress on the draft Final Opinion on WRC-19.
2. Approval of the amend Work item on the development of a supplementary Opinion on EU coordination.
3. Endorsement of the updated work item overview.
4. Noting of the 5th Progress Report.

Annexes: 3

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