

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the subject consultation.

I am responding in my capacity as Chair of the Aeronautical Spectrum and Frequency Consultation Group.

The independent Aeronautical Spectrum Frequency Consultation Group (ASFCG) was established by Eurocontrol, ICAO and States as a direct decision taken by ECAC Ministers of Transport at their MATSE/6 meeting. Membership of the ASFCG consists of member States, European Commission, ICAO, Eurocontrol Agency, IATA, NATO, air navigation service providers, and other stakeholders. The ASFCG develops the European Aeronautical Spectrum Strategy, the European common aeronautical position to World Radiocommunication Conferences, contributes to the single European sky ATM research spectrum stream and is therefore very well placed to participate in this review. In addition the ASFCG contributes in providing advice and comment on all spectrum policy issues which impact on aviation.

The rationale and intention to conduct the spectrum review is fully recognised and the ASFCG can appreciate the need for such a piece in order to better inform strategy and policy decision making. The ASFCG welcomes the fact that aviations requirements are recognised; particularly the differences between uses and the complexities which arise.

Given the unique role of the ASFCG, we would welcome the opportunity to be listed as an entity to participate in the review, thereby enabling our cumulative specialist experience to contribute in this important work.

I would be happy to meet at your convenience to discuss how the ASFCG may assist.

Regards

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