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1.

The Group met 3 times electronically and worked on the development the draft Interim Opinion for the ITU-R World Radiocommunication Conference 2023, with the participation of representatives from numerous MS: Germany, Greece, France, Italy, Portugal, Romania, Austria, Czech Republic, Slovenia, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Sweden, Finland, Norway, Denmark and the European Commission.

The Co-Chairs would like to express their thanks to all members of the group for their active support and work inside and outside the meetings.

2.

The Opinion will address – as outlined in the Work Program – the result of an analysis of the WRC-23 Agenda and identify 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.

2.1 The draft Interim Opinion will be structured in Chapters: 1. Introduction, 2. Identification of relevant EU Policies for WRC-23, 3. Response to public consultation and 4. Identification of relevant EU policies and EU legislation.

2.2 The following sub-structure for each Agenda Item in Chapter 4 has been agreed:

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)

2.3 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 relations to EU Policy and/or legislation:

- 1.2 (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) and

- 9.1 topic d (EESS (passive) 37 GHz).

3.

It was also noted that the progress of the (technical) preparation within CEPT and ITU was limited due to the CoVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, it was deemed beneficial to the development of the Interim Opinion to request some more time for its development in particular with regards to possible recommendation. Consequently, the Group suggests to postpone the presentation and approval of the Draft Interim Opinion to the next RSPG Plenary meeting in June.

4.

Furthermore, the Group considered initially at what point in time a public consultation should take place, either on the interim Opinion or the final Opinion. This decision needs to take into account the opportunity of stakeholders to provide their view on the content as well as that any EU Position needs a certain level of confidentiality and RSPG advice may have a similar need. The Group intends to provide a recommended way forward to the next meeting, but appreciates any guidance the RSPG Plenary can provide.

provided by the Co-Chairs