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RADIO SPECTRUM POLICY GROUP

Subject: Chairman's Report of RSPG #58 on 7 June 2022

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

The Plenary meeting was Chaired by RSPG Chair Eric Fournier (France).

During the meeting the RSPG agreed to publish a draft final Opinion on WRC23 for public consultation with a view to adopting a final version at the next RSPG Plenary meeting in November.

The RSPG reviewed progress related to the award of spectrum by Member States for the pioneer bands for 5G, and received progress reports from the Sub Groups dealing with:

- peer review and Member State cooperation on authorisation and awards
- UHF band beyond 2030
- Good Offices
- Climate change
- Mobile technology evolution & Development of 6G
- WRC23

The RSPG also welcomed a request from the Eastern Partnership Electronic Communications Regulators Network (EaPeReg) to pursue cooperative activities.

The Commission informed the RSPG about an increased number of interference cases affecting the Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) used for air traffic management (ATM). It asked RSPG members to liaise with national air traffic counterparts and, if relevant, inform the ITU BR about any interference cases.

A presentation was made to the group on a study by LS Telecom concerning the sub 700 MHz band.

The next meeting of the RSPG will be held on 23 November 2022. Meetings in 2023 will be held on the followed dates:

RSPG #60 – 15 February 2023

RSPG #61 - 14 June 2023

RSPG #62 - 25 October 2023

MEETING REPORT

(1) Introduction to RSPG #58

The RSPG Chairman, Eric Fournier opened the meeting and presented the draft agenda (RSPG22-010) which was adopted.

The European Commission was represented by Rita Wezenbeek, Director for Connectivity, DG CONNECT.

(2) Update from the Commission

Commission representative Rita Wezenbeek provided the Group with an update on recent developments, including those related to the situation in Ukraine and the Digital Policy Programme (DPP).

The Commission also drew the attention of RSPG members to the situation regarding licences for Mobile Satellite Service (MSS) and invited Member States to take no unilateral steps to renew or extend licences until a common approach had been agreed at EU level.

The Group was also informed that the Commission was reflecting on ways to reduce the environmental impact of Expert Groups and invited the Group to offer its views on this objective.

(3) Update from the Chair and former Chair on activities since the last meeting

The RSPG Chair provided RSPG members with an oral report on his activities since the last Plenary meeting in February.

The Group also discussed a letter sent to the Chair from the Eastern Partnership Electronic Communications Regulators Network (EaPeReg) to explore possible cooperative activities between EaPeReg and the RSPG (RSPG document RSPG22-023). The Chair noted that his EaPeReg counterpart had confirmed in the interim that Belarus had been suspended from the EaPeReg in light of the ongoing situation in Ukraine. Subject to the suspension being maintained, the Group agreed that the RSPG Chair should explore opportunities for cooperation with his EaPeReg counterpart.

(4) RSPG Sub Group on the WRC

The Group considered a progress report (RSPG22-013) presented by the Co-Chairs of the Sub Group Nadia Katsanou (Greece) and Alexander Kühn (Germany) and a draft Final Opinion (RSPG22-014). The Group agreed that the draft Final Opinion should be published for public consultation with a view to final adoption at the next RSPG plenary meeting in November.

(5) 5G pioneer bands: state of play on authorisations and awards

The Group took note of the current state of play as set out in document RSPG22-011. The Commission made a presentation summarising developments and emphasized that further action was still required by the majority of Member States to make spectrum in the three bands (700 MHz, 3.6 GHz and 26 GHz) fully available. The Commission noted that the agreed deadlines for making this spectrum available had already passed and that the Commission reserved the right to take appropriate action if Member States failed to meet their obligations.

(6) RSPG Sub Group on Peer review and Member State cooperation on authorisations and awards

The Sub Group co-chair Alexander Sołtysik (Poland) presented a progress report (RSPG22-012) from the working group on peer review and Member State authorisations and awards, and confirmed that a workshop on Peer Review and Member State cooperation on authorisations and awards for stakeholders would take place on 20 June.

(7) RSPG Sub Group on UHF band beyond 2030

The RSPG considered a progress report (RSPG22-018) from the Sub-Group on UHF band beyond 2030 presented by the Co-Chairs Umberto Mascia (Italy) and Elena Nanou (Greece).

(8) RSPG Sub Group on "Good offices"

The RSPG considered a progress report (RSPG22-015) from the Sub-Group on "Good Offices" presented by the Co-Chairs Mindaugas Zilinskas (Lithuania) and Adrian Galea (Malta).

(9) RSPG Sub Group on Climate Change

The RSPG considered a progress report (RSPG22-016) from the Sub-Group on Climate Change presented by the Co-Chair Rory Hinchy.

(10) Mobile technology evolution & Development of 6G

The RSPG considered a progress report of the work item on mobile technology evolution – experiences and strategies (RSPG22-017) and a progress Report of the work item on the development of 6G and possible implications for spectrum needs and guidance on the rollout of future wireless broadband networks (RSPG22-020) presented by the Co-Chairs Tasso Lyratzis (Greece) and Bo Andersson (Sweden).

The Group also approved a draft questionnaire (to be sent to RSPG members) on “Mobile technology evolution, experiences and strategies and on the development of 6G and possible implications for spectrum needs “(RSPG22-021) and welcomed a “Draft Plan for a Workshop on RSPG Sub-group Mobile technology evolution and 6G development (September 2022)” (RSPG22-022).
