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RADIO SPECTRUM POLICY GROUP

Subject: Chairman's Report of RSPG #61 on 14 June 2023

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

At the outset of the meeting, the RSPG held a minutes' silence in memory of Mr Alexandre (Sascha) Kholod, Chairman of the Conference Preparatory Group of the European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations, who had sadly passed away during the weekend before.

The Plenary meeting was Chaired by RSPG Chair Eric Fournier (France) who welcomed the new status as RSPG members of former observers Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein and welcomed Ukraine and Montenegro as new RSPG observers. The RSPG noted that the Group's Rules of Procedure had been updated via written procedure, since the last Plenary meeting in order to reflect the change of status of the EFTA countries concerned.

During the meeting, the RSPG agreed to publish draft Opinions, for public consultation, on a "*Strategy on the future use of the frequency band 470-694 MHz beyond 2030 in the EU*" and "*the development of 6G and possible implications for spectrum needs and guidance on the rollout of future wireless broadband networks*"

The RSPG also received an update on recent initiatives from the European Commission representative as well as progress reports from the co-chairs of the various RSPG Sub Groups.

MEETING REPORT

(1) Introduction to RSPG #61

The RSPG Chairman, Eric Fournier opened the meeting and presented the draft agenda (RSPG23-017) which was adopted.

The European Commission was represented by Kamila Kloc, Acting Director for Connectivity, DG CONNECT.

(2) Update from the Commission

The Commission provided the Group with an update concerning the Commission proposal for a Gigabit Infrastructure Act and the Commission proposal for a Council Decision for a common EU position for WRC23. The Commission thanked the RSPG for its input, in the form of an RSPG Opinion, to the exploratory consultation on the future of the electronic communications sector and its infrastructure, which had been held between 23 February and 19 May.

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

The RSPG Chair provide an update on recent meetings he and the Deputy RSPG Chair had participated in since the last Plenary meeting in February.

(4) 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 RSPG23-018. The Commission made a presentation summarising progress made concerning awards of 5G pioneer bands since the last plenary meeting.

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

The Sub Group co-chair Alexander Sołtysik (PL) presented a progress report (RSPG23-019) on *peer review and Member State cooperation on authorisations and awards*.

(6) RSPG Sub Group on UHF band beyond 2030

The RSPG considered a progress report (RSPG23-020) from the Sub-Group on *UHF band beyond 2030* presented by the Co-Chairs Elena Nanou (EL) and Umberto Mascia (IT). The Group agreed to publish, for public consultation, a draft Opinion on “*Strategy on the future use of the frequency band 470-694 MHz beyond 2030 in the EU*”.

(7) RSPG Sub Group on "Good offices"

The RSPG considered a progress report (RSPG23-022) from the Sub-Group on *Good Offices* presented by the Co-Chairs Mindaugas Zilinskas (LT) and Adrian Galea (MT).

(8) RSPG Sub Group on Climate Change

The RSPG considered a progress report (RSPG23-023) from the Sub-Group on *Climate Change* presented by the Co-Chair Rory Hinchey (IE).

(9) Mobile technology evolution & Development of 6G

The RSPG considered a progress report on Progress Report presented by the Co-Chairs Tassos Lyratzis (EL) and Heidi Himmanen (FI) on *the development of 6G and possible implications for spectrum needs and guidance on the rollout of future wireless broadband networks* (RSPG23-025) and agreed to publish, for public consultation, a draft Opinion on *the development of 6G and possible implications for spectrum needs and guidance on the rollout of future wireless broadband networks* (RSPG23-026).

(10) Mobile Satellite Services

The RSPG considered a progress report (RSPG23-027) from the Sub Group on *Mobile Satellite Services* presented by the Co-Chairs Chris Seifert (DE) and Diána Daczi (HU).

(11) Digital Decade

The RSPG considered a progress report (RSPG23-028) from the Sub-Group on *Digital Decade* presented by the Co-Chairs Jonas Wessel (SE) and Didier Chauveau (FR). The RSPG agreed that the sub-group should have further discussions on satellite authorizations and potential additional deliverables.

(12) RSPG Work Programme

The RSPG Deputy Chair presented the main work items for the future Work programme for the period 2024-2025 inclusive. The RSPG agreed to develop a draft for publication, for public consultation, after the next plenary meeting in October.

(13) Any Other Business

The RSPG Secretariat invited nominations for the position of RSPG Chair and RSPG Deputy Chair, as foreseen in Article 16 in the Rules of procedure.
