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Progress Report of the RSPG Sub Group on WRC

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Progress Report of RSPG SG WRC

The Group met 4 times electronically and developed a draft Report on the result of the ITU-R World Radiocommunication Conference 2019, with the participation of representatives from numerous MS: Germany, Greece, France, Italy, Portugal, Romania, Austria, Czech Republic, Slovenia, the Netherlands, Sweden, Finland, Norway, Denmark and the European Commission.

The Report describes and analyses the results of WRC-19 compared to the initial positions of the Union on those Agenda items addressed in the Decision of the Council. It also evaluates the effectiveness of the new procedure on EU coordination during WRC-19.

The Report is structured in 4 Chapters: 1. Introduction, 2. Results of WRC-19 relevant to EU position, 3. EU Coordination at WRC-19 and 4. Conclusion.

The relevant WRC Agenda items in Chapter 2 are related to

- Maritime safety and traffic management (Agenda items 1.8, 1.9.1, 1.9.2),
- Aeronautical safety and traffic management (Agenda item 1.10),
- Intelligent Transport Systems (Agenda item 1.12),
- International Mobile Telecommunication -5G- (Agenda item 1.13),
- Radio Local Area Networks (Agenda item 1.16 and issue 9.1.5),
- Mobile Satellite Systems in the 2-GHz-band (Issue 9.1.1) and
- relevant issues for the future Agenda for WRC-23 (Agenda item 10).

The Group agreed on the following sub-structure for each Agenda Item:

- 1. Description of the AI from the RSPG Opinion on WRC-19
- 2. EU Position (quotation from the Council decision)
- 3. Result(s) of WRC-19

In summary, all positions of the Council decision have been met.

Chapter 3 is dealing with the applied EU coordination procedure at WRC-19 and hence dedicated to lessons learned. The Group made reference to the recommendations of RSPG in its Opinion on EU Coordination at WRCs (RSPG19-009).

Overall, it was found that the newly applied procedure allowed an efficient coordination together with the CEPT and achieved the best possible result for the Union. The Group noted in particular that:

- All RSPG's recommendations have been implemented successfully.
- The ad hoc EU Coordination meetings worked efficiently and effectively.

 EU Coordination were also used for common views regarding reservations and declarations related to the Final Acts. All EU Members States signed the common reservations of the Union.

Based on the content of chapters 1-3, the Group propose to the RSPG Plenary conclusions in Chapter 4:

"The identified Agenda items with relevance to EU policies have been taken into account and all EU positions on those Agenda Items have been reached. The Group concluded that:

- the process of RSPG to address EU interests on WRC-19 was fully satisfying,
- no further amendment to the process is necessary for WRC-23,
- the EU coordination at WRC-19 was successful, ensuring united and active negotiations of the Member States."

Finally, it could be concluded that WRC-19 for the EU was a complete success.

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

Recommended action for RSPG:

 Approval of the Report on the Result of WRC-19 (RSPG20-021) in June 2020 meeting.

The Report has been submitted for consideration and adoption to the next RSPG Plenary (9th of June 2020. The Chairman decided to apply written adoption procedure ending on the day of the RSPG Plenary.

2. Noting of this Progress Report.

Documents/Annexes: 1