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Progress Report of the RSPG Working Group on WRC19

2nd Progress Report of RSPG WG WRC-19

The Group met two times and developed the initial draft interim Opinion further.

It analyzed thoroughly the Agenda of WRC-19 as adopted by the ITU Council as Resolution 1380 in May 2016 regarding its relevance to European policy aspects. Based on contributions and considerations at the meetings, the group identified several EU policies which are linked to some WRC Agenda items, e.g. Transport, Trade, Science, Space, Communication and Connectivity.

In line with the general approach to identify also areas of possible challenges between relevant EU harmonization decisions and the WRC Agenda, the Group identified two relevant Agenda items where currently one or more EU harmonization measure are in force: Agenda items 1.12 on Intelligent Transport Systems and 1.16 on RLAN extensions in the 5GHz range. Regarding Agenda item 1.13 on IMT2020/5G, the group noted the ambition of the European Commission and the RSPG WG on 5G that before WRC-19 harmonized technical conditions for EU pioneer band(s) are expected.

It needs to be highlighted that the Group takes account of the on-going legal case of the WRC-15 Council Conclusions at the European Court of Justice and will review the draft Opinion as necessary when the result is available.

Special thanks have to be made to the representative of the European Commission for announcing support on the description of the relevant EU policies and correct references of existing harmonization decisions. It is appreciated that those information will be available in due time before the next meeting.

The Group considered also very initial elements for common policy objectives based on a contribution. It was agreed at this stage to keep these ideas as “food for thought” in a discussion paper for later transition into the draft final Opinion.

As the development of the draft interim Opinion is progressing as expected, the work is completely in line with the proposed and approved timeline for this work item. Therefore RSPG should note that at its 42nd meeting, the interim Opinion on WRC-19 will be available for adoption.

In that regard the Group considered, whether a public consultation on the draft interim Opinion should be recommended to RSPG. Finally it was agreed that a public presentation of the interim Opinion during a stakeholder workshop organized by CEPT/CPG and the European Commission will be, as for previous WRC Opinions, more beneficial for the further work. It is therefore recommended to RSPG to endorse this course of action.

Recommend action for RSPG#41:

Noting of the 2nd Progress Report.

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