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Chairman's Report of RSPG #63 on 7 February 2024

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

The Plenary meeting was chaired by the new RSPG Chair Aleksander Soltysik (PL) supported the new RSPG Deputy Chair Julia Criado Casado (ES).

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

The RSPG adopted a *Peer Review Report* as foreseen under Article 35(8) of the European Electronic Communications Code (the Code).

The RSPG agreed to adopt a draft *Opinion on assessment of different possible scenarios for the use of the frequency bands 1980-2010 MHz and 2170-2200 MHz by the Mobile Satellite Services beyond 2027* as amended during the RSPG Plenary and to publish it, subject to removal of confidential information.

The RSPG received an oral debrief of the *WRC-23 outcome* and discussed the lessons learnt.

The RSPG adopted a draft *RSPG Work Programme 2024 and beyond* as amended during the RSPG Plenary and a *Statement on suspension of the RSPG sub-group on the role of radio spectrum policy to help combat climate change* to be published as an annex to the RSPG Work Programme.

The Commission confirmed its intention to create subgroup for each of the RSPG Work Programme work items to assist the RSPG in its work.

MEETING REPORT

(1) Introduction to RSPG #63

The RSPG Chairman, Aleksander Soltysik opened the meeting and presented the draft agenda (RSPG24-001) which was adopted. He thanked Eric Fournier for his service to the Group as the RSPG Chair.

The European Commission was represented by Kamila Kloc, Director of the Directorate B and Julija Varnaitė-Kamstra, Deputy Head of Radio Spectrum Policy Unit, DG CONNECT.

(2) Update from the Commission

The Commission updated the RSPG on developments related to the future connectivity strategy, the 5G coverage key performance indicator and generally to the Mobile Satellite Services.

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

The RSPG Chair provided an update on meetings he participated recently.

(4) 5G pioneer bands: state of play on awards

The Group took note of the current state of play as set out in document RSPG24-002. The Commission made a presentation summarising progress made concerning awards of 5G pioneer bands since the last plenary meeting in October 2023.

The Group discussed the possibility of expanding the scope of the 5G state of play reporting to non-EU countries and to 5G implementation. The Group ask the Commission to update it about possible enhancement on the 5G observatory.

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

The RSPG Chair presented a Progress Report (RSPG24-003) from the Subgroup on *Peer Review and Member State cooperation on authorisations and awards*.

The Group adopted a Peer Review Report (RSPG24-004), which is foreseen under Article 35(8) of the Code.

(6) RSPG Subgroup on Mobile Satellite Services

This part of the meeting was opened only to the RSPG Members, i.e. the EU Member States and the EEA EFTA States.

The RSPG considered a Progress Report (RSPG24-006) from the Subgroup on *Mobile Satellite Services* presented by the Co-Chairs Chris Seifert (DE) and Diána Daczi (HU).

The Group agreed to adopt a *draft Opinion on assessment of different possible scenarios for the use of the frequency bands 1980-2010 MHz and 2170-2200 MHz by the Mobile Satellite Services beyond 2027* (RSPG24-007) as amended during the RSPG Plenary, and publish it, subject to appropriate removal of confidential information.

(7) RSPG Subgroup on "Good offices"

The RSPG considered a Progress Report (RSPG24-005) from the Subgroup on *Good Offices* presented by the Co-Chairs Mindaugas Žilinskas (LT) and Adrian Galea (MT) and discussed about the outstanding interference issues.

(8) RSPG Subgroup on WRC

The RSPG endorsed an oral debrief on the WRC-23 outcome by the Co-Chairs Alexander Kühn (DE) and Nadia Katsanau (EL) and discussed about the lessons learnt.

The RSPG Chair thanked Alexander Kühn (DE) for his more than 10 years' co-chairing of the Subgroup on WRC.

(9) RSPG Work Programme 2024-2025

The RSPG Chair presented a draft *RSPG Work Program 2024 and beyond* (RSPG24-008) as revised to take into account comments received during public consultation. The Group adopted the RSPG Work Programme as amended during the RSPG Plenary.

The Group also adopted a *Statement on suspension of the RSPG sub-group on the role of radio spectrum policy to help combat climate change* (RSPG24-009) to be published as an annex to the RSPG Work Programme.

(10) RSPG Subgroups

The Commission confirmed its intention to create an RSPG Subgroup for each of the RSPG Work Programme work items to assist the RSPG in its work.

It was agreed that the following RSPG members would act as Co-Chairs for the various work items and their related Subgroups, noting the need to identify another co-chair for the Peer Review, WRC and Sub-700 MHz sub-groups:

RSPG Subgroup name	WP2024-2025 work item	Co-chairs
Peer review and Member States cooperation	Peer review and Member States cooperation	Rory Hinchy (IE)
WRC	WRC	Nadia Katsanou (EL)
“Good offices”	“Good offices” to assist in bilateral negotiations between Member States	Adrian Galea (MT) Mindaugas Žilinskas (LT)
Upper 6 GHz band	Long-term vision for the upper 6 GHz band	Meta Pavšek Taškov (SI) Andreas Johann (DE)
6G strategic vision	6G strategic vision	Heidi Himmanen (FI) Tassos Lyratzis (EL)
Sub-700 MHz band	Assessment of future usage of the frequency band 470-694 MHz within the EU	Umberto Mascia (IT)
Strategic Spectrum Matters	Strategic Spectrum Matters	Jonas Wessel (SE) Didier Chauveau (FR)

(11) Any Other Business

The Peer Review subgroup was tasked to investigate together with the RSPG Secretariat what to do with the old Peer Review platform.

The next RSPG Plenary meeting (RSPG#64) will take place on the 18th June 2024 in hybrid format.
