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The RSPG Sub Group on RSPP (hereinafter: SG) hereby has the pleasure to deliver the draft Opinion to the RSPG for approval for Public Consultation according to the RSPG Work Program.

The SG has held four online meetings since the last RSPG plenary meeting (16 October, 10 November, 16 December and 15 January). The group has also shared numerous versions of draft texts between ourselves. The SG mailing list includes around 50 subscribers from administrations including CEPT and EC. Participation in online meetings has been high, work has been suffering to some degree by the online format. But, given good spirit and positive energy from participants we have reached our deadline.

1. Overview of SG progress during last months

The draft Opinion based on five pillars as confirmed by RSPG plenary has been finalised. The five pillars are *Strategic spectrum issues, Spectrum needs and supporting EU vision/policies, Spectrum governance, External relations* and *Other policy areas with spectrum dimension*.

2. Inputs on “Climate Change”, “Sharing” and “Additional Spectrum needs”

In order to avoid duplication of tasks, exchanges with SG co-rapporteurs on “Climate Change”, “Sharing” and “Additional Spectrum needs” have been ongoing throughout the work in order to include proposed recommendations for the RSPP Opinion.

3. Interactions with stakeholders

The SG arranged a well attended workshop with broad stakeholder participation in a „speed-dating” format on 15 October. Presentations from the workshop has been used as input in formulating the draft Opinion. Bilateral meetings have been arranged with multiple organisation, including GSMA, Digital Europe and Broadcast Networks Europe.

4. Next steps

The draft Opinion is now presented to the RSPG for approval for public consultation. Proposed timing for Consultation is 6 weeks, thus with an expected deadline on March 26 at the latest.

The next meeting for the SG is planned for April 1st 14.00-16.00 CET where the main focus will be to resolve comments from the public consultation and prepare a final version for final approval at our next RSPG plenary meeting (June 16).

Further the Co-rapporteurs propose that the SG will continue after the potential approval of the final version of the Opinion in order to maintain RSPG active on RSPP debate further to the adoption of Opinion.

5. Issues to be considered by RSPG

The Co-rapporteurs would like to thank participants and contributors to the work.

First, we would like to draw attention to the, in our view, only unresolved issue where we have failed to reach consensus. In section 3.4 Broadcasting and PMSE there are two bullet points that have been placed in square brackets. The Co-rapporteurs would like to transparently put this on the table for plenary. Our proposal is to, where no consensus is reached, delete both bullet points.

Secondly, we would, given an outcome on the topic above, invite the RSPG to approve the draft Opinion for public consultation.

Thirdly, we would seek affirmation to continue the work after our June plenary to address further issues on the topic as appropriate.

Didier Chauveau, Jonas Wessel

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