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**13th Progress Report of the RSPG Working Group
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The Working Group has held one meeting, 22nd September in Roma, as well as an ad-hoc meeting during the RSCOM meeting (6th July 2016). The report of the meeting on 22nd September is attached in annex.

The working group finalized the draft *RSPG Report on the results of the RSPG "Good offices" in bilateral negotiations between EU countries*. This RSPG Report is presented for final adoption at this RSPG meeting.

With regard to the implementation of the Decreto-Legge n°145 in Italy, the Italian administration stated during the meeting on 22nd September that they expects that the switch off will be finalized in Friuli VG, Veneto and Puglia before the RSPG meeting and in the other remaining regions before the end of November.

The working group has considered how to implement the extension of the scope of the good offices to the 700 MHz band. A draft questionnaire *on cross-border coordination issues regarding 700 MHz spectrum clearance and migration of broadcasting service below 694 MHz* has been developed.

RSPG is invited to adopt this questionnaire. Responses would be asked for 20th December.

The intention is to provide at the RSPG meeting in February, if necessary, suitable recommendations, and to reissue the questionnaire, with any necessary revision, in due time in order to obtain regular update of the situation regarding cross-border coordination issues regarding 700 MHz spectrum clearance and migration of broadcasting service.

Next meeting

Ad-hoc meeting is planned during the RSPG meeting, lunch time, on 9th November.

A full meeting for reviewing the responses to the 700 MHz band questionnaire is planned on 17th January.

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RSPG WORKING GROUP« GOOD OFFICES »
Roma, 22nd September 2016

1. Opening of the meeting

Dr. Eva Spina, Director, welcomed the participants and wished the meeting fruitful discussion and positive conclusions.

2. Implementation of the Decreto-Legge n°145 and Beauty Contest

The Italian administration presented the progress in the implementation of the two procedures:

- a) compensation scheme for release of interfering frequencies: the list of transmitters to be switched off has been published for all regions (for a compensation exceeding 50 M€) but the order to switch off in the Adriatic side is pending the finalization for the second procedure.
- b) Beauty contest (comparative bidding process) to assign some Italian channels which had previously been reserved for national programs to local network operators with the obligation to transport the programs of the local operators that for the time being are using the other interfering channels. The commissions analyzing the responses to the beauty contests have finalized three regions : Friuli VG, Veneto and Puglia

As a result, the Italian administration expects that the switch off will be finalized in these 3 regions before the RSPG meeting and in the other regions before the end of November.

3. Situation on TV interference

Croatia and Slovenia explained that there is no improvement in the interference situation. The meeting discussed the situation on remaining interference towards Malta, with sporadic interference from Sardinia on channel 38 (national) and channel 43 (regional). On channel 45 (regional), the sporadic interference may come from the north west of Sicily. In VHF channel 5, according to the Italian administration, the source of interference is also north of Sicily, where Italy has an entry in GE-06.

4. Situation on other interference cases

The meeting briefly discussed the FM interference situation. Italian administration stressed that they have less rights at the border in GE-84 since they were not applying this ITU agreement and asked for a more balanced situation. It was stated that renegotiating rights would have to be balanced by better confidence of the neighbours that their rights would then be respected.

As a conclusion, the meeting called for bilateral meetings, in particular with Slovenia and Croatia.

5. Review of the draft RSPG Report on good offices

The draft RSPG report was reviewed and amended.

The Chairmen were tasked to further develop the new section 5 on the future tasks of the good offices. UK was also tasked to clarify the framework of the good offices activity in the introduction section.

The meeting agreed that the draft RSPG Report should be submitted to the RSPG Plenary for adoption.

6. Good offices 700 MHz band

The document RSPG16-019 on the extension of the scope of the good offices to the 700 MHz band was presented as the basis for the new task of the WG.

This was noted by the meeting.

7. Proposal for a questionnaire on the 700 MHz band

The draft questionnaire was discussed and amended.

The Chairmen were tasked to propose a table on question 6 to help compiling the responses and to draft a background task for adoption by correspondence.

The meeting agreed that the draft questionnaire should be submitted to the RSPG Plenary for adoption. The responses would be asked for before Christmas (say 20 December).

8. AOB

No other business.

9. Next meeting

Ad-hoc meeting to monitor the planned switched-off of Italian interfering transmitter will be organized during the RSPG lunch time on 9th November and during the RSCOM lunch time on 7th December.

A full meeting is planned on 17th January.