

# **“Radio Spectrum Policy Group Work Programme for 2024 and beyond” Apple Inc. Input**

## **Apple Inc. High-level View**

Apple supports the seven topics identified but we suggest there is a need to consider development of a “Short-term vision for the upper 6 GHz band (2023-2025)”.

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## **RSPG Activities (topics) for 2024 and Beyond**

### **1) Peer review and Member States cooperation**

**Apple Position:** No view.

### **2) WRC**

**Apple Position:** Agree it is important to review outcome of the WRC-23 and engage as appropriate in WRC-27 Agenda Items.

### **3) “Good offices” to assist in bilateral negotiations between Member States**

**Apple Position:** No view.

### **4) Long-term vision for the upper 6 GHz band (2030 and beyond)**

**Apple Position:** This will remain an important activity irrespective of whether there is an IMT identification, or not, in the upper 6 GHz. One concern is that this activity is a “long-term vision” and is linked to a “2030 and beyond” timeline which raises the questions on what is the “short-to-medium term vision”? It would be useful to better understand thinking on timescales since it would be inappropriate to have upper 6 GHz linked to a IMT-2030/6G timeline. We continue to advocate for expeditious licence-exempt access to upper 6 GHz and not be tied to a IMT-2030 timeline.

### **5) 6G strategic vision**

**Apple Position:** This activity is very focussed on making available spectrum for 6G, but it is important to balance this with access to additional 6 GHz spectrum for licence-exempt use (even if within a hybrid sharing framework). We agree it is important to undertake analysis on 6G spectrum needs based on coverage / capacity requirements for the various use cases / usage scenarios, but it is also important not to forget about the licence-exempt spectrum needs. NTN’s role in 6G will also be important. It is important to retain and implement existing technology neutrality position.

### **6) Assessment of future usage of the frequency band 470-694 MHz within the EU**

**Apple Position:** Apple supports access to additional UHF spectrum for mobile connectivity.

### **7) Strategic Spectrum Matters**

**Apple Position:** This seems like a catch-all and we will continue to monitor and engage as appropriate.

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