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SUMMARY OF RESULTS

The meeting was Chaired by RSPG Chair Philip Marnick (UK) and co-chaired by Vice-Chair Jonas Wessel (SE).

The RSPG adopted Reports on:

- The Results of the ITU World Radiocommunication Conference 2015; and
- The Results of the Commission's Public Consultation on the EU telecommunications framework review.

The RSPG agreed to:

- expand the item in the current work programme related to "Good Offices" to include a new role assisting in clearance for 700 MHz;
- develop a proposal for Peer Review focused on spectrum awards, to take forward the best practice identified by the recent Report on Awards, into a practical programme through which members can learn from and support each other; and
- publish for public consultation a draft Opinion on "Spectrum-related aspects for next generation wireless systems (5G)".

The RSPG also agreed to a Commission request for an RSPG opinion on a long-term strategy on spectrum requirements facing the future needs and use of wireless audio and video PMSE applications.

The RSPG received updates regarding progress on the current work items, including those related to the Digital Single Market, the Internet of Things and Intelligent Transport systems. The RSPG expressed thanks to BEREC for its cooperation in a successful joint workshop on spectrum awards held in Brussels on 24 May, and noted that further collaboration is being discussed.

The RSPG Chair also noted the positive feedback received from stakeholders concerning the RSPG workshop held (in London on 30 March) to present the new RSPG work programme and agreed to reflect on further similar initiatives to help improve stakeholder engagement with the RSPG's activities.

The next meeting of the RSPG will take place on 9th November 2016.

MEETING REPORT

(1) Introduction to RSPG #40

The RSPG Chairman, Philip Marnick (UK), assisted by RSPG Deputy Chairman, Jonas Wessel (Sweden), opened the meeting.

The European Commission was represented by Anthony Whelan, Director for Electronic Communications Networks and Services, DG CONNECT.

(2) Update on Commission Initiatives

The European Commission introduced document RSPG16-015 "Commission activities related to spectrum policy since the last meeting" and also provided information regarding Commission studies related to spectrum issues.

It was agreed that the 5G Manifesto referred to in this update would be provided as an input to the RSPG working groups on 5G, IoT and ITS.

(3) RSPG Stakeholder Workshop, London, 30 March 2016

The RSPG Chair provided an oral report on the public meeting held in London in March to present the new RSPG work programme (agreed at the RSPG plenary in February). The meeting was well attended by a variety of stakeholders as well as by several RSPG members. Feedback from the meeting suggested that the initiative had been considered a success by the participants and so the Chair would consider organising similar stakeholder engagement activities in the future.

(4) WRC-19

The rapporteur, Alexander Kühn (DE) introduced the progress report of the working group's activities (RSPG16-016) and the draft RSPG report on the result of the 2015 WRC conference (RSPG16-017).

The Commission proposed amendments to the WRC-15 report, which members considered. An attempt was made during the lunch break to find compromise drafting that all members could accept. This was unsuccessful, and members with the exception of the Commission voted unanimously to adopt the rapporteur's draft without amendments. The Commission exercised its right under the Rules of Procedure to register a dissenting opinion, which will be included as an annex to the Report.

(5) Good offices

The co-rapporteur Eric Fournier (FR) introduced the progress report from the working group (RSPG16-018) the draft RSPG report on the results of the RSPG's good offices in bilateral negotiations between EU countries (RSPG16-029) and a proposal for a new work item related to the roll of good offices in clearance for 700 MHz (RSPG16-019).

The Chair expressed regret that specific commitments given by Italy at the last plenary meeting had not been met, and noted the considerable and continuing impact

on the citizens of neighbouring countries, including substantial interference to broadcast radio and television services in Croatia. Significant effort had been expended both within the Good Offices working group and at Plenary; it was disappointing that the commitments given were not met and that Italy could not say when they would resolve the situation.

It was agreed that a final report from the rapporteurs would be presented at the next plenary, if this could not be agreed by written procedure before then.

(6) PMSE

The Commission introduced a request for an RSPG Opinion on a long-term strategy on spectrum requirements facing the future needs and use of wireless audio and video PMSE applications (RSPG16-020). The Commission noted that the draft request had been introduced at RSPG#39 in February 2016 and that, in the interim, several RSPG members had provided feedback and drafting suggestions regarding the text. The Commission expressed appreciation for these inputs and now presented the resulting text for the RSPG's consideration.

It was agreed that this item would be added to the current work programme. Austria said they would discuss with the Chair the possibility of leading this work.

(7) Framework Review

The co-rapporteurs Emilia Ulelay (Hungary) and Didier Chauveau (FR) introduced the progress report (RSPG16-021) and a draft RSPG report on the results of the Commission's public consultation on the EU Telecommunications Framework review. The report was adopted.

(8) Digital Single Market

The co-rapporteur, Christiane Seifert (DE), presented the progress report of the working group dealing with this issue (RSPG16-023). Members expressed support for the Peer Review proposal made by the rapporteurs, and rapporteurs agreed to develop this further and bring back a specific plan to the next Plenary with the intention of implementing it by the end of 2016.

(9) 5G

The co-rapporteur, Bo Andersson (SE) presented the progress report of the working group dealing with this issue (RSPG16-024) and a draft opinion for approval for public consultation. Some drafting suggestions from members were reflected in the draft opinion, which it was agreed to send for public consultation.

(10) Intelligent Transport Systems

The rapporteur, Erika Forsberg (UK) presented the progress report of the working group dealing with this issue (RSPG16-025).

(11) Internet of Things

The co-rapporteur, Fokko Bos (NL), presented the progress report of the working group dealing with this issue (RSPG16-026).

(12) Collaboration with BEREC

Ylva Mälarstig (SE) presented a report on the joint BEREC-RSPG expert-level workshop on spectrum awards that was held in Brussels on 24 May (document RSPG16-027)

The next RSPG meeting (RSPG#41) will take place in Brussels on 9th November 2016. The [provisional] dates for RSPG plenary meetings in 2017 are February 7th, June 6th and 21st November.

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