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| LIAISON STATEMENT from RAG TO TDAGCooperation and coordination between ITU-R and ITU-D on WTDC Resolution 9 (Rev. Dubai, 2014) |
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| **Abstract:** The attached liaison statement from RAG to TDAG on Cooperation and coordination between ITU-R and ITU-D on WTDC Resolution 9 (Rev. Dubai, 2014) was approved at the RAG 24th meeting on 26-28 April 2017.**Action required:**The attached liaison statement is sent to TDAG for action in preparation for WTDC-17. |

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| **LIAISON STATEMENT** |
| **For action to:** | TDAG |
| **For information to:** | ITU-R Study Group 1 and ITU-R Working Parties 5A and 5D |
| **Approval:** | RAG meeting (Geneva, 26 – 28 April 2017) |
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| Radiocommunication Advisory Group (RAG) |
| LIAISON STATEMENT TO TDAG(Copy to ITU-R Study Group 1 and to ITU-R Working Parties 5A and 5D for information) |
| Cooperation and coordination between ITU-R and ITU-D on WTDC Resolution 9 (Rev. Dubai, 2014 |

Introduction

The Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) in its [Document 1/110](https://www.itu.int/md/R12-SG01-C-0110/en) of 11 June 2014 invited the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau to ensure that ITU-R continues the collaboration with ITU-D in the implementation of Resolution 9 (Rev. Dubai, 2014) of the World Telecommunication Development Conference 2014 (WTDC-14).

This liaison statement would like to bring to the attention of TDAG the RAG views concerning possible improvements on Cooperation and coordination between ITU-R and ITU-D on WTDC Resolution 9 (Rev. Dubai, 2014).

ITU-R experience about the work on WTDC Resolution 9 (Rev. Dubai, 2014) between 2014 and 2017

During the ITU-D 2014-2017 study cycle, several liaison statements have been exchanged between various ITU-R Working Parties (e.g. WP 1B and WP 5D) and the group of ITU-D Study Group 1 dedicated to the preparation of the draft Report to WTDC-17 in response to Resolution 9 (Rev. Dubai, 2014). This draft Report has been thoroughly reviewed by the concerned ITU-R Working Parties, resulting in requests to ITU-D Study Group 1 to amend the draft Report in order to ensure its consistency with the results of the relevant ITU-R studies and to avoid duplication of existing ITU-R information.

The limited amount of time at the subsequent Resolution 9 Group meetings (i.e. half a day during the September 2016 meeting of ITU-D Study Group 1, 1 day in January 2017 and half a day during the March 2017 meeting of ITU-D Study Group 1), the limited number of contributions and contributors in general as well as the limited participation of ITU-R experts did not enable appropriate consideration of all the ITU-R requested modifications.

The final version of the Report on Resolution 9 was, nevertheless, approved at the March 2017 meeting of ITU-D Study Group 1.

Comments from ITU-R Working Party 1B have therefore not been adequately reflected in the Report developed by ITU-D Study Group 1. This situation results in very serious concerns on the relevance and completeness of the Report on Resolution 9 and on its consistency with the ITU-R work.

Course of action to resolve this situation and foster further cooperation and coordination between ITU-R and ITU-D (Resolution ITU-R 7-3) in the implementation of WTDC Resolution 9 (Rev. Dubai, 2014)

To diligently effect the required cooperation and coordination between ITU-R and ITU-D on spectrum management related topics, RAG proposes that TDAG take the following measures:

– to bring directly to the attention of the relevant ITU-R Study Groups the case studies and special requirements of national spectrum management organizations from developing countries. This would facilitate the consideration of developing countries’ special requirements in providing best practices in spectrum management in ITU-R deliverables, such as in ITU-R Recommendations, Reports and/or Handbooks;

– to organise ITU seminars and/or workshops on spectrum management topics in conjunction with the ITU-R Study Group 1 or its Working Parties meetings with the support of the BDT to facilitate the participation of developing countries. The participation at these events would give the opportunity to share information with ITU‑R spectrum management experts on concrete issues or specific cases that have been already dealt with in other countries and to be involved actively in the ITU-R Study Group 1 studies;

– to continue gathering national practical case studies and make them rapidly available through the ITU-D website. In conjunction with the development of thematic web pages referencing existing ITU-R material on specific radio topics, this would decrease the workload of both ITU-D and ITU-R Study Groups 1 while ensuring that the most accurate information on the most relevant radio spectrum issues is gathered and available in a single place;

– should Resolution 9 be maintained together with its associated Report, to consider necessary revision of Resolution 9 including appropriate procedures for the approval of the associated Report, based on ITU practices including those of ITU-R as contained in Resolution ITU-R 1-7, in order to reflect the needs of developing countries and prevailing technological trends in spectrum management and to keep consistency of content of the Report on Resolution 9 with ITU-R deliverables on spectrum management.

With regard to the Report on Resolution 9 approved by the March 2017 meeting of ITU-D Study Group 1, RAG is of the strong view that concerns of ITU-R on the Report should be taken into account before the Report is published and considered by WTDC-17. The RAG wishes to inform the TDAG that the opportunity of ITU-R Study Group 1 meeting in June 2017 be taken in this regard.

**Status:** For action.

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