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| LIAISON STATEMENT FROM TDAG TO RAG AND ITU-R STUDY GROUPs 1 and 5 ON Cooperation and coordination between ITU-R and ITU-D on WTDC Resolution 9 (Rev. Dubai, 2014) |
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| **Summary:**TDAG, at its 22nd meeting, considered the liaison from RAG’s April 2017 meeting concerning cooperation and coordination between ITU-R and ITU-D on WTDC Resolution 9 (Rev. Dubai, 2014) and agreed to the enclosed response. **Action required:**RAG and ITU-R Study Group 1 are invited to note this response and take necessary action.ITU-R SG 5 for information**References:**[TDAG15-22/51](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-TDAG22-C-0051/), [RAG-17 Summary of conclusions](https://www.itu.int/md/R17-RAG17-170426-TD-0003/en), [ITU-D SG1 Report 39](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-SG01-R-0039/en) |

TDAG, at its 22nd meeting, considered the liaison from RAG’s April 2017 meeting concerning cooperation and coordination between ITU-R and ITU-D on WTDC Resolution 9 (Rev. Dubai, 2014). TDAG participants were encouraged that those active in ITU-R studies on spectrum management, as represented by RAG, are as committed to effective cooperation and coordination between the Sectors as those who participate in the ITU-D discussions. TDAG considers the RAG liaison to address two topics: organization of future studies related to the “participation of countries, particularly developing countries, in spectrum management” and measures, proposed by RAG to TDAG “to diligently effect the required cooperation and coordination between ITU-R and ITU-D on spectrum management related topics”, and the content of the current final report of Resolution 9.

Concerning the future activities related to participation of countries, particularly developing countries, in spectrum management, TDAG welcomes the suggestions of RAG, which are similar to ideas indicated in the report of the March 29, 2017 ITU-D/ITU-R Joint Group meeting for WTDC Resolution 9. There was extensive interest expressed to continue this activity to address the evolving world of spectrum management. [ITU-D SG1 Report 39](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-SG01-R-0039/en) indicates several possible topics for focus of those future discussions. The participants of TDAG are eager to see continued discussion in the preparations for WTDC-17, so as to improve the degree of interaction of subject matter experts and the developing countries while recognizing the financial and linguistic challenges of these countries to participate within the English-language-only discussions of ITU-R working parties.

TDAG recommended to ITU-D Membership to take into account the RAG suggestions in preparation to WTDC-17, especially for developing proposals on Resolution 9.

Concerning the RAG statement that “Comments from ITU-R Working Party 1B have not been adequately reflected in the Report developed by ITU-D Study Group 1”, TDAG was informed that there had been extensive liaison activity to accommodate of the requests coming, in particular, from ITU-R WP1B before the report was agreed at the March 2017 meeting of ITU-D Study Group 1.

However, for the sake of having an agreed report by both sectors TDAG recommends that ITU-R SG1 be given the opportunity to consider the report of Resolution 9 at its June 2017 meeting. TDAG further recommends that the Directors of BDT and BR invite ITU-D Membership to attend the next ITU-R WP 1B meeting (13-20 June 2017) to consider the Resolution 9 Report, with the objective of reaching consensus before WTDC-17.

The report as reviewed by ITU-R Study Group 1, should be considered by ITU-D SG1 management team, including by correspondence, before WTDC-17.

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