



Radiocommunication Bureau (BR)

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To Administrations of Member States of the ITU, Radiocommunication Sector Members, ITU-R Associates participating in the work of Radiocommunication Study Group 4 and ITU Academia

Subject: **Radiocommunication Study Group 4 (Satellite Services)**

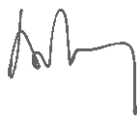
- **Proposed approval of 1 draft revised ITU-R Question**
- **Proposed suppression of 1 ITU-R Question**

At the meeting of Radiocommunication Study Group 4 held on 27 October 2017, 1 draft revised ITU-R Question was adopted according to Resolution ITU-R 1-7 (§ A2.5.2.2) and it was agreed to apply the procedure of Resolution ITU-R 1-7 (see § A2.5.2.3) for approval of Questions in the interval between Radiocommunication Assemblies. The text of the draft ITU-R Question is attached for your reference in Annex 1. Any Member State who objects to the approval of a draft Question is requested to inform the Director and the Chairman of the Study Group of the reasons for the objection.

Furthermore, the Study Group proposed the suppression of 1 ITU-R Question in accordance with Resolution ITU-R 1-7 (§ A2.5.3). The ITU-R Question proposed for suppression is indicated in Annex 2. Any Member State who objects to the suppression of an ITU-R Question is requested to inform the Director and the Chairman of the Study Group of the reasons for the objection.

Having regard to the provisions of § A2.5.2.3 of Resolution ITU-R 1-7, Member States are requested to inform the Secretariat (brsgd@itu.int) by 15 January 2018, whether they approve or do not approve the proposals above.

Any ITU member organization aware of a patent held by itself or others which may fully or partly cover elements of the draft Recommendation mentioned in this letter is requested to disclose such information to the Secretariat as soon as possible. The Common Patent Policy for ITU-T/ITU-R/ISO/IEC is available at <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/ipr/Pages/policy.aspx>.



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Annex: Title and summary of the draft Recommendation

Document: Document [4/36 \(Rev.1\)](#)

This document is available in electronic format at: <https://www.itu.int/md/R15-SG04-C/en>.

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Annex 1

(Document [4/30\(Rev 1\)](#))

DRAFT REVISION OF QUESTION ITU-R 277/4

Performance objectives for digital fixed-satellite and mobile-satellite services with variable bit-rate paths

(2009-201X)

The ITU Radiocommunication Assembly,

considering

- a) ~~that the total bit error ratio in the hypothetical reference digital path should not be such as would appreciably affect the transmission of information~~ service requirements are constantly evolving and new services are rapidly emerging which may have an impact on satellite link performance **requirements**;
- b) that most of the recent fixed-satellite **service** (FSS) and mobile-satellite service (MSS) systems are adopting adaptive transmission techniques ~~the bit error ratio will vary with time due to in order to compensate~~ for the effects of time-varying propagation conditions, including the effects of rain attenuation and multipath fading, **thereby** satisfying error performance objectives consistently;
- c) that the performance objectives of **FSS systems** defined in Recommendation ITU-R S.1062 may be different from those required by the satellite systems with variable bit-rate paths, due to adaptive transmission schemes ~~extent to which fading can affect various types of mobile terminals cannot be determined fully until more experimental data are available;~~
- d) that fade margins in the bands typically used for service links (forward/return) to mobile terminals can be substantially different from those in bands typically used for feeder links and this may result in different performance objectives for these two types of links;
- e) that the use of error correction coding techniques that approach the theoretical Shannon capacity limit, with soft iterative decoding methods, in modern satellite systems ~~in mobile-satellite service (MSS) transmissions can result in satisfactory operation at reduced levels of carrier-to-noise plus interference ratio ($C/(N+I)$), but can also result in different burst decoding error characteristics compared to the conventional error correction coding techniques;~~
- f) that the treatment of performance objectives for safety related services in bands allocated to the MSS could be different than for non-safety related services in those bands;
- g) that with respect to message transfer time (end-to-end), performance objectives for store-and-forward services may be less stringent than those for real-time services;
- h) that performance objectives for mobile-satellite services may be influenced by those of the terrestrial mobile service where the satellite service is used to complement such services;

4j) that Recommendations ITU-R SM.1751 and ITU-R M.1188 introduce a link margin metric which can be applied as an “additional methodology for the evaluation of the effect of interference between radiocommunication networks”, which may be used in the evaluation of performance and the determination of performance objective of non-GSO, TDMA-based, MSS systems serving handheld equipment of users in motion,

decides that the following Questions should be studied

For each of the various digital ~~mobile-satellite services~~ FSS and MSS systems:

1 What are the bit error performance objectives and preferable bit error performance distributions in the appropriate hypothetical reference digital path?

2 What is the preferred method for correlation of bit error performance with propagation characteristics?

3 What are the methods available to the satellite system designer to accommodate service requirements with regard to satellite system attributes such as propagation impairments, burst-error characteristics and delay?

34 What performance parameters, if any, should be defined in order to take account of existing fixed-satellite service performance objectives, bearing in mind that interference levels in MSS systems are significantly different than those for FSS systems?

45 How should the performance objective of § 1 be allocated amongst feeder links and service links?

56 What additional methodologies should be developed to evaluate performance and what are the performance objectives for non-GSO MSS systems, which serve handheld equipment of users in motion?

further decides

1 that the results of the above studies should be included in appropriate Recommendations and/or Reports;

2 that the above studies should be completed by ~~2014~~2020.

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Annex 2

(Document 4/[30\(Rev 1\)](#))

Proposed suppression of ITU-R Question

Question ITU-R	Title
75-4/4	Performance objectives of international digital transmission links in the fixed-satellite and mobile-satellite services
