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| **Radiocommunication Bureau (BR)** | | |
| Administrative Circular  **CACE/982** | | 11 June 2021 |
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| **To Administrations of Member States of the ITU, Radiocommunication Sector Members,  ITU-R Associates participating in the work of the Radiocommunication Study Group 1  and ITU Academia** | | |
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| Subject: | **Radiocommunication Study Group 1 (Spectrum management)**  **– Proposed approval of 1 draft new ITU-R Question** | |
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At the meeting of Radiocommunication Study Group 1 held on 3 June 2021, 1 draft new ITU-R Question was adopted according to Resolution ITU-R 1-8 (§ A2.5.2.2) and it was agreed to apply the procedure of Resolution ITU‑R 1-8 (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 the Annex to this letter. Any Member State which 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.

Having regard to the provisions of § A2.5.2.3 of Resolution ITU-R 1-8, Member States are requested to inform the Secretariat ([brsgd@itu.int](mailto:brsgd@itu.int)) by 11 August 2021, whether they approve or do not approve the proposal above.

After the above-mentioned deadline, the results of this consultation will be announced in an Administrative Circular and the approved Question will be published as soon as practicable (see: <http://www.itu.int/ITU-R/go/que-rsg1/en>).

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Director

**Annex:** 1 draft new ITU-R Question

Annex

(Document [1/49(Rev.1)](https://www.itu.int/md/R19-SG01-C-0049/en))

Draft New QUESTION ITU-R [GPR/WPR]/1

Spectrum management framework for the introduction of   
Ground- and Wall- Penetrating Radar (GPR/WPR) imaging systems

(2021)

The ITU Radiocommunication Assembly,

considering

*a)* that Ground- and Wall- Penetrating Radar (GPR/WPR) imaging systems have been used by professionals for over 30 years globally in investigation and detection applications;

*b)* that GPR/WPR emissions spread over a very large frequency range and the frequency bands used by GPR/WPR tends to expand gradually;

*c)* that GPR/WPR devices may be integrated into the scope of Ultra-wideband (UWB), but it may differ with characteristics, technical requirements and the impact on other radiocommunication services of generic UWB devices;

*d)* that the emissions from GPR/WPR devices have not been studied in detail on the current complex electromagnetic environment;

*e)* that GPR/WPR imaging systems present a potential to transmit in bands allocated to passive services that are covered by footnote No. **5.340** of the Radio Regulations (RR) that prohibits all emissions;

*f)* that the licensing regime for imaging systems varies between administrations, with most handling the issue with experimental or short time licenses,

considering further

*a)* that a report on the status of GPR/WPR system by administrations would support ITU membership, in particular developing countries which plan to introduce a system for the use of GPR/WPR;

*b)* that the sharing of experiences and case studies of countries that have already introduced and used GPR/WPR within their institutions will greatly contribute to the efficient spectrum use and promotion,

noting

*a)* that [ECC Decision (06)08](https://docdb.cept.org/document/402) shows the conditions for use of the radio spectrum by GPR/WPR imaging system;

*b)* that [FCC Title 47 Part 15.509](https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=7e5b42c309088bd040ec002f9a51551e&mc=true&node=se47.1.15_1509&rgn=div8) presents Technical requirements for GPR/WPR systems,

decides that the following Questions should be studied

1 What technologies and what range of frequencies are used in GPR/WPR systems?

2 What are the conditions and measures to ensure that GPR/WPR devices do not cause harmful interference to any radiocommunication service, in particular those services operating in accordance with RR No. **5.340**?

3 What are the current spectrum management policies and future plans of the national authorities for management and authorization of the use of GPR/WPR?

further decides

1 that the results of the above studies should be included in Recommendation(s) and/or Report(s), as appropriate;

2 that the above studies should be completed by 2023.

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