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| **Radiocommunication Bureau (BR)** | | |
| Addendum 1 to Circular Letter  **5/LCCE/98** | | 2 February 2022 |
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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 5 and ITU Academia** | | |
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| Subject: | **Meeting of Working Party 5B (E-meeting, 29 March – 8 April 2022)**   * **Working Party 5B: Maritime mobile service including Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS); aeronautical mobile service and radiodetermination service** | |
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**1 Introduction**

Further to Circular Letter [5/LCCE/98](https://www.itu.int/md/R00-SG05-CIR-0098/en) dated 18 January 2022, and due to the continuing exceptional circumstances caused by the Coronavirus ([COVID-19](https://www.itu.int/en/Pages/covid-19.aspx)) outbreak, Working Party (WP) 5B will now be convened fully electronically (remote participation only / virtual meeting) on the dates indicated in the table below. This decision has prioritized the need to ensure the health and safety of all participants and to guarantee adequate levels of participation.

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| Groups | Meeting date | Deadline for contributions 1600 hours UTC | Opening session (Geneva time) |
| Working Party 5B | 29 March – 8 April 2022 | Tuesday, 22 March 2022 | Tuesday, 29 March 2022 at 1200 hours |

The previously established contribution deadline as announced in Circular Letter [5/LCCE/98](https://www.itu.int/md/R00-SG05-CIR-0098/en) for the meeting of WP 5B **as 22 March 2022** at 16:00 hours UTC remains in place.

**2 Programme of the meeting**

The draft agenda of the meeting of WP 5B is already contained in Circular Letter 5/LCCE/98. The meeting is limited to addressing material directly related to WRC-23 agenda items.

The working hours of the meetings are scheduled to be **1200 to 1600 hours Geneva time**. In view of the circumstances, the above-mentioned working hours will be applicable –on an exceptional basis– also to Friday’s session. These working hours were chosen to accommodate the participation of delegates from various time zones. Other relevant information will be published on the Working Party website, as well as in administrative and information documents.

# 3 Remote participation

Details for remote participation can be found in 5/LCCE/98.

All existing requests for physical participation will be automatically converted to remote participation by ITU.

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