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| Report of the Chairman of the Special Committee on Regulatory/Procedural Matters | |
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# 1 Introduction

In accordance with Resolution ITU-R 38-4, the first session of the 2015 Conference Preparatory meeting (CPM15-1) activated the Special Committee on Regulatory/Procedural Matters (in short Special Committee or SC) in the preparatory process for WRC-15. At RA-12, Mr Taghi Shafiee (Iran (Islamic Republic of)) was appointed as Chairman of the Special Committee.

The Special Committee was tasked by CPM15-1 to carry out the appropriate regulatory/procedural studies on the relevant agenda items of WRC-15, on the basis of the proposals from the membership of ITU and relevant ITU-R responsible groups (see Note 1 in Annexes 8 and 9 to Administrative Circular [CA/201](http://www.itu.int/md/R00-CA-CIR-0201/en) of 19 March 2012).

# 2 Organization of Special Committee activities

In the preparation process for WRC-15, as in previous conferences, CPM15-1 decided to include in the structure of the draft CPM Report for each WRC-15 agenda item a section entitled “Regulatory and procedural considerations”. The ITU-R responsible groups for the WRC-15 agenda items followed this approach in preparing their draft CPM texts, which simplified the consideration of the texts at the SC meeting.

In view of the successful and cost-effective preparation of the SC for CPM07-2 and CPM11-2, CPM15-1 noted the establishment of a Working Party of the SC (SC-WP), chaired by the SC Chairman (see Annex 12 to [CA/201](http://www.itu.int/md/R00-CA-CIR-0201/en)). The SC-WP met once (Geneva, 6-11 December 2013) and prepared the work of the SC on several issues, in close cooperation with the interested ITU-R study groups or working parties.

The Special Committee held its meeting from 1 to 5 December 2014 in Geneva, and addressed various regulatory/procedural issues as related to various agenda items of WRC‑15, based on the SC-WP Chairman’s Report, the extract from the draft CPM Report to WRC-15, the proposals from the membership of ITU and liaison statements from some ITU-R study groups or working parties.

The meeting was attended by 145 participants representing 34 Member States, 11 recognized operating agencies, 4 scientific or industrial organizations, 2 intergovernmental organizations operating satellite systems, the Radio Regulations Board and the Radiocommunication Bureau.

The SC established two working groups to handle its work, as described in Table 1 below.

Table 1

Structure of the SC meeting

| Working Group | Subject | Chairman |
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| WG 1 | Issues under WRC-15 agenda item 7 | Mr Jack Wengryniuk (USA) |
| WG 2 | Issues under other WRC-15 agenda items | Mr Per Hovstad (AsiaSat) |

The results of the discussions held by the SC have been included in the Report of the Special Committee to CPM15-2 (see Document [CPM15-2/2](http://www.itu.int/md/R12-CPM15.02-C-0002/en)) and in the SC Chairman’s Report on the December 2014 meeting (see Document [SC/42](http://www.itu.int/md/R12-SC-C-0042/en)).

# 3 Future work of the Special Committee

The organization of the work of the Special Committee by CPM15-1 has shown its efficiency in terms of the number of issues addressed during the meetings of the SC-WP and the SC. For cost-saving reasons, and as agreed at CPM15-1, interpretation was only provided at the SC meeting itself. As a result of this good preparatory work, the SC Report to CPM15-2 contained draft CPM texts on several WRC-15 agenda items and issues.

These organizational elements may be considered by RA-15 for the preparation of the next study period for WRC‑19 and the review of Resolutions ITU-R 2-6 and 38-4, as appropriate.

# 4 Conclusion

I convey my gratitude to the Vice-Chairmen of the Committee (Messrs Nasser Bin Hammad, Alexander Kühn, Ram Jee Singh Kushvaha, Stanislas Okouma Lekhouyi, Ramiro Robledo Lopez, Igor V. Zheltonogov and Franz Zichy), the Chairmen of the Working Groups of the SC and SC-WP (Messrs Jack Wengryniuk and Per Hovstad), the Director of the BR, the experts and specialists of BR, the Counsellor of the SC (Mr Ph. Aubineau) and the ITU membership for their valuable contributions.

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