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7(D) Issue D – General use of modern electronic means of communications in coordination and notification procedures

Pursuant to the results of the ITU-R studies on this issue, the Arab States administrations propose the following:

– Amendment of Resolution 907 (WRC-12) to ensure that, wherever the words “telegram”, “telex” or “fax” are used in provisions related to coordination and notification procedures for satellite networks (including RR Appendices 30, 30A, 30B and relevant resolutions), modern electronic means can be used instead, as far as possible, while maintaining the terms “telegram”, “telex” or “fax”.

– BR would continue to be tasked to implement the *resolves* section and to report to administrations on such implementation.

– No change to *resolves* 2 of Resolution 907 (WRC-12) (“other, traditional means of communication can continue to be used if modern electronic means are not available”), so that this transition will not affect those administrations which may face difficulties in applying it.

– Amendment of Resolution 907 (WRC-12) to expand its scope to all kinds of satellite network filings, building on the availability of SpaceWISC.

– Request BR to analyse whether it is possible to have a single consolidated interface for both the submission of satellite network filings and the related correspondence (correspondence between BR and the notifying administration, comments submitted following the publication of the special section, correspondence between administrations about the special section, etc.).

Proposals

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RESOLUTION 907 (rev.WRC‑15)

Use of modern electronic means of communication for administrative correspondence related to advance publication, coordination and   
notification of satellite networks including that related to   
Appendices 30, 30A and 30B, earth stations and   
radio astronomy stations

The World Radiocommunication Conference (Geneva, 2015),

considering

that the use of electronic means of communication for administrative correspondence related to advance publication, coordination and notification of satellite networks, earth stations and radio astronomy stations would facilitate the tasks of the Radiocommunication Bureau and of administrations and has the potential to improve the coordination and notification process by reducing the amount of duplicated correspondence,

noting

that Decision 5 (Rev. Busan, 2014) includes, in its Annex 2, paragraph 28, which proposes to “Discontinue to the greatest extent possible communications by fax and traditional postal mail between the Union and Member States and replace it with modern electronic communication methods”,

recognizing

that administrations could use the time freed by a reduction of administrative correspondence to effect coordination,

resolves

1 that modern electronic means of communication shall be used whenever possible in the administrative correspondence between administrations and the Radiocommunication Bureau related to the advance publication, coordination, notification and recording processes, including correspondence related to Appendices **30**, **30A** and **30B**, for satellite networks, earth stations and radio astronomy stations;

2 that, wherever the words “telegram”, “telex” or “fax” are included in provisions related to the advance publication, coordination and notification processes of satellite networks, earth stations and radio astronomy stations, including the provisions contained in Appendices **30**, **30A** and **30B**, the expression “modern electronic means” shall be used, to the utmost possible;

3 that other, traditional means of communication shall continue to be used unless the administration informs the Bureau of its willingness to discontinue such use,

instructs the Radiocommunication Bureau

1 to provide administrations with the necessary technical means to ensure that the modern electronic correspondence between administrations and the Radiocommunication Bureau is secure;

2 to inform administrations of the availability of such means and of the associated schedule of implementation;

3 to automatically acknowledge receipt of all electronic correspondence;

4 to report to the next world radiocommunication conference on the experience gained in the application of this Resolution, with a view to making any necessary consequential amendments to the Radio Regulations,

urges administrations

to use, to the extent possible, modern electronic means of communication in the administrative correspondence between themselves related to advance publication, coordination and notification of satellite networks, including that related to Appendices **30**, **30A** and **30B**, and to earth stations and radio astronomy stations, recognizing that other means of communication may still be used if necessary (see also *resolves*3).

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RESOLUTION 908 (rev.WRC‑15)

Electronic submission and publication of   
satellite network filings

The World Radiocommunication Conference (Geneva, 2015),

considering

*a)* that the volume of advance publication information (API), coordination requests (CR/C), notifications and applications of Appendices **30**, **30A** and **30B** for satellite networks or systems has been steadily increasing in recent years;

*b)* that a significant amount of effort is required to maintain the relevant databases;

*c)* that a paperless electronic approach for the submission of satellite network filings would make this information readily accessible to all, and would limit the workload for administrations and the Bureau in the processing of these filings,

noting

*a)* that, through Circular Letters CR/363 and CR/376, the Bureau informed administrations that a web‑based application (SpaceWISC) has been available as of 1 March 2015 for the submission and publication of API notices for satellite networks or systems subject to coordination and for administrations’ comments under No. **9.5B**;

*b)* that, through Circular Letter CR/360, the Bureau informed administrations that a web‑based online distribution of the BR International Frequency Information Circular (BR IFIC) (Space services) on DVD-ROM in ISO format was developed, allowing the data to be available without delay on the BR IFIC publication date and administrations to obtain a secure local reproduction of the BR IFIC (Space services) DVD-ROM,

resolves

that administrations shall submit all satellite network filings, using a secure paperless electronic approach upon being advised that the means for such electronic submission of a satellite network filing for satellite networks or systems subject to coordination has been implemented and upon receiving assurances that such means are indeed secure,

instructs the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau

1 to implement a secure paperless electronic approach for the electronic submission and publication of satellite network filings for satellite networks or systems, taking into account the conditions mentioned in the *resolves* of this resolution;

2 to study and implement, as appropriate, a consolidated approach for both the electronic submission of satellite network filings and their related correspondence.

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