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| Proposals for the work of the conference |
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| Agenda item 1.15 |

1.15 to consider spectrum demands for on-board communication stations in the maritime mobile service in accordance with Resolution **358 (WRC‑12)**;

Introduction

EACO member countries (BDI/KEN/UGA/RRW/TZA) believes that the identification of new frequencies for on-board communications in UHF is not justified. Existing bands can be efficiently used by reviewing the channeling and using new digital technologies. Therefore EACO member countries support the proposed method in the CPM Report.

Proposal

BDI/KEN/UGA/RRW/TZA (EACO member countries) propose the following, according to the proposed method in the CPM Report:

ARTICLE 5

Frequency allocations

Section IV – Table of Frequency Allocations
(See No. 2.1)

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5.287 Use of the frequency bands 457.5125-457.5875 MHz and 467.5125-467.5875 MHz by the maritime mobile service is limited to on-board communication stations. The characteristics of the equipment and the channelling arrangement shall be in conformity with Recommendation ITU‑R M.1174‑3. The use of these frequency bands in territorial waters may also be subject to the national regulations of the administration concerned. (WRC‑15)

**Reasons:**

– The identification of new frequencies for on-board communications in UHF is not justified and therefore not necessary.

– A more efficient usage of the existing frequencies could be achieved with the systematic utilization of 12.5 kHz and 6.25 kHz channel spacing for all the channels identified in the RR for on-board communications.

Other techniques based on digital technology can also be used to efficiently use the existing spectrum.

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RESOLUTION 358 (WRC‑12)

Consideration of improvement and expansion of on-board communication stations in the maritime mobile service in the UHF bands

**Reasons:** The Resolution 358 (WRC-12) is no longer needed.

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