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| MINUTES  OF THE  ELEVENTH PLENARY MEETING |
| Wednesday, 25 November 2015, at 0905 hours |
| **Chairman:** Mr F.Y.N. DAUDU (Nigeria) |

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# 1 Reports by the Chairman of Committee 5 (Documents 426 and 456)

1.1 The **Chairman of Committee 5**, introducing Documents 426 and 456, said that the committee had reached no conclusion concerning the regulatory texts produced on the basis of the proposals submitted to it under agenda item 1.12, as contained in the annex to Document 426, in which context he drew particular attention to proposed new footnote No. 5.X112. Informal discussions conducted subsequently among concerned administrations had resulted in, *inter alia*, the newly modified footnote No. 5.A112 in the annex to Document 456, concerning which the following text had been produced for inclusion in the minutes of the plenary as the position of the conference:

“In adopting No. 5.A112, WRC-15 recognized Resolution 174 (Rev. Busan, 2014) “ITU’s role with regard to international public policy issues relating to the risk of illicit use of information and communication technologies” and UN General Assembly Resolution A/RES/41/65 on “Principles relating to remote sensing of the Earth from space”, in particular its Principle IV, that are relevant for this application.”

He added that the regulatory texts presented in the annex to Document 456, including footnote No. 5.A112, had been developed through intensive discussions aimed at finding solutions acceptable to all concerned, one result of which was that footnote No. 5.X112 had been discarded.

1.2 Responding to a suggestion by the **Chairman** that requests for the inclusion of country names in footnotes should be communicated to the Chairman of Committee 5, the **delegate of the Islamic Republic of Iran** insisted that all such requests must be made in plenary in order to obtain the necessary formal approval.

1.3 The **delegates of Indonesia, Saudi Arabia** and **Bahrain** requested the addition of their country names in footnote No. 5.A112.

1.4 It was so **agreed**.

1.5 Document 456, including the text relating to No. 5.A112, and the texts in annex, as amended, was **approved**.

# 2 Fourteenth series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee for first reading (B14) (Document 451)

2.1 The **Chairman of the Editorial Committee** introduced Document 451, stating that the texts contained therein represented a compilation of the three regional solutions suggested at the ninth plenary meeting with respect to agenda item 1.1. He added that Region 1 countries wishing their names to be included in new footnote No. 5.BBB would be listed therein following receipt of their requests.

2.2 The **Chairman** invited delegates to consider the series of texts on first reading.

Article 5 (MOD Table 2 700-4 800 MHz)

2.3The **Chairman of Committee 6** pointed out that, in the part of the table dealing with 3 400-3 500 MHz for Region 3, footnote No. 5.432 should be associated with “Mobile” instead of with “Radiolocation”. The **Director of BR,** at the request of the **delegate of the Islamic Republic of Iran,** confirmed that footnote No. 5.432 had been erroneously associated with “Radiolocation” and suggested that the error should be corrected as explained by the Chairman of Committee 6.

2.4 It was so **agreed**.

2.5 MOD Table 2 700-4 800 MHz, as amended, was **approved**.

Article 5 (ADD 5.IMT)

2.6 **Approved**.

Article 5 (ADD 5.BBB)

2.7The **Chairman of Committee 4,** supported by the **delegate of the Islamic Republic of Iran,** suggested that footnote No. 5.BBB should be discarded on the grounds that it was no longer required, given that no requests for the inclusion of country names had been received.

2.8It was so **agreed**.

Article 5 (ADD 5.IMT2, MOD 5.430A, MOD 5.431A)

2.9 **Approved**.

Article 5 (MOD 5.432B)

2.10The **delegate of New** Z**ealand** suggested that the final sentence of the footnote, containing the date of 17 November 2010, should be deleted.

2.11 The **Chairman of Committee 4** said that the suggestion was consistent with a similar deletion that had been agreed with respect to Region 1 countries and was therefore valid.

2.12 It was so **agreed**.

2.13MOD 5.432B, as amended, was **approved**.

Article 5 (MOD 5.433A)

2.14 **Approved**.

2.15 On the understanding that footnote No. 5.BBB had been discarded, the fourteenth series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee for first reading (B14) (Document 451), as amended, was **approved**.

# 3 Fourteenth series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee (B14) – second reading (Document 451)

3.1 On the understanding that footnote No. 5.BBB had been discarded, the fourteenth series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee (B14) (Document 451), as amended on first reading, was **approved** on second reading.

# 4 Fifteenth series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee for first reading (B15) (Document 452)

4.1 The **Chairman of the Editorial Committee** introduced Document 452, noting that the texts therein consisted primarily of resolutions developed by Committee 6.

4.2 The **Chairman** invited participants to consider the series of texts on first reading.

4.3 The **Chairman of Committee** 6, responding to a query from the **delegate of the United States** as to whether some of the resolutions listed on the cover page of Document 452 were more properly related to agenda item 9.1, suggested that any inaccuracies on that score could be rectified following the discussion of the texts concerned.

4.4 The **delegate of the Islamic Republic of Iran** pointed out that any such rectifications would be simply editorial in nature insofar as the information in question was provided for indicative purposes only and did not require approval.

**Article 5 (MOD 5.208B); MOD Resolution 359 (WRC-12); MOD Resolution 360 (WRC-12)**

4.5 **Approved**.

ADD Resolution COM6/2 (WRC-15) Preliminary agenda for the 2023 World Radiocommunication Conference

4.6The **delegate of France,** supported by the **delegates of the Russian Federation** and **the Islamic Republic of Iran,** proposed that consideration of the resolution be deferred until the list of items for inclusion in the preliminary agenda for WRC-23 was finalized in the light of discussions that were still under way on various topics, including with respect to agenda item 1.1.

4.7 It was so **agreed**.

ADD Resolution COM6/3 (WRC-15) Consideration of regulatory provisions for modernization of the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System and related to the implementation of e-navigation

4.8 **Approved**.

ADD Resolution COM6/4 (WRC-15) Possible allocation to the Earth exploration-satellite service (active) for spaceborne radar sounders in the range of frequencies around 45 MHz

4.9 The **delegate of China** suggested in the interest of consistency that the text should be harmonized with the other texts in the series by replacing all occurrences of the term “spectrum needs” with “spectrum requirements”.

4.10 The **delegate of the Islamic Republic of Iran,** noting that use of the two terms had already been debated at length, said that the word “requirement” had strong connotations and should therefore be employed only after spectrum needs had been determined through the conduct of the relevant studies. Use of the word “needs” was consequently appropriate at the present stage.

4.11 The **delegate of China** stated that she had no objection to the word “needs”, provided that it was used in a consistent manner.

4.12 On that understanding, ADD Resolution COM6/4 (WRC-15) was **approved**.

ADD Resolution COM6/5 (WRC-15) Spectrum requirements and protection of space weather sensors

4.13 The **delegate of the United States,** supported by the **delegates of the Islamic Republic of Iran** and **Sweden,** noted that, as agreed earlier, the reference to the Space Frequency Coordination Group (SFCG) in the final operative paragraph of the resolution should be removed. She added that the same comment equally applied to other resolutions in the document.

4.14 It was so **agreed**.

4.15 ADD Resolution COM6/5 (WRC-15), as amended, was **approved**.

ADD Resolution COM6/6 (WRC-15) Allocation of the frequency band 50-54 MHz to the amateur service in Region 1

4.16 The **delegate of Egypt** suggested that, in *resolves to invite the 2019 World Radiocommunication Sector,* the word “Sector” should be replaced by the word “Conference”.

4.17 It was so **agreed**.

4.18 The **delegate of the Islamic Republic of Iran,** in response to a further query from the **delegate of China** concerning use of the term “spectrum requirements” in *invites the ITU Radiocommunication Sector* 1 of the resolution, again advocated use of the term “spectrum needs” in that and indeed other instances where text similarly related to the conduct of studies.

4.19 It was so **agreed**.

4.20The **delegate of the Islamic Republic of Iran** recommended that the past practice of inviting “ITU-R”, as opposed to “the ITU Radiocommunication Sector”, to pursue particular courses of action should be applied in the resolution, as well as in others likewise containing the formula *invites the ITU Radiocommunication Sector*. It was incongruous that the WRC, which was part of the latter under the ITU Constitution, should invite itself to undertake actions of any kind.

4.21 The **Chairman of the Editorial Committee** said that the acronym “ITU-R” was synonymous with the term “the ITU Radiocommunication Sector”.

4.22 The **delegate of the United Kingdom** declared himself in favour of retaining the longer term “the ITU Radiocommunication Sector”, notably in order to prevent any increase in the considerable workload with which the Editorial Committee was already burdened.

4.23 The **Legal Adviser** confirmed that, legally speaking, there was no difference between the two terms; one was simply the acronym for the other.

4.24 The **Director of BR** pointed out that none of the resolutions contained in volume 3 of the Radio Regulations employed the formula *invites the ITU Radiocommunication Sector* and that the acronym “ITU-R” was always used.

4.25 The **delegate of the Islamic Republic of Iran** again proposed retention of that past practice for the sake of consistency.

4.26 It was so **agreed**.

4.27 ADD Resolution COM6/6 (WRC-15), as amended, was **approved**.

ADD Resolution COM6/7 (WRC-15) Establishment of in-band power limits for earth stations operating in mobile-satellite service, the meteorological-satellite service and the Earth exploration-satellite service in the frequency bands 401-403 MHz and 399.9-400.05 MHz; ADD Resolution COM6/8 (WRC-15) Consideration of possible upgrading of the secondary allocation to the meteorological-satellite service (space-to-Earth) to primary status and a primary allocation to the Earth exploration-satellite service (space-to-Earth) in the frequency band 460-470 MHz

4.28 **Approved**.

ADD Resolution COM6/9 (WRC-15) Consideration of possible revision of Annex 7 to Appendix 30 of the Radio Regulations

4.29 The **delegate of the Russian Federation** suggested that, in *recognizing b),* the word “systems” should be removed in order to maintain consistency with other texts that referred simply to “BSS networks”.

4.30 It was so **agreed**.

4.31 ADD Resolution COM6/9 (WRC-15), as amended, was **approved**.

ADD Resolution COM6/10 (WRC-15) Autonomous maritime radio devices operating in the frequency band 156-162.05 MHz; ADD Resolution COM6/11 (WRC-15) Studies on spectrum requirements and regulatory provisions for the introduction and use of the Global Aeronautical Distress and Safety System; ADD Resolution COM6/12 (WRC-15) Railway radiocommunication systems between train and trackside; ADD Resolution COM6/13 (WRC-15) Intelligent Transport Systems applications; ADD Resolution COM6/14 (WRC-15) Studies towards an identification for use by administrations for land-mobile and fixed services applications operating in the frequency range 275-450 GHz; ADD Resolution COM6/15 (WRC-15) Urgent studies required in preparation for the 2019 World Radiocommunication Conference; SUP Resolution 98 (WRC-12); SUP Resolution 234 (WRC-12); SUP Resolution 758 (WRC-12)

4.32 **Approved**.

4.33 With the exception of ADD Resolution COM6/2 (WRC-15), the fifteenth series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee for first reading (B15) (Document 452), as amended, was **approved**.

4.34 The **Chairman,** in accordance with a request from the **delegate of Canada**, said that the agreed amendments would be incorporated into the texts, as approved on first reading, for subsequent consideration by the plenary on second reading.

# 5 Minute of silence in memory of the victims of a bomb attack in Tunisia

5.1 **The conference observed a minute of silence in memory of the victims of a bomb attack carried out in Tunisia on 24 November 2015.**

**The meeting rose at 1010 hours.**

The Secretary-General: The Chairman:  
H. ZHAO F.Y.N. DAUDU