

RESOLUTION ITU-R 15-3

Appointment and maximum term of office for Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Radiocommunication Study Groups

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The ITU Radiocommunication Assembly,

considering

- a) that No. 133 and No. 148 of the ITU Convention provide for the establishment of Radiocommunication Study Groups;
- b) that No. 149 of the Convention and other related provisions indicate the nature of the work of the Study Groups;
- c) that No. 242 of the Convention requires the Radiocommunication Assembly to appoint Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Study Groups, taking account of competence and equitable geographical distribution;
- d) that a specific time limit on the term of office would permit the introduction of new ideas on a periodic basis, while at the same time give an opportunity for Study Group Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen to be appointed from different Member States;
- e) that Resolution 77 of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Rev.Marrakesh, 2002) included a resolves that the Council shall take a decision on the need for a Radiocommunication Assembly in 2007,

taking into account

- f) that a maximum time in office of approximately eight years for Study Group Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen provides for a reasonable amount of stability while providing the opportunity for different individuals to serve in these capacities,

resolves

- 1 that candidates for the posts of Study Group Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the Radiocommunication Study Groups should be identified, by Member States of the ITU, Radiocommunication Sector Members and, if possible, by the concerned Study Group, as soon as feasible once the structure of the Study Groups is clear; the procedures to be followed should be as given in Annex 1. The qualifications required for such posts are given in Annex 2;
- 2 that candidates for the posts of Study Group Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen should be identified, taking into account that for each Study Group the Assembly will appoint the Chairman and those Vice-Chairmen deemed necessary;
- 3 that nominations for the posts of Study Group Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen should be accompanied by a biographical profile highlighting the qualifications of the individuals proposed. The Director will circulate the profiles to the Heads of Delegation present at the Assembly;
- 4 that the term of office for both Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen should be limited so as to terminate at the end of the Radiocommunication Assembly at which the officer will have served for a period of more than seven years;

5 that the period in office in one appointment (e.g. as a Vice-Chairman) does not count towards the period in office for another appointment (e.g. as a Chairman) and that steps should be taken to provide some continuity between Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen.

Annex 1

Procedure for the appointment of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the Radiocommunication Study Groups

1 Positions of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen are known in advance by the Study Group and the Director.

Since this Resolution indicates the maximum terms of office for Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen, this should be the most frequent case.

- a) In order to help the Radiocommunication Assembly appoint Chairmen/Vice-Chairmen, Sector Members and the concerned Study Groups should be encouraged to indicate to the Director, Radiocommunication Bureau suitable candidates at least three months before the opening of the Radiocommunication Assembly.
- b) On the basis of received proposals, the Director will circulate to members the list of candidates. The list of candidates should be accompanied by an indication of the qualifications of each candidate as given in Annex 2.
- c) On the basis of this document and any relevant received comments, the Heads of Delegation, at a suitable time during the Assembly, should be invited to prepare, in consultation with the Director, a consolidated list of designated Study Group Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen to be submitted in a document to the Radiocommunication Assembly for final approval.

2 Vacant positions of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen occur in mid-term between Radiocommunication Assemblies.

In the case where a Vice-Chairman is unable to continue his/her duties, the replacement will be deferred to the next Radiocommunication Assembly, following the procedure outlined in § 1 (see also No. 244 of the Convention).

In the case where a Study Group Chairman is unable to carry out his/her duties, and pending appointment by the next Radiocommunication Assembly according to the procedure outlined in §1, the functions will be undertaken by the longest serving Vice-Chairman, or by another Vice-Chairman as agreed in consultation between the concerned Vice-Chairmen and the Director, and will act as Chairman until the next Radiocommunication Assembly (see also No. 244 of the Convention).

3 The situations which cannot be considered with the above two situations will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis at the Radiocommunication Assembly.

For example, if a merger of two existing Study Groups is envisaged, some proposals can be forthcoming from the relevant Study Groups. Therefore the procedure outlined in § 1 can still be applied.

However, if the Radiocommunication Assembly decides to set up a completely new Study Group, discussions will have to be held at the Radiocommunication Assembly and conclusions reached.

Annex 2

Qualifications of the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen

No. 242 of the Convention (as modified by PP-98) states that:

"... In appointing chairmen and vice-chairmen, particular consideration shall be given to the requirements of competence and equitable geographical distribution, and to the need to promote more efficient participation by the developing countries."

As regards competence, the following qualifications *inter alia* appear to be of paramount importance when appointing Study Group Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen:

- knowledge and experience;
- continuity in participation in the relevant Study Group;
- managerial skills;
- availability.

Particular reference to the above qualifications should be included in the biographical profile to be circulated by the Director.