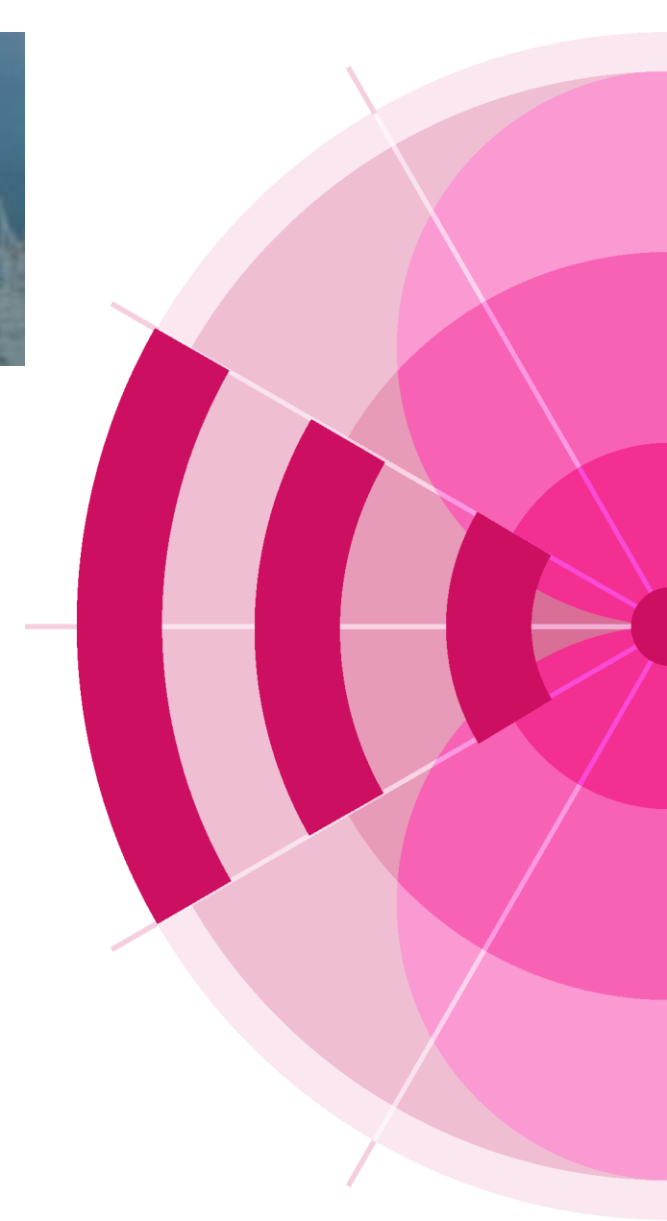




# Radio Regulations Board (RRB)

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## Brief history of the Board

**1947: International Frequency Registration Board (IFRB) with 11 members (full time)**

**1965: ITU PP reduced the IFRB to 5 members**

**1992: PP-92 replaced the IFRB with a part time RRB**

**1994: PP-94 elected 9 Board members**

**1998: PP-98 increased the Board to 12 members**



# Mandate of the Board - 1/3

## INSTRUMENTS OF ITU:

ITU Constitution

ITU Convention

ITU Radio Regulations



# Mandate of the Board – 2/3

## □ Mandate from the ITU Constitution

- CS 93 to CS 101: Composition & Functions of the Board
- CS 98: serve as **custodians of an international public trust** and not as members of their individual Administrations

## □ Mandate from the ITU Convention

- CV 140 to CV 147: Additional duties and working methods of the Board
- Resolution 119: Methods to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Radio Regulations Board.

# Mandate of the Board – 3/3

## □ Mandate from the Radio Regulations

- RR Article 6: Special Agreements - No 6.6 (rarely used)
- RR Article 7: Application of the procedures - Nos 7.1, 7.5-7.7
- RR Article 14: Review of a Bureau finding – Nos 14.5-14.8

## □ Mandate from RR Article 13

- Section 0 - Development of Rules of Procedure (RoPs)
- Section II - Deletion of assignments from MIFR (No 13.6)
- Section III - Maintenance of RoPs
- Section IV - Board Documents

# Composition of the Board

- ❑ **12 members of RRB elected by the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference for a term of 4 years**
  - Selected from 5 different geographical regions (A, B, C, D & E).
  - Perform their duties independently and on a part-time basis
  - Eligible for re-election once
- ❑ **Director, Radiocommunication Bureau (Bureau or BR) is the Executive Secretary for the Board**
- ❑ **The Board is supported by experts from the BR**

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## ☐ Region A

Ms. C. Beaumier (Canada)

Mr. F. Borjon (Mexico)

## ☐ Region B

Mr. Y. Henri (France)

Ms. L. Jeanty (Netherlands)

## ☐ Region C

Ms. S. Hasanova (Azerbaijan)

Mr. N. Varlamov (Russian Federation)

## ☐ Region D

Dr. E. Azzouz (Egypt)

Mr. S. M. Mchunu (South Africa)

Mr. H. Talib (Morocco)

## ☐ Region E

Mr. T. Alamri (Saudi Arabia)

Dr. A. Hashimoto (Japan)

Mr. D. Hoan (Vietnam)

## Elected RRB during last PP-22 (2023-2026)

### ☐ Region A

Ms. C. Beaumier (Canada)

Mr. A. Linhares Souza (Brazil)

### ☐ Region B

Mr. Y. Henri (France)

Mr M. Di Crescenzo (Italy)

### ☐ Region C

Ms. S. Hasanova (Azerbaijan)

Mr. R. Nurshbekov (Kazakhstan)

### ☐ Region D

Mr. E. Azzouz (Egypt)

Mr. H. Talib (Morocco)

Mr. E. Y. FIANKO (Ghana)

### ☐ Region E

Ms. R. MANNEPALLI (India)

Mr. M. Alkahtani (Saudi Arabia)

Mr. J. Cheng (China)

# Duties of the Board 1/2

- ❑ Consider and approve **Rules of Procedures (RoP)**
- ❑ Consider **at the request of an administration:**
  - **Appeals** on Bureau's decisions and other requests
  - **Interference issues** between countries
- ❑ Address **matters identified by the Bureau which cannot be resolved through application of the Radio Regulations and Rules of Procedure**
- ❑ Provide advice **to Radiocommunication Conferences (WRCs) and Radiocommunication Assemblies**

# Duties of the Board 2/2

- ❑ Perform any additional duties prescribed by a WRC or the ITU Council or ITU PP – for example:
  - Consider **requests** for limited and qualified **extension** of the regulatory time-limit **for bringing into use** of frequency assignments to a satellite **in cases of co-passenger delay or *force majeure***
  - Prepare **reports** to the WRC on 1) RRB **activities**, 2) possible modifications to the Radio Regulations to **transfer the content of RoPs** and 3) its **recommendations** to address **Resolution 80 *Due Diligence in Applying the Principles Embodied in the Constitution***
- ❑ **Note: RRB's decisions can only be overturned by a WRCs**



# Rules of Procedure 1/2

- ❑ **Complement the Radio Regulations and Regional Agreements:**
  - Provide clarifications on how various provisions will be applied by the Bureau
- ❑ **Developed only if there is a clear need**
- ❑ **Three types of RoPs:**
  - **PART A:** Rules relating to the RR provisions
  - **PART B:** Rules that relate to a process, i.e. technical examination
  - **PART C:** Internal arrangements and working methods of the Board



# Rules of Procedure 2/2

- ❑ **Procedure for developing a Rule of Procedure:**
  - A **draft RoP is prepared by the Bureau and approved by RRB**
  - The draft RoP is **circulated to administrations for comments** via a CCRR circular letter
  - The draft RoP and comments from administrations are **submitted to RRB for approval**
  - The BR then **publishes the approved RoP** in a CR circular letter
  
- ❑ **RoPs reviewed after each WRC**

# Meetings of the Board

- ❑ **Normally 3 meetings per year (March, June & October)**
  - **Documents** from administrations **due 3 weeks before the Board's** meeting.
  - **Comments** on the **draft Rule of Procedure due 4 weeks before the** Board's meeting.
  - Meetings chaired by a member, who is elected to serve as the **chairman for one year (Generally after serving as VC of the board).**
- ❑ **Note: Board cannot accept 'Confidential' documents in order to work in a transparent manner**

# Transparency of the Board

- ❑ **Transparency essential for the Board's activities**
  
- ❑ **All documents of the Board are posted on RRB website**
  - Working methods
  - Meeting dates and deadlines
  - Agendas and meeting documents
  - Summary of Decisions
  - Minutes of Meetings
  - Draft RoPs and Approved RoPs
  - Archives



# Recent Activities

- ❑ Completed the Rules of Procedure to reflect WRC-19 decisions.
- ❑ Decisions under No. 13.6 to cancel frequency assignments:
  - Non-conformity with bringing into use (BIU) date, assignments no longer in use or non-conformity with characteristics in the MIFR
- ❑ Requests for extension of regulatory deadlines:
  - Cases of co-passenger delay
  - Delays due to *force majeure*
- ❑ Interference cases (Terrestrial or Satellite).
- ❑ Resolution 80 Report to WRC-23. RRB recommendations are adopted to enhance the fulfilment of the principles of rational, efficient and economical use, and equitable access to spectrum/orbital resources.
- ❑ RRB report to PP-22 on CS Article 48.

## PP-22 Decisions Relevant to the Board

- ❑ **Modification to Resolution 119 (Methods to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Radio Regulations Board): modifications and measures to increase the transparency of the work of the RRB.**
- ❑ **Adoption of new Resolution on the invocation of CS Article 48: “Use of frequency assignments by military radio installations for National Defence Services”:**
  - **the possibility for BR to investigate on each case.**
  - **mandate of the RRB was expanded to consider cases of invocation Article 48 of the ITU Constitution regarding the application of the provisions of the Radio Regulations.**
  - **in the case of an invocation of Article 48 that occurred as of 15 October 2022 that is subsequently revoked, or any revocation after 20 November 2023, the associated frequency assignments shall be subject to all relevant provisions of the Radio Regulations and the Member State shall be required to provide all relevant information to the Radiocommunication Bureau.**

# Conclusions

- ❑ **The 12 members of the Board are spectrum management experts elected by the ITU PP that perform a service for the Union, independently and on a part time basis, without personal, commercial, national or political interest.**
- ❑ **Our objective is to arrive at fair and consistent decisions that are in the interest of all, and to offer advice that support the needs of Member States and the Radiocommunication Bureau.**

# Thank you!

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