



CONCEPT OF A "SATELLITE TECHNICAL AND REGULATORY FORUM"

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A "Satellite Technical and Regulatory Forum"

- It should work under the umbrella of the ITU (in terms of interworking with ITU activities and support in terms of secretariat assistance or meeting room facilities in Geneva)
- It should not add financial burden to the ITU (e.g. cost recovery through contributions from the Forum members)
- The primary aim would be to support the use of the satellite medium for the provision of telecommunications and ICT services to all countries, especially the developing countries
- The membership of the Forum should be open to satellite operators, manufacturers, user groups, financial institutions, regulatory entities and interested parties



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- It should be conceived as an external entity to the ITU structure and its establishment should not imply any change in the existing ITU working structure (e.g. GMPCS, ITU SG, coordination groups, etc)
- In the long term the Forum could be a place to debate on the streamlining of the various satellite related groups to improve efficiency
- It should establish coordination and liaison with existing entities of interest within and outside the ITU framework
- The cooperation with the ITU-T should aim at making sure that satellites are duly taken into account in the development of international standards
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- The cooperation with the ITU-D should aim at harmonizing the development of the satellite community with the policies of the BDT, helping to set up satellite-based projects for the developing countries and to promote those projects through regional seminars
- The cooperation with the ITU-R should aim at providing views on regulatory matters of interest to the satellite community that the BR could examine for possible analysis and discussion
- There should be also consideration given to regulatory aspects related to the licensing of satellite equipment in the international environment, with a specific aim at improving harmonization of regulatory regimes on an international scale