

United States of America

DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE

Agenda Item 1.12¹: *to consider possible changes in response to Resolution 86 (Rev. Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference: “Advance publication, coordination, notification and recording procedures for frequency assignments pertaining to satellite networks” in accordance with Resolution 86 (WRC-03);*

Background:

WRC-03 identified in Resolution 86 (WRC-03) the scope and the criteria to be used for the implementation of Resolution 86 (Rev. Marrakesh, 2002). Resolves 1) of Resolution 86 (WRC-03) specifically states that WRC-07 should “consider any proposals which deal with deficiencies in the advance publication, coordination, notification and recording procedures of the Radio Regulations for space services which have either been identified by the Board and included in the Rules of Procedure or which have been identified by administrations or by the Bureau as appropriate.” WRC-03 also resolved that future WRCs consider any proposals that are intended to transform the content of the Rules of Procedure into regulatory text.

There has been a longstanding requirement in Article 9 of the Radio Regulations, under **No. 9.1**, for the Radiocommunications Bureau to wait a requisite six months after receiving the advanced publication information for satellite networks requiring coordination under Section II of Article 9 before receiving the accompanying coordination request information, even if both sets of information are submitted to the Bureau at the same time. While this six-month delay may have served a purpose in years past when there was a substantial amount of technical data included in the API for administrations to consider and potentially comment upon, this is no longer the case. As a consequence of the simplification of the Radio Regulations at WRC-95, the API for satellite networks requiring coordination under Section II of Article 9 includes very limited information, e.g. orbital position and frequency bands, and as such, there is little for administrations to review and comment upon. This required six month delay therefore serves no purpose other than to delay the overall coordination process for satellite networks.

Proposal:

This proposal modifies the provisions of No. **9.1** to allow for the simultaneous receipt of advanced publication and coordination request information for satellite networks requiring coordination under Section II of Article 9. The requisite six-month delay between receipt of the coordination request information and the notification request information has been retained.

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9.1 Before initiating any action under this Article or under Article **11** in respect of frequency assignments for a satellite network or a satellite system, an administration, or one⁹ acting on behalf of a group of named administrations, shall, prior to the coordination procedure described in Section II of Article **9** below, where applicable, send to the Bureau a general description of the network or system for advance publication in the International Frequency Information Circular (BR IFIC) not earlier than seven years and preferably not later than two years before the planned date of bringing into use of the network or system (see also No. **11.44**). The characteristics to be provided for this purpose are listed in Appendix **4**. The coordination or notification information may also be communicated to the Bureau at the same time; Where coordination information is required by Section II of Article 9, the coordination information ~~it~~ shall be considered as having been received by the Bureau upon its actual date of receipt whereas notification information shall be considered as having been received by the Bureau not earlier than six months after the date of receipt of the coordination information, for advance publication ~~where coordination is required by Section II of Article 9~~. Where coordination is not required by Section II, notification shall be considered as having been received by the Bureau not earlier than six months after the date of publication of the advance publication information. (WRC-07~~3~~)

9.5B If, upon receipt of the BR IFIC containing information published under No. **9.2B**, any administration considers its existing or planned satellite systems or networks or terrestrial stations¹¹ to be affected, it may send its comments to the publishing administration, so that the latter may take those comments into consideration during when initiating the coordination procedure. A copy of these comments may also be sent to the Bureau. Thereafter, both administrations shall endeavour to cooperate in joint efforts to resolve any difficulties, with the assistance of the Bureau, if so requested by either of the parties, and shall exchange any additional relevant information that may be available. (WRC-2007~~0~~)

Reasons:

1) to address the unnecessary requirement for the Radiocommunications Bureau to wait six months after receipt of the advanced publication information before receiving the coordination request information for satellite networks requiring coordination under Section II of Article 9.

¹¹ **9.5B.1** The only terrestrial stations to be taken into account are those for which the requirement to coordinate is under Nos. **9.11**, **9.11A** and **9.21**.