

ITU-R Working Party 8F

**LIAISON STATEMENT TO RELEVANT EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS AND ITU-R
WORKING PARTY 8D WITH RESPECT TO UPDATING OF THE RSPC**

Introduction

WP 8F thanks the relevant External Organizations (EOs) for their continuing outstanding commitment to the RSPC process, and encourages continuing support of this important document. To facilitate this support, WP 8F puts forth this liaison for consideration by the EOs.

ITU-R Task Group 8/1 concluded work on the IMT-2000 radio specifications in November 1999, and the RSPC was subsequently adopted by ITU-R Study Group 8. Final approval of the IMT-2000 RSPC is anticipated to occur at the ITU Radio Assembly in May 2000.

The new Working Party 8F was created to, among other things, maintain the RSPC terrestrial component. (The RSPC updating of the satellite component is the responsibility of ITU-R Working Party 8D). The first opportunity for adoption of a revision to RSPC presents itself when ITU-R Study Group 8 meets on 30-31 October 2000. Therefore, a maintenance process has been developed is communicated in this liaison to the EOs, so that they understand how the proposed maintenance process and the timeline for the RSPC revision affects their work plans.

ITU-R Task Group 8/1 already recognized in the Beijing liaison to SDOs (Document 8-1/424, Attachment 19, § 9) that:

"Initially, it is believed that annual maintenance update interval should be followed for RSPC. It is recognized that updates to each radio interface specification will be occurring independently; however, updates of RSPC should be done as a single combined update by the ITU-R endeavouring to accommodate as well as possible the varying schedules among the external organizations. It is suggested that coordination by the external organizations among themselves on this issue be done to ensure uniformity of updates.

Timing of the first update release of RSPC should be negotiated between ITU and the external organizations."

As such, the following proposal is put forward for consideration by the EOs to facilitate this annual maintenance.

Proposals

To facilitate timely and technically accurate revision to the RSPC, a process is proposed much like the phased approach used for the original specification.

- WP 8F will consider the normal revision cycles of the EO reference material, which is typically 12 to 18 months, and will make a best effort to synchronize the RSPC revision timeline with that of the EO reference material as efficiently as possible, taking in to account the SG 8 future meeting schedules.

WP 8F has developed the following schedule for the first update of the terrestrial components of RSPC. WP 8F encourages feedback from EOs as to how this process fits their schedules. WP 8F understands that some EOs may not be able to provide any updates during the year 2000 revision cycle. These EOs will have an opportunity to update their RSPC contents during the second revision of RSPC in the year 2001.

Subsequent revisions of RSPC will occur on an annual basis, based on continuing discussion between the EOs and WP 8F.

The timetable of the first revision of RSPC is constrained by the need for the update to be approved by SG 8 (30-31 October 2000). To meet this timetable:

- 1) As soon as is feasible by each EO, but no later than 11 August 2000. EOs should declare, to WP 8F, their intent to revise RSPC for the year 2000 revision. This date was selected because it is one full week prior to the start of second (21-26 August 2000) meeting of WP 8F, and allows sufficient time for the ITU Secretariat to perform the necessary work prior to the meeting. This information should include what intent for additional harmonization, if any, (e.g. CDMA-TDD modes) will occur and what section numbers would be revised. Included in this information should be a longer term (e.g. from October 2000 and on) EO work plan to allow WP 8F to understand how further revisions of RSPC may integrate with the WP 8F terms of reference. EOs should submit, if needed, to the ITU Secretariat draft revisions to the "5.X.1" or Overview Section of RSPC by the above date.
 - 2) By 13 October 2000, EOs should to submit to the ITU Secretariat final versions of both the 5.X.1 ("Overview of the radio interface") and 5.X.2 ("Detail specifications of the radio interface"), revisions for RSPC, for consideration during the third (23-27 October 2000) meeting of WP 8F, and subsequent forwarding to ITU-R SG 8.
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