

Draft ICAO Position for ITU WRC-23

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Development of the Position

- * Draft Position developed with assistance of FSMP during 2020
- * Reviewed by ICAO Air Navigation Commission (ANC) in October 2020
 - * Submitted to contracting States and international organisations
- * Comments were addressed by FSMP at FSMP-WG/11
- * Position approved by ICAO Council June 2021
- * FSMP discussions on updates based on ITU-R studies from WG/13 - WG/16 meetings
- * Council approved updates to the ICAO position on 16 June 2023
- * State Letter was sent out on 19 July 2023 as the Final ICAO WRC-23 Position. Urges States to:
 - * Apply the ICAO Position to the extent possible in formulating their positions for WRC-23
 - * To include aviation experts both in the development of said positions, and as part of their national delegations to WRC-23

Resources

Location of Final ICAO WRC-23 Position - approved by the ICAO Council

<https://www.icao.int/safety/FSMP/Documents/ITU-WRC23/SL.2023.60.english.pdf>

Status of ITU-R Studies:

<https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-R/study-groups/rcpm/Pages/wrc-23-studies.aspx>

Main principles used in the development of the Position

- * To ensure that the ITU Radio Regulations do not compromise the safety of civil aviation
- * The ITU Radio Regulations shall not conflict with ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices
- * The frequency allocations to aeronautical safety services shall be protected in conformity with internationally agreed requirements.
- * Changes to frequency allocations need to be supported by adequate studies in the ITU-R Sector or in ICAO, as appropriate.

Importance of WRC-23 Agenda Items to ICAO

- * WRC-23 Agenda Items of particular importance to ICAO
 - * 1.6, 1.7, 1.8, 1.9, 1.10 and 9.2
- * Other WRC-23 Agenda Items of importance to ICAO
 - * 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.11, 1.13, 1.15, 1.16, 1.17, 4, 8, 9.1 (topic b) and 10.
- * WRC-23 Agenda items with no expected impact to ICAO Systems
 - * 1.5, 1.12, 1.14, 1.18, 1.19, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9.1 (topic a), 9.1 (topic c), 9.1 (topic d) and 9.3.

Agenda Items -- General

- * Usually a broad statement...
 - * E.g., “to consider new radiolocation service allocations in the xx to yy GHz band”
- * With an associated Resolution that provides details on how the studies should be done...
 - * E.g., “Determine spectrum requirements; if those cannot be satisfied in existing bands ... ensure protection of existing and future systems ...”
- * In the slides that follow:
 - Red = of primary interest to aviation*
 - Blue = Aviation should participate in studies*
 - Green = No impact on aeronautical services has been identified*

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Created by ITU-R Resolution 811 (WRC-19)

1.1 to consider, based on the results of the ITU-R studies, possible measures to address, in the frequency band 4 800-4 990 MHz, protection of stations of the aeronautical and maritime mobile services located in international airspace and waters from other stations located within national territories, and to review the pfd criteria in No. **5.441B** in accordance with Resolution **223 (Rev.WRC-19)**;

1.2 to consider identification of the frequency bands 3 300-3 400 MHz, 3 600-3 800 MHz, 6 425-7 025 MHz, 7 025-7 125 MHz and 10.0-10.5 GHz for International Mobile Telecommunications (IMT), including possible additional allocations to the mobile service on a primary basis, in accordance with Resolution **245 (WRC-19)**;

1.3 to consider primary allocation of the band 3 600-3 800 MHz to mobile service within Region 1 and take appropriate regulatory actions, in accordance with Resolution **246 (WRC-19)**;

1.4 to consider, in accordance with Resolution **247 (WRC-19)**, the use of high-altitude platform stations as IMT base stations (HIBS) in the mobile service in certain frequency bands below 2.7 GHz already identified for IMT, on a global or regional level;

1.5 to review the spectrum use and spectrum needs of existing services in the frequency band 470-960 MHz in Region 1 and consider possible regulatory actions in the frequency band 470-694 MHz in Region 1 on the basis of the review in accordance with Resolution **235 (WRC-15)**;

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- 1.6 to consider, in accordance with Resolution **772 (WRC-19)**, regulatory provisions to facilitate radiocommunications for sub-orbital vehicles;
- 1.7 to consider a new aeronautical mobile-satellite (R) service (AMS(R)S) allocation in accordance with Resolution 428 (WRC 19) for both the Earth-to-space and space-to-Earth directions of aeronautical VHF communications in all or part of the frequency band 117.975-137 MHz, while preventing any undue constraints on existing VHF systems operating in the AM(R)S, the ARNS, and in adjacent frequency bands;
- 1.8 to consider, on the basis of ITU R studies in accordance with Resolution 171 (WRC 19), appropriate regulatory actions, with a view to reviewing and, if necessary, revising Resolution 155 (Rev.WRC 19) and No. 5.484B to accommodate the use of fixed-satellite service (FSS) networks by control and non-payload communications of unmanned aircraft systems;
- 1.9 to review Appendix 27 of the Radio Regulations and consider appropriate regulatory actions and updates based on ITU R studies, in order to accommodate digital technologies for commercial aviation safety-of-life applications in existing HF bands allocated to the aeronautical mobile (route) service and ensure coexistence of current HF systems alongside modernized HF systems, in accordance with Resolution 429 (WRC 19);
- 1.10 to conduct studies on spectrum needs, coexistence with radiocommunication services and regulatory measures for possible new allocations for the aeronautical mobile service for the use of non-safety aeronautical mobile applications, in accordance with Resolution 430 (WRC 19);

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1.11 to consider possible regulatory actions to support the modernization of the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System and the implementation of e navigation, in accordance with Resolution 361 (Rev.WRC 19);

1.12 to conduct, and complete in time for WRC 23, studies for a possible new secondary allocation to the Earth exploration-satellite (active) service for spaceborne radar sounders within the range of frequencies around 45 MHz, taking into account the protection of incumbent services, including in adjacent bands, in accordance with Resolution 656 (Rev.WRC 19);

1.13 to consider a possible upgrade of the allocation of the frequency band 14.8-15.35 GHz to the space research service, in accordance with Resolution 661 (WRC 19);

1.14 to review and consider possible adjustments of the existing or possible new primary frequency allocations to EESS (passive) in the frequency range 231.5-252 GHz, to ensure alignment with more up-to-date remote-sensing observation requirements, in accordance with Resolution 662 (WRC 19);

1.15 to harmonize the use of the frequency band 12.75-13.25 GHz (Earth-to-space) by earth stations on aircraft and vessels communicating with geostationary space stations in the fixed-satellite service globally, in accordance with Resolution 172 (WRC 19);

1.16 to study and develop technical, operational and regulatory measures, as appropriate, to facilitate the use of the frequency bands 17.7-18.6 GHz and 18.8-19.3 GHz and 19.7-20.2 GHz (space-to-Earth) and 27.5-29.1 GHz and 29.5-30 GHz (Earth-to-space) by non-GSO FSS earth stations in motion, while ensuring due protection of existing services in those frequency bands, in accordance with Resolution 173 (WRC 19);

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- 1.17 to determine and carry out, on the basis of the ITU R studies in accordance with Resolution 773 (WRC 19), the appropriate regulatory actions for the provision of inter-satellite links in specific frequency bands, or portions thereof, by adding an inter-satellite service allocation where appropriate;
- 1.18 to consider studies relating to spectrum needs and potential new allocations to the mobile-satellite service for future development of narrowband mobile-satellite systems, in accordance with Resolution 248 (WRC 19);
- 1.19 to consider a new primary allocation to the fixed-satellite service in the space-to-Earth direction in the frequency band 17.3-17.7 GHz in Region 2, while protecting existing primary services in the band, in accordance with Resolution 174 (WRC 19);
- 2 to examine the revised ITU R Recommendations incorporated by reference in the Radio Regulations communicated by the Radiocommunication Assembly, in accordance with further resolves of Resolution 27 (Rev.WRC 19), and to decide whether or not to update the corresponding references in the Radio Regulations, in accordance with the principles contained in resolves of that Resolution;
- 3 to consider such consequential changes and amendments to the Radio Regulations as may be necessitated by the decisions of the conference;
- 4 in accordance with Resolution 95 (Rev.WRC 19), to review the Resolutions and Recommendations of previous conferences with a view to their possible revision, replacement or abrogation;

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5 to review, and take appropriate action on, the Report from the Radiocommunication Assembly submitted in accordance with Nos. 135 and 136 of the Convention;

6 to identify those items requiring urgent action by the radiocommunication study groups in preparation for the next world radiocommunication conference;

7 to consider possible changes, in response to Resolution 86 (Rev. Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on advance publication, coordination, notification and recording procedures for frequency assignments pertaining to satellite networks, in accordance with Resolution 86 (Rev.WRC 07), in order to facilitate the rational, efficient and economical use of radio frequencies and any associated orbits, including the geostationary-satellite orbit;

8 to consider and take appropriate action on requests from administrations to delete their country footnotes or to have their country name deleted from footnotes, if no longer required, taking into account Resolution 26 (Rev.WRC 19);

9 to consider and approve the Report of the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau, in accordance with Article 7 of the Convention;

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- 9.1 on the activities of the Radiocommunication Sector since WRC 19:
- a) In accordance with Resolution 657 (Rev.WRC 19), review the results of studies relating to the technical and operational characteristics, spectrum requirements and appropriate radio service designations for space weather sensors with a view to describing appropriate recognition and protection in the Radio Regulations without placing additional constraints on incumbent services;
 - b) Review of the amateur service and the amateur-satellite service allocations in the frequency band 1 240 1 300 MHz to determine if additional measures are required to ensure protection of the radionavigation-satellite (space-to-Earth) service operating in the same band in accordance with Resolution 774 (WRC 19);
 - c) Study the use of International Mobile Telecommunication system for fixed wireless broadband in the frequency bands allocated to the fixed services on primary basis, in accordance with Resolution 175 (WRC 19);
 - d) Protection of EESS (passive) in the frequency band 36-37 GHz from non-GSO FSS space stations;
- 9.2 on any difficulties or inconsistencies encountered in the application of the Radio Regulations;
- 9.3 on action in response to Resolution 80 (Rev.WRC 07);
- 10 to recommend to the Council items for inclusion in the agenda for the next WRC, and items for the preliminary agenda of future conferences, in accordance with Article 7 of the Convention and Resolution 804 (Rev.WRC 19),

Support of ICAO WRC Position

- * As per the ICAO State Letter from the 19 July 2023
 - * Work with national radio regulators to secure a national/ regional position in line that of ICAO
 - * For aviation experts to participate in the work of the regional group meetings and ITU-R