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**PRELIMINARY VIEWS ON WRC-15 AGENDA ITEM 1.14**

**Agenda Item 1.14:**

*to consider the feasibility of achieving a continuous reference time-scale, whether by the modification of coordinated universal time (UTC) or some other method, and take appropriate action, in accordance with Resolution* ***653 (WRC‑12)***

**APT Preliminary Views:**

* APT Members are generally supportive of the studies undertaken by ITU-R WP 7A on the feasibility of achieving a continuous reference time-scale.
* A continuous international reference time-scale is beneficial for most users, and an appropriate implementation of continuous international time-scale should be developed and agreed by relevant international organizations.
* A continuous international reference time-scale can be achieved by stopping the insertion of leap seconds in UTC.
* Suppression of leap seconds reduces the risk of operator error and increases the reliability of systems that depend upon time.
* The dissemination of two “standard” time-scales might bring significant risks of confusion.
* Considering its wide applications, the redefinition of UTC must be treated with caution.

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