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Working Party 5

**PRELIMINARY VIEWs on WRC-23 agenda item 10**

**Agenda Item 10:**

*to recommend to the ITU Council items for inclusion in the agenda for the next world radiocommunication conference, and items for the preliminary agenda of future conferences, in accordance with Article 7 of the ITU Convention and Resolution* ***804 (Rev.WRC-19)***

**1. Background**

Agenda item 10 requests WRC-23 to recommend to the Council items for inclusion in the agenda for WRC-27, and to give its views on the preliminary agenda for the subsequent conference and on possible agenda items for future conferences, in accordance with Article 7 of the Convention and Resolution **804 (Rev.WRC-19)**.

WRC-19 has established the preliminary agenda for WRC-27 which includes 13 items (see Resolution **812(WRC-19)**).

Further agenda items for WRC-27 will be considered based on inputs from the APT Members.

The principles for development of agendas of WRCs are included in Annex 1 of Resolution 804 (Rev. WRC-19) that encourage regional and interregional coordination on the subjects to be considered in the preparatory process for the WRC, in accordance with Resolution 72 (Rev.WRC-19) and Resolution 80 (Rev. Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, with a view to addressing potentially difficult issues well before a WRC.

The principles also encourage to include, to the extent possible, agenda items that are prepared within regional groups, taking into account the equal right of individual administrations to submit proposals for agenda items.

**2. Documents**

Following documents are received to this APG23-2 for WRC-23 agenda item 10:

* Input Documents APG23-2/INP-28 (AUS)
* Information Documents APG23-2/INF-18Rev1 (DG10 Chair)

**3. Summary of discussions**

**3.1 Summary of APT Members’ views**

**3.1.1 Australia** - **Document APG23-2/INP-28**

Australia supports an agenda for WRC-27 that is consistent with Australia’s long-term objectives for spectrum management, and which will allow for the rational and efficient use of Australia’s sovereign assets in the radiofrequency spectrum. Australia supports the consideration of items that are of international and regional importance, which can only be effectively addressed through a WRC, and which are likely to be resolved within the available time and resources.

**3.2 Summary of issues raised during the meeting**

Due to lack of input contributions, DG 10 had no meeting session during APG23-2. The following observations were provided during the opening plenary of APG23-2 as well as the first session of WP5:

* the volume of the agenda of a WRC and the workload of the preparatory work should be manageable when establishing future agenda items.
* issues that can be resolved under the standing agenda items of WRCs or through the regular activities of ITU-R should not be converted into separate agenda items of WRCs.
* administrations and regional groups need sufficient time to examine proposed agenda items and would benefit from being advised, as early as possible, of what topics are proposed to be included in the agenda items of future WRCs (See also *resolves 3* of **Resolution 804 (Rev. WRC-19)**).
* taking into account the importance of agenda item 10 for future works in ITU-R, the WRC-23 Working Group responsible for future WRC agenda items should start its work from the beginning of the Conference and the Conference is invited to start its work at the beginning of the Conference and to establish a regional coordination group for agenda item 10 at the beginning of the Conference.
* Some of agenda items of WRC-23 have ambiguities in the title of the agenda and/or in the relevant Resolution, therefore, the title of the future WRC agenda items and relevant WRC Resolutions as well as language used in the operative parts of those Resolutions should be aligned and clear to avoid unnecessary misunderstanding and misinterpretation.

**4. APT Preliminary View(s)**

In developing new WRC Agenda items, APT Members support the ‘Principles for establishing agendas for WRCs’ as detailed in Annex 1 to Resolution **804 (Rev.WRC-19)** and encourages the use of the *Template for the submission of proposals for agenda items* (Annex 2 of the Resolution).

**5. Other View(s) from APT Members**

None

**6. Issues for Consideration at Next APG Meeting**

APT Members are invited to submit input contributions on this agenda item to the next APG meetings. In addition, APT Members are encouraged to consider the WRC-27 preliminary agenda items in Resolution **812 (WRC-19)** and provide their views to the next APG meetings.

**7. Views from Other Organisations** (as provided in the information documents to

APG23-2)

* 1. **Regional Groups**

None

**7.2 International Organisations**

**7.2.1 WMO** - **Document APG23-1/INF-05**

WMO supports studies on the WRC-27 preliminary agenda items to ensure meteorological interests are protected. If work in the ITU-R is conducted on any of the WRC-27 Preliminary agenda items during the preparatory period for WRC-23 WMO will contribute to ensure WMO interests are protected.

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