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| Chairman of the Board of RCC Communications Administrations Heads,  Minister of Communications and Mass Media of the Russian Federation  Nikolai A. Nikiforow  email: | |
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| Subject |  |
| Consideration on possible coordination agreement framework between CEPT and RCC in relation with WRC-15 agenda item 1.2 | |

Dear Minister,

Our regional organizations, the Regional Commonwealth in the field of Communication (RCC) and the European Conference of postal and telecommunications administrations (CEPT) have successfully collaborated to reach mutually beneficial solutions for most difficult agenda items before and during in the previous ITU-R World Radiocommunication Conferences. The most recent example is WRC-12 Agenda Item 1.17, which dealt with broadcasting, aeronautical radionavigation, fixed and mobile services co-allocated in the band 790-862 MHz and which had been resolved by CEPT and RCC administrations via cross-border agreements on bilateral and multilateral basis. Finally, it became possible to find consensus during the conference on this very difficult issue by efficient coordination discussion well in advance to WRC-12. One core element of this was the trustworthy relationship between RCC and CEPT built through CEPT-RCC coordination meetings on WRC matters, which resulted in establishing a common framework for further bilateral coordination.

WRC-15 Agenda Item 1.2 is dealing with a similar issue of a new co-primary allocation of the mobile service in the band 694-790 MHz and it may be beneficial for CEPT and RCC administrations to build on the previous success. During CEPT-RCC meeting on WRC-15 matters, which took place in Moscow on 22nd to 23rd January 2014, the establishment of a common coordination framework was considered, which should facilitate the necessary bilateral agreements between the concerned administrations of RCC and CEPT on the compatibility between MS and ARNS in the frequency band 694-790 MHZ prior to WRC-15. Both sides agreed to start a cooperative initiative on this issue.

Taking into account the short timeframe available for the preparation of WRC-15, it seems most appropriate for CEPT and RCC to start developing such a common coordination framework with a possible draft text presented at the next CEPT-RCC meeting on WRC-15 matters in October 2014. It is understood that such framework should include elements necessary for cross-border coordination in this band, such as:

harmonised channeling arrangement for the band 694-790 MHz;

conditions for coordination of MS and ARNS

It should be noted that this coordination framework between MS and ARNS is without prejudice of the rights of administrations to use this frequency band for broadcasting services. This could also be addressed in the discussion between CEPT and RCC.

This proposal for a common coordination framework could be elaborated based on ongoing studies and results of bilateral and multilateral discussions between concerned administrations within CEPT and RCC prior CEPT-RCC meeting on WRC-15 matters in October 2014. Based on the results of this work, a common coordination framework could be established and cross-border negotiations may be initiated in advance to WRC-15 and be beneficial to all our members.

Your support for this initiative within our organisations would be highly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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