Chapter 4A: Satellite Issues

Agenda Item (AI)	WRC-23 Outcomes	Qualitative assessment of the outcome in respect of the AfCP		
Al 1.15 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)	WRC-23 adopt new resolution for the operation of earth stations on aircraft and vessels communicating with geostationary space stations in the fixed-satellite service in the frequency band 12.75-13.25 GHz the new resolution includes the following: 1. Use of the frequency band 12.75-13.25 GHz (Earth-to-space) by A-ESIMs and M-ESIMs shall not result in any changes or restrictions to allotments in the Plan, assignments in the List of Appendix 30B, and assignments recorded in the MIFR, including the assignments arising from the implementation of Resolution 170 (Rev.WRC-23); 2. Receiving part of the A-ESIMs and M-ESIMs in their associated frequency band shall not adversely affect the allotments in the Plan or the assignments in the List and shall not claim protection from terrestrial services or other applications of the FSS or other radiocommunication services to which the frequency band is allocated. 3. Notifying administration will remain the one responsible to eliminate the harmful interference while other potentially involved	The WRC-23 outcome is very much aligned to the AfCP.		
	administrations may collaborate on a voluntary basis.			

4.	In the case of unacceptable interference, the						
	BR will request this information from the						
	notifying administration on a bilateral basis.						

- 5. Frequency assignments under No. 6.25 of the Radio Regulations can be used as supporting assignments for ESIMs.
- Protection measures for terrestrial services in Annex 2 and PFD methodology for A-ESIM in Annex 4 were agreed. Annex 5 with the minimum capabilities for ESIMs was maintained.
- 7. ITU-R is invited to develop, as a matter of urgency, a new Recommendation on ESIM operations, network control and management centre (NCMC) and switching facilities. In the meantime, ESIM can operate under a commitment of the notifying administration to remove any unacceptable interference.

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study develop technical, and and regulatory operational measures, as appropriate, 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

WRC-23 adopt new resolution for the operation of earth stations on aircraft and vessels non-GSO FSS earth stations in motion the new resolution includes similar conditions that states in the resolution for AI 1.15 in addition to that the transmitting non-GSO ESIMs in the frequency band 29.5-30.0 GHz shall not adversely affect the operations of terrestrial services to which this frequency band is allocated on a secondary basis, and the limits in Annex 1 to this Resolution shall

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motion, while ensuring due	apply with respect to those administrations	
protection of existing services in	mentioned in No. 5.542;	
those frequency bands, in		
accordance with Resolution		
173 (WRC-19)		
AI 1.17	New resolution was developed to enable inter-	AfCP almost fulfilled with the acceptance
determine and carry out, on the basis	satellite service (ISS) in the Ka band.	to extend the ISS usage to expanded
of the ITU R studies in accordance	1. The compromise solution agreed includes:	cone also.
with Resolution 773 (WRC 19), the	2. the emissions of this non-GSO ISS space	
appropriate regulatory actions for	station shall remain within the envelope of the recorded characteristics of the associated	
the provision of inter-satellite links in	transmitting FSS earth stations of the GSO	
specific frequency bands, or portions	FSS network or non-GSO FSS system with	
thereof, by adding an inter-satellite	which it communicates;	
service allocation where appropriate.	3. The extension to 29.5-30 GHz of the protection of the terrestrial services as	
	requested by ATU;	
	4. an upgrade of the protection level regarding	
	non-GSOs with operational altitude of 900 km;	
	5. an upgrade of the pfd mask within Table 21-4;	
	6. For the protection of GSO in the fixed- satellite service in the case of a GSO relay	
	satellite closer than 2° from a GSO FSS	
	satellite above its country. The service	
	provider shall seek agreement with the	
	neighbouring GSO.	
	7. the notifying administration for a GSO	
	network/non-GSO system receiving in the	
	band 27.5-30 GHz shall submit, with the	

	Appendix 4 data, a firm, objective, actionable, measurable and enforceable commitment that, in the event of reported unacceptable interference, it undertakes to immediately eliminate the interference or reduce it to an acceptable level, 8. in case the interference persist the Bureau shall submit the case to the subsequent meeting of the Radio Regulations Board for review and the necessary actions (including suppression of the frequency assignment in question).	
AI 1.18	No change to Radio Regulation was agreed for	The WRC-23 outcome is aligned to the
consider studies relating to spectrum	this agenda item and a new AI for WRC-27 will address this topic.	AfCP.
needs and potential new allocations	address this topic.	
to the mobile-satellite service for		
future development of narrowband		
mobile-satellite systems, in		
accordance with Resolution 248		
(WRC-19)		
AI 1.19	New FSS (space-to-Earth) allocation in Region 2	The WRC-23 outcome is aligned to the
consider a new primary allocation to	in the frequency band 17.3-17.7 GHz, which	AfCP.
the fixed-satellite service in the	facilitates the use of spectrum available to	
space-to-Earth direction in the	networks and systems in the FSS across Regions.	
frequency band 17.3-17.7 GHz in		
Region 2, while protecting existing	Addition of a pfd limit to protect Region 1 and	
primary services in the band, in	Region 3 Appendix 30A assignments from the	

accordance	with	Resolution	174	downlink of the fixed-satellite service in Region 2	
(WRC-19)				was approved as requested by ATU.	
				This topic is planned to be addressed in a future	
				agenda item covering fixed-satellite service	
				downlink in 17.3-17.7 GHz in Region 3, as well as	
				consideration of non-GSO in region 1 & 3.	