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1. General

It is proposed that the External Relations Committee should in future be known as the Regulatory and Spectrum Management Committee (RSMC).

It is also proposed that all references to the EMC Working Group should be suppressed and replaced with EMC Committee (C7-EMCC)¹.

Region 1's PRC, RSMC and EMCC (as well as C4 and C5) are specialised advisory bodies to the Executive Committee and General Conference and have been formed according to Article A.5 of the Constitution and Section B.3 of the Bye-Laws. Chairman shall be (re)appointed at each triennial General Conference and shall act in accordance with the procedures described in the Region 1 Bye-Laws. They are permanent bodies in the sense of B.3.10.

Committee Chairmen are appointed by the General Conference. They report to the EC on an annual basis but enjoy significant authority to pursue strategies which have been agreed with the EC or President. In the case of the RSMC its Chairman and specific committee members work as part of a global team, ensuring that local initiatives are coherent and harmonised with the overall objectives of IARU.

The Committees' members are volunteers and persons with specialised knowledge who are members of an IARU MS. This may be technical, operational or regulatory expertise gained from within the hobby, or expertise gained from relevant professional activities. This would include experience gained from working in international environments dealing with technical or scientific issues. It is recommended that Member Societies (MS) of IARU Region 1 inform the Secretary of the EC of the names and contact details of qualified persons in their Society who could participate in IARU-R1 Committees (PRC, RSMC, EMCC, C4 and C5).

The PRC, RSMC, EMCC, C4 and C5 Chairmen should attend meetings of the EC.

Committee Chairmen shall coordinate the work of their Committee and can, after approval of the budget, participate in meetings/symposia or appoint another member of the Committee to undertake this task.

Task Groups may be established by the Committees to work on well-defined tasks for limited time periods.

¹ The IARU-R1 web-site requires updating to reflect the change from EMC WG to EMC Committee.

Committee Chairmen shall report annually to the EC and to the Region 1 General Conference. The expenses of Committee Chairmen will be reimbursed according to Region 1 Bye-Laws.

The work of Committees and Task Groups shall be carried out mainly by correspondence or electronic conferencing. If it is deemed necessary by the Chairman or by the EC a meeting may be convened after approval of and in consultation with the EC

2. Political Relations Terms of Reference (PRC)

The PRC deals with issues related to the European Institutions and other Region 1 political and governmental entities of a similar nature, with the following Terms of Reference and objectives. The PRC shall:

- Monitor and research developments in relevant political forums which potentially impact the Amateur Service and Amateur-Satellite Service (the Amateur Services);
- Advise the EC on the workings of supra-national political bodies on any matter which might impact the interests of the Amateur Services and process material and undertake actions delegated to it by the EC in respect of such bodies;
- Exchange information on political initiatives which might impact the amateur service;
- On request, advise Region 1 IARU MS on issues concerning the supra-national political forums which affect the Amateur Services;
- Prepare submissions to the relevant forums (Involving others, especially RSMC and EMCC as appropriate) to represent and advocate the position of the Amateur Services and attend relevant meetings of political bodies to pursue these positions.

The PRC shall work with other permanent Committees (RSMC, EMCC, C4 and C5) to identify potential threats to the Amateur and Amateur Satellite Services from legislative, political or commercial pressures and agree with the RSMC and other relevant permanent bodies, strategies and measures to ensure that these threats are managed in a way that limits any adverse impact on the Amateur Services.

3. EMC Committee (C7) Terms of Reference

EMCC (C7) is a specialised technical body of IARU and deals with Electro Magnetic Compatibility issues related specifically to the EU's Electro Magnetic Compatibility (EMC) and Radio Equipment Directives as well as EMC and non-ionising (NI) radiation matters in CISPR, IEC, ICNIRP, CENELEC and ETSI and other Region 1 entities of a similar nature, with the following Terms of Reference and objectives. The EMCC shall:

- Monitor and research developments in relevant forums addressing EMC and NI radiation, which potentially impact the Amateur Service and Amateur-Satellite Service (the Amateur Services);
- Advise the EC on the workings of such forums affecting any matter which might impact the interests of the Amateur Services and process material and undertake actions delegated to it by the EC in respect of these forums;
- Prepare submissions on EMC and NI radiation issues detailing the views, concerns and objectives of the Amateur Services within the overall envelope of IARU's global strategies;

- Wherever feasible influence EMC related standards to the benefit of radio amateurs;
- Bring potential EMC and NI radiation threats to the Amateur Services, from emerging technologies, to the attention of the RSMC and PRC, to influence relevant legislative changes and implementation, internationally and nationally; and
- Work in close and regular contact with specialists in MS to assist in the development of IARU EMC strategy;
- Provide advice on EMC and health hazard concerns to IARU MS and coordinate actions in core areas in support of IARU Region 1 or IARU global EMC strategies.

The EMCC shall work with other permanent Committees (PRC, RSMC, C4 and C5) to identify potential threats to the Amateur Services from EMC and non-ionising radiation health concerns and agree with the other relevant permanent bodies, strategies and measures to ensure that these threats are managed in a way that limits any adverse impact on the Amateur Services.

4. Regulatory and Spectrum Management (RSMC) Terms of Reference

The RSMC, although termed a “Committee” is in fact a group of individual experts who are personally involved in work for IARU in relations with regulatory and standards organisations. Individually and collectively, under the leadership of the Chair of the RSMC, they establish the policy and strategic direction IARU-R1 should take in the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and in Region 1, Regional and Sub-Regional Telecommunication Organisations (RTOs) e.g. ASMG (Arab Spectrum Management Group), ATU (African Telecommunication Union), CEPT (Conférence Européenne des administrations des Postes et Télécommunications) and RCC (Regional Commonwealth in the field of Communications) on matters of importance to the interests of the amateur services (e.g. spectrum management, licensing and spectrum engineering). The Chair identifies and commissions Region 1 experts to represent IARU at meetings/conferences of these organisations in accordance with the following Terms of Reference and objectives.

- Monitor and research developments in relevant regulatory forums which potentially impact the Amateur Service and Amateur-Satellite Service (the Amateur Services);
- Advise the EC on the workings of RTOs affecting any matter which might impact the interests of the Amateur Services and process material and undertake actions delegated to it by the EC in respect of these bodies; Prepare submissions on regulatory and spectrum management issues detailing the views, concerns and objectives of the Amateur Services within the overall envelope of IARU’s global strategies;
- For ITU issues work closely with experts from IARU Regions 2 and 3 to arrive at common positions to take in RTOs worldwide;
- Liaise with PRC on matters arising in the Radio Spectrum Policy Group (RSPG) and Radio Spectrum Committee (RSC) of the European Commission;
- Provide advice on regulatory concerns to IARU MS and coordinate actions in core areas in support of IARU Region 1 or IARU global spectrum strategies;
- Liaise with EMCC concerning relevant issues raised in CEPT by ETSI and CENELEC, including any proposals to amend ETSI EN 301 783.

Members of the RSMC, and particularly the Chair, shall work with other permanent Committees (PRC, EMCC, C4 and C5) to identify potential threats to the Amateur Services from regulatory pressures and agree with the PRC and other relevant permanent bodies, strategies and implementation to ensure that these threats are managed in a way that limits any adverse impact on the Amateur Services.

5. Recommendation

That the above Terms of Reference be adopted and that the Secretary be authorised to amend the Region 1 Constitution to reflect the new name of the External Relations Committee as above.