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ECC PT1 should continue as the responsible group**

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Introduction

There has been some discussion about the future plans of ECC PT1 after WRC-07 and in this document the UMTS Forum express its support for the continuation of ECC PT1 as the responsible group related to IMT matters.

ECC PT1 is the key group to handle IMT matters within CEPT

The UMTS Forum supports the work of ECC PT1 and its continuation after the WRC-07. ECC PT1 has achieved excellent results related to IMT-2000. The working method in ECC PT1 is open and transparent with a competent leadership. Industry has been participating actively in the work performed in ECC PT1. This cooperation between industry and CEPT Administrations has been productive and efficient, to the benefit of the European countries and their citizens.

At RA-07, the need for specific group within ITU-R to handle IMT matters was confirmed with the creation of WP5D (former WP8F).. It is very important to mirror this ITU-R group at CEPT level and to have an IMT specific group also within CEPT to take care of European interests at ITU level.

¹ The UMTS Forum represents a significant group of spectrum users, which are directly interested in the development of public mobile communication networks including UMTS/IMT-2000 and, especially, the related spectrum topics. The UMTS Forum gathers many different players involved in third generation (3G) mobile communication systems, including equipment manufacturers, operators, administrations, service providers and software developers.

Furthermore, with the inclusion of IMT-2000 OFDMA TDD WMAN into the IMT-2000 family, RA-07 stressed that urgent work is still required to ensure geographical coexistence with other IMT-2000 radio interfaces. This emphasises the importance to continue the ongoing studies on that issue within ECC PT1 so that the CEPT positions on this ITU-R work can be coordinated and contributed to the ITU-R efficiently.

After WRC-07 and with the new IMT spectrum allocated and identified, resulting IMT-issues (e.g. compatibility studies, channelling arrangements) need to be handled inside CEPT in a focused group to properly contribute to the ITU-R. Also, the ITU-R process on IMT-Advanced is expected to begin immediately after WRC-07 and it is important to have an IMT group within CEPT to contribute to this ITU work.

For the dedicated responsible group within CEPT, at least the following tasks are foreseen in the future:

- IMT spectrum issues (channelling arrangements, sharing and compatibility)
- IMT-Advanced technology issues according to the ITU-R process
- all other relevant IMT matters towards ITU-R, ETSI and EC

Since these tasks relate to both WGFM as well as WGSE, the IMT group within CEPT should continue as a Project Team under the ECC.

Proposal:

Based on above, *the UMTS Forum fully supports the continuation of ECC PT1 as today based on the Terms of Reference as developed during the 27th ECC PT1 meeting in Athens.*