AGENDA ITEM 1.2: taking into account the ITU-R studies carried out in accordance with Resolution 951 (Rev. WRC-07), to take appropriate action with a view to enhancing the international regulatory framework.

ISSUE: Resolution 951 (Rev. WRC-07) considers enhancing the international spectrum regulatory framework to maximize the flexibility and responsiveness toward new technologies and the convergence of services. This agenda item seeks to evaluate various options to include: maintenance of the current practice (no change to the international spectrum regulatory framework), the review and possible revision of existing service definitions, introduction of a new provision in the Radio Regulations enabling substitution between assignments of specific services, and introduction of composite services in the Table of Frequency Allocations.

BACKGROUND: Agenda item 1.2 originated at WRC-03 as agenda item 7.1, Resolution 951 (WRC-03): “Options to improve the international spectrum regulatory framework.” The results of the ITU-R studies in response to Resolution 951 (WRC-03) were included in the Director’s Report to WRC-07. The conference concluded that it was necessary for the ITU-R to evaluate various options including those detailed above. To date, no ITU-R studies conclude the need to change the current international spectrum regulatory framework; however, studies to review the aforementioned options are ongoing.

U.S. VIEW: The United States is of the view that maintaining the current international spectrum regulatory framework provides flexibility to enable new technologies and convergence of services.