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Agenda Item 7: to consider possible changes in response to Resolution 86 (Rev. Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference: “Advance publication, coordination, notification and recording procedures for frequency assignments pertaining to satellite networks”, in accordance with Resolution 86 (Rev.WRC-07)

Background Information: WRC-97 first adopted administrative due diligence applicable to some satellite services to address the problem of reserving orbit and spectrum capacity without actual use (i.e. “paper” satellites). The Radio Regulations and Resolution 49 (Rev. WRC-07) on administrative due diligence contain provisions on disclosure of data for the implementation of a satellite network or satellite system of the fixed-satellite service, mobile-satellite service or broadcasting-satellite service with frequency assignments that are subject to coordination under Nos. 9.7, 9.11, 9.12, 9.12A and 9.13 and Resolution 33 (Rev.WRC-03) as well as to any such satellite network not yet recorded in the Master International Frequency Register by 22 November 1997. Resolution 49 (Rev. WRC-07) also applies to certain provisions of Appendices 30 (Rev.WRC-07), 30A (Rev.WRC-07), and 30B (Rev.WRC-07).

Many administrations consider due diligence information to be a valuable requirement to present how frequency assignments of a satellite network were brought into use. Administrations have also been updating due diligence information and submitting updates to the Bureau for already recorded assignments either during the period of operation of specific satellite network assignments due to e.g. a change of the spacecraft, or at the time of bringing into use modified recorded assignments under No. 11.43A, or for the resumption of use of frequency assignments suspended under No. 11.47. Although not covered in Resolution 49 (Rev.WRC-07), the Bureau publishes such updates in RES49 Special Sections accordingly.

Every conference since WRC-97 extensively discussed the usefulness and adequacy of the information submitted to the ITU in accordance with Resolution 49 (Rev.WRC-07) and discussed various options to improve the resolution. Ultimately, each conference maintained the data elements and basic structure. This resolution in its current form contains adequate and appropriate due diligence procedures. Therefore, WRC-12 should not modify this resolution.

Proposal:

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RESOLUTION 49 (Rev.WRC-07)

Administrative due diligence applicable to some satellite radiocommunication services

Reasons: Administrations wishing to update their due diligence information may do so under the current procedures and there is no need for additional regulatory requirements.