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Agenda item 1.18: protection of Earth exploration-satellite service (EESS) and Radio astronomy service (RAS) above 76 GHz

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Background

Agenda Item Title (A.I. 1.18)

To consider, based on the results of ITU Radiocommunication Sector studies, possible regulatory measures regarding the protection of the earth exploration-satellite service (EESS) (passive) and the radio astronomy service (RAS) in certain frequency bands above 76 GHz from unwanted emissions of active services, in accordance with Resolution 712 (WRC-23).

Background

RESOLUTION 712 (WRC-23)

Studies on compatibility between the earth exploration-satellite service (EESS) (passive), the radio astronomy service (RAS) in certain bands above 76 GHz, and active services in adjacent and nearby frequency bands

The World Radiocommunication Conference (Dubai, 2023), resolved to invite the ITU Radiocommunication Sector to complete **following studies** in time for the 2027 world radiocommunication conference

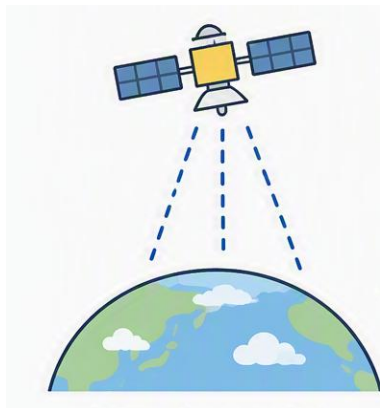
Issue 1:

Compatibility studies between earth exploration-satellite service (EESS) (passive) and the corresponding active services in adjacent frequency bands as listed in table 1 below:

TABLE 1

EESS (passive) frequency bands to be studied and corresponding active services to be included

EESS (passive) frequency band	Active service frequency band	Active service
86-92 GHz	81-86 GHz	Fixed-satellite service (FSS) (Earth-to-space), mobile service (MS)
	92-94 GHz	MS, radiolocation service (RLS)
114.25-116 GHz	111.8-114.25 GHz	Fixed service (FS), MS
164-167 GHz	158.5-164 GHz	FS, FSS (space-to-Earth), MS, mobile-satellite service (MSS) (space-to-Earth)
	167-174.5 GHz	FS, FSS (space-to-Earth), inter-satellite service (ISS), MS
200-209 GHz	191.8-200 GHz	FS, ISS, MS, MSS, radionavigation service (RNS), radionavigation-satellite service (RNSS)
	209-217 GHz	FS, FSS (Earth-to-space), MS



Earth Observation

Issue 2:

compatibility studies between the radio astronomy service (RAS) and the active satellite services in certain adjacent and nearby frequency bands listed in Table 2 below with a view to setting the relevant threshold levels for unwanted emissions from any GSO and non-GSO space stations and revising and updating Resolution 739 (Rev.WRC-19)

TABLE 2

RAS frequency bands to be studied and corresponding active services to be included

Radio astronomy frequency band	Active satellite service frequency band	Active satellite service (space-to-Earth)
76-81 GHz	71-76 GHz	Fixed-satellite service (FSS), mobile-satellite service (MSS), broadcasting-satellite service (BSS)
130-134 GHz	123-130 GHz	FSS, MSS, radionavigation-satellite service (RNSS)
164-167 GHz	167-174.5 GHz	FSS
226-231.5 GHz	232-235 GHz	FSS



Radio Wave From Celestial Objects

Potential Issues for aviation

A number of foreign object debris (FOD) detection (radar) systems are operated in the frequency range 92-100 GHz, which is adjacent to one of the proposed earth exploration satellite service (EESS) (passive) bands identified in Resolution 712 (WRC-23).

Studies undertaken as part of this agenda may potentially impose some technical or operational constraints on FOD detection systems in the frequency band 92-94 GHz.

ICAO Position (A.I. 1.18)

To ensure that the studies undertaken in response to this agenda item taking into account FOD detection systems operating in the radiolocation service (RLS) in frequency band 92-94 GHz.

To ensure any action taken because of this agenda item in the frequency band 86-92 GHz would not impose any technical or operational constraints on FOD detection systems in the frequency band 92-94 GHz.

On-going work within ITU-R

Agenda item 1.18 is addressed by ITU-R WP-7C (resolves 1) and WP-7D (resolves 2)

(WP-7C)

WORKING DOCUMENT TOWARDS PRELIMINARY DRAFT NEW REPORT ITU-R RS.[1.18 – EESS]

- Contains EESS (passive) protection criteria and compatibility studies.

(WP-7D)

PRELIMINARY DRAFT NEW REPORT ITU-R RA.[RAS-SAT 71-235 GHZ]

- Contains RAS protection criteria and compatibility studies.

On-going work within ITU-R

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Draft CPM text for WRC-27 agenda item 1.18

(resolves 1, EESS (passive))

- Currently, only Method A1 is included. It consists of a set of regulatory modifications, including updates to the Radio Regulations and Resolution 750 to ensure the protection of EESS (passive).
- An additional method is still under development and remains TBD (To Be Determined).

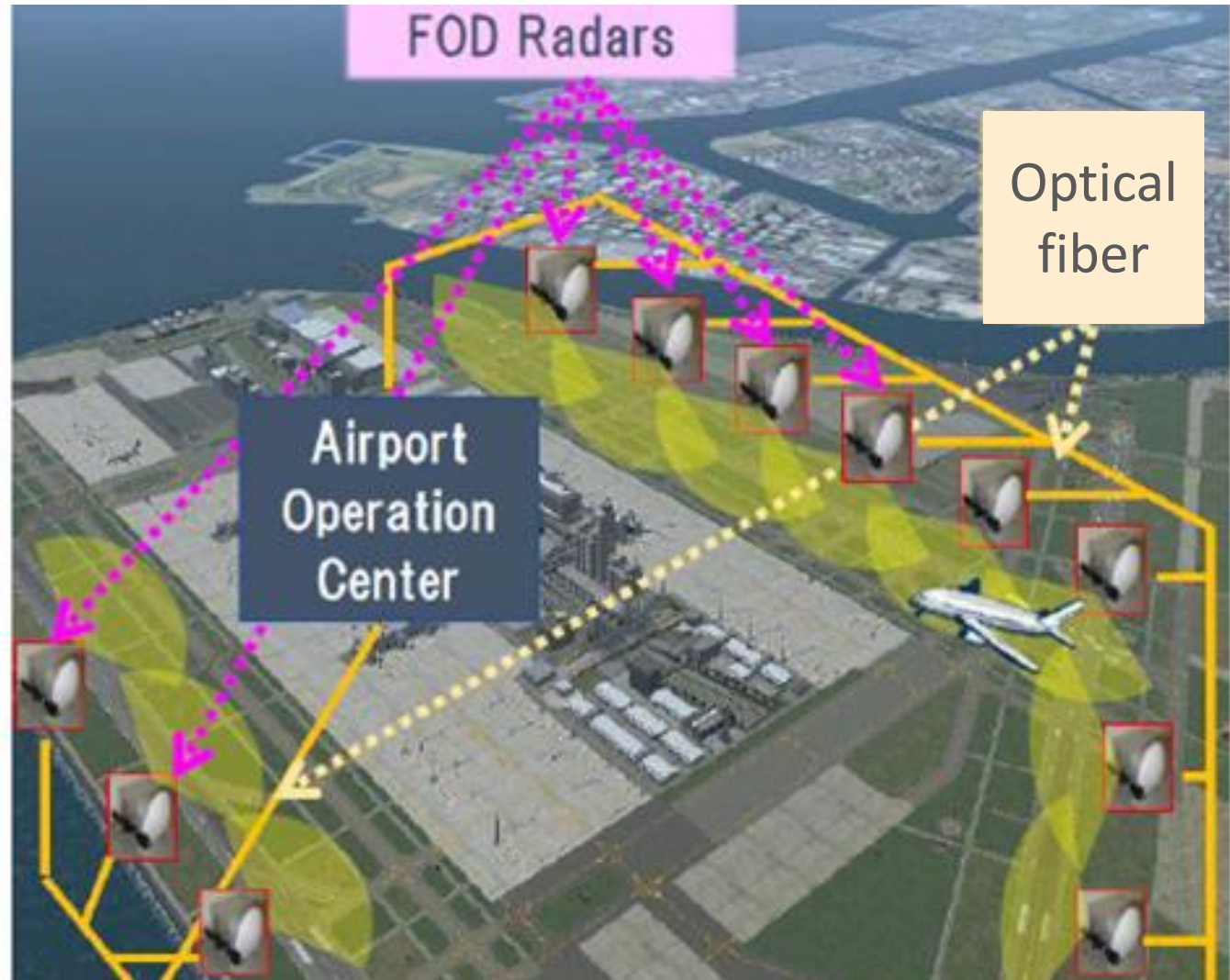
(resolves 2, RAS)

- Method B1: No Change to the Radio Regulations
- Method B2: Possible update of Resolution 739 (Rev.WRC-19) to provide regulatory [/procedures/approach]
 - Method B2.1: proposes to modify Tables 1 and 2 of the Annex to Resolution 739 (Rev.WRC-19) extending values to include frequencies studied under this agenda item.
 - Method B2.2: + addresses a possible update to Resolution 739 (Rev.WRC-19)
 - Method B2.3: + more explicit technical guidance

Conclusion

Given that sharing and compatibility studies are still ongoing, it is important to continue monitoring their progress and outcomes to ensure that any potential regulatory measures do not impose unnecessary technical or operational constraints on FOD detection systems operating in the 92-94 GHz frequency band.

Introduction FOD detection system



Thank You

