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| **Purpose/Objective:** The purpose of this contribution is to encourage clarification of the roles that Working Parties 5A, 5C, & 6A will have in fulfilling the goals of ITU-R Resolution 59-2. | |
| **Abstract:** Electronic News Gathering (ENG) spans fixed, mobile, and broadcast services and allocations. Resolution 59-2 calls for studies on harmonization of frequency bands for ENG and is under the purview of WP 5C (fixed services). However, many administrations consider ENG primarily a land mobile application, while others consider it primarily a broadcast application. WP 5A is not included in the Assignment of Texts for the Resolution. This underscores the need to gain clarity on the roles that Working Parties 5A, 5C and 6A will each play in pursuing the goals of Resolution 59-2. | |

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| Organization of work called for in Resolution itu-r 59-2  Background  Based on input received to Working Party 5C, a working document towards a preliminary draft new report regarding audio PMSE (Document 5C/192 -E) was attached to the Chairman’s report as Annex 11 during the Working Party 5C meeting in May 2021. This effort is in support of the studies called for in Resolution ITU-R 59-2:  “ *resolves*  1 to carry out studies regarding possible solutions for global/regional harmonization of frequency bands and tuning ranges for ENG use, focused on bands already allocated, on a primary or secondary basis, to the fixed, mobile or broadcasting services, taking into account:  – that some frequency bands have more favourable properties suitable for ENG use;  – available technologies to maximize efficient and flexible use of spectrum;  – system characteristics and operational practices which facilitate the implementation of these solutions;  2 to develop ITU‑R Recommendations and/or ITU‑R Reports based on the aforementioned studies, as appropriate,  *further resolves*  1 to encourage administrations to develop relevant information concerning their national ENG use (e.g. a list of frequency bands available for ENG, spectrum management practices, technical and operational requirements, and spectrum authorization points of contact, as appropriate…) for use by foreign entities during worldwide newsworthy events;  …  instructs the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau  1 to develop a publicly accessible webpage to consolidate links to administration lists of ENG information (such as related lists or charts of permitted frequency bands developed by the applicable Study Groups) as requested in *further resolves* 1; ”  **Discussion**  Based on the current assignment of texts to [Study Group 5](https://www.itu.int/md/R19-SG05-C-0001/en) and [Study Group 6](https://www.itu.int/md/R19-SG06-C-0001/en), Resolution ITU-R 59-2 is under the purview of Working Parties 5C and 6A. However, it is noted that various uses of terrestrial electronic news gathering exist including for fixed, mobile and broadcasting applications (and in the applicable service allocations). Associated Reports/Recommendations have been developed in Working Parties 5A, 5C, 6A, including but not limited to:  **ITU-R Recommendations**: M.1824, F.1777, M.1637, BT.1868, BT.1871, BT.1872, BS.1116, BS.1283, and BS.1284  **ITU-R Reports**: BT.2069, BT.2338, and BT.2344  It is noted additional work is also continuing on the subject in several working parties.  The United States has reviewed the content of Annex 11 to 5C/192 and has noted that some of the content is outside the scope of the Working Party 5C. In addition, some of the frequency bands noted in the document are not allocated to the Fixed Service.  Proposal  Given the ongoing interest in Resolution 59 studies, the United States makes the following proposals for consideration of Working Parties 5A, 5C and 6A:   1. We encourage Study Group 5 to consider adding Working Party 5A to the assignment of texts with Working Party 5C, as well as noting the role of Working Party 6A for the studies called for in Resolution 59. 2. We encourage the Working Parties 5A, 5C and 6A to carefully review their ongoing activities on the topic with a view of minimizing overlap of content, and to also ensure that the Report/Recommendations developed fit within the applicable scope of the Working Party. For those cases where a Report/Recommendation may include information pertinent to other services (scope of another Working Party), this work should be carefully coordinated through liaison statement activity. 3. We encourage the Chairs of WP5A, 5C and 6A to informally meet to discuss the best approach in addressing the studies called for in Resolution 59 in order to ensure that work continues to progress in an effective and organized manner. For example, should any work related to frequency bands or available technologies for ENG be developed separately in each Working Party based on application of use? It is noted that system characteristics, to this point, have been developed in each Working Party and established as Recommendations in the appropriate series (BS./BT., F., M.). 4. Request, when appropriate, that the BR develop a publicly accessible webpage to consolidate links to administration lists of ENG information, as called for in *instructs the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau* 1 of Resolution ITU-R 59-2, with navigation and formatting that aids in the harmonization studies intended by the Resolution. This webpage should also contain appropriate links to current and future ITU-R Reports and Recommendations on the topic, as they are developed in the ITU-R.   The United States supports the goal of Resolution 59-2, which encourages administrations to develop relevant information concerning their national ENG use (e.g. a list of frequency bands available for ENG, spectrum management practices, technical and operational requirements, and spectrum authorization points of contact, as appropriate…) for use by foreign entities during worldwide newsworthy events and to encourage administrations to consider, for harmonization purposes, frequency bands/tuning ranges used for ENG by other administrations. | |
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