

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DRAFT PRELIMINARY VIEW FOR WRC-15

Agenda Item 9.1.4: Updating of the Radio Regulations in accordance with Resolution **67 (WRC-12)**¹

BACKGROUND:

Resolution **67 (WRC-12)** notes that “the majority of agenda items for past WRCs concern frequency allocations, currently contained in Article **5** and associated regulations,” and “that regulatory provisions should continually be assessed in order to meet the demands of administrations.” Studies toward possible updating, review, and possible revision of the Radio Regulations are called for. Certain articles (**1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23** and **59**) are exempted from this review.

Among the articles not exempted from consideration are those governing the fixed service (**24**), the amateur and amateur-satellite services (**25**), the standard frequency and time signal service (**26**), experimental stations (**27**), radiodetermination services (**28**), the radio astronomy service (**29**), rules governing distress and safety communications (**30** through **34**, inclusive), aeronautical services (**35** through **45**, inclusive), and maritime services (**46** through **58**). Some, if not much, of this information, remains highly appropriate for inclusion in the Articles, and remains relevant even if not revised in some time

U.S. VIEW:

The United States supports studies toward possible updating and revision of the Radio Regulations in accordance with Resolution **67**. Any revision submitted to a future world radiocommunication conference should have a compelling justification, and care should be taken to avoid substantive changes. Rules governing specific services should be maintained in the Articles in the absence of a compelling justification for relocation.

¹ [This matter has been included in the Outline of the draft CPM Report to WRC-15 and is addressed in the Allocation of ITU-R preparatory work for WRC-15. See Administrative Circular \(CA/201\), Results of the first session of the Conference Preparatory Meeting for WRC-15 \(CPM15-1\), at Annexes 7 and 8.](#)