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PROPOSALS TOWARDS DEVELOPING NEW VERSION OF THE ITU SPECTRUM MONITORING HANDBOOK

Introduction

The current version of the ITU Spectrum Monitoring Handbook¹ was developed in 2008-2010 and published in early 2011. The previous version of the Handbook was published in 2002, i.e. 9 years earlier.

Since 2011, the field of monitoring has seen prominent positive changes and some of them have been reflected in a number of Reports developed by the Working Party (WP) 1C² and adopted by the ITU R Study Group (SG) 1³. New ITU-R materials on monitoring are scattered across the number of sources, which complicates their practical application. Administrations possess other new materials on monitoring which have not yet been used in WP 1C documentation and by SG 1 in general.

We believe the time has come to develop a new version of the Handbook to be published by 2021, i.e. 10 years after the previous version. This will encourage, inter alia, the activities of other existing WP 1C Rapporteur and Drafting groups to incorporate their outcomes into the new version of the Handbook. This should also encourage Administrations to submit the newest materials in the field of monitoring available to them, which have not yet been submitted to WP 1C.

Before initiating the work, it would be useful to discuss such an important issue as the format of a future new version of the Handbook. Thus far, new versions of the Handbook were developed, mainly, through updating its text with new materials without significant generalization of previous materials, which resulted in 2011 edition reaching 660 pages that, evidently, is the limit for a single-volume publication. Following this approach in developing a new version of the Handbook may make the Handbook multi-volume. Other options of updating the Handbook can be considered.

Proposals

Working Party 1C is invited to discuss the matter of initiating the development of a new version of the ITU Spectrum Monitoring Handbook to enable the publication of this version in 2021, i.e. 10 years after the previous one. If approved, a mandate for the corresponding Rapporteur Group should be developed for it to be adopted at the SG 1 meeting in June 2019.

¹ ITU Spectrum Monitoring Handbook.

² Working Party (WP) 1C.

³ Study Group (SG) 1.