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WRC-23, AI-8 Removal of Country Footnotes IARU Comments and Preliminary Position

Agenda Item 8 Removal of Country Footnotes

To consider and take appropriate action on requests from administrations to delete their country footnotes or to have their country name deleted from footnotes, if no longer required, taking into account Resolution 26 (Rev.WRC-07);

IARU Comments on Agenda Item 8:

This is a standard agenda item that is intended to permit administrations to propose that a WRC delete their country names from a footnote or even to entirely delete a footnote in the table of allocations in Article 5 of the Radio Regulations. WRCs regularly arrange for country names also to be added or new footnotes created under this agenda item. Potential changes in footnotes that could benefit the Amateur Services should be identified by member societies and brought to the attention of their administrations. Similarly, proposals for footnotes unfavourable to the Amateur Services should be opposed.

There are a number of country footnotes that apply to amateur service allocations, some of which appear to be obsolete.

In particular, the IARU invites the administrations listed in Nos. **5.98, 5.99, 5.102, 5.119,** and **5.122** relating to the bands 1810-1830 kHz, 1850-2000 kHz, 3500-3750 kHz, and 3750-4000 kHz to consider proposing the deletion of their country names from these footnotes.

Comment on footnotes for 50-54 MHz:

Because this band was the subject of difficult negotiations at WRC-19 it is not considered timely to pursue changes in footnotes at WRC-23. Any proposal for a change from an administration must be reviewed carefully for potential impact on the delicate balance achieved for Region 1 at WRC-19.