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The text appearing below is the approved ACP approval procedure used for the APT proposals to WRC-03 updated to make reference to WRC-07. It is submitted to the Plenary of APG2007-2 for confirmation as to its use for the approval of APT common proposals to WRC-07.

### **PROCEDURE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND APPROVAL OF AN ASIA-PACIFIC TELECOMMUNITY (APT) COMMON PROPOSAL FOR SUBMISSION TO ITU WORLD RADIOCOMMUNICATION CONFERENCES**

#### **1 Introduction**

1.1 The objective of the APT preparatory meetings for the ITU World Radiocommunication Conferences is to develop proposals that have a greater chance of success through the support of a number of APT Members.

1.2 These proposals can take the form of an APT Common Proposal (ACP) of the Asia-Pacific region.

1.3 An ACP is a multi-country proposal to which the approved Working Procedures for the APT have been applied during its development. The definition of and approval process for an ACP of Asia Pacific region, as defined by this document, are specified for [APG2007-5] proposals

1.4 These proposals are developed in a two-stage process:

- The first stage is the development by APT Members of preliminary proposals, on the basis of input and discussion by Members for inclusion in an APG meeting output document; and
- The second stage is where each APT Member is invited to approve the proposal by adding its name to the document that is submitted to the ITU for consideration by the ITU World Radiocommunication Conference, [2007 (WRC-07)].

1.5 It is not the intention of the APT to bind Members to particular positions in relation to international conferences, and therefore, any ACP of Asia Pacific region must clearly identify those APT Members who have chosen to sign up to it.

#### **2 Procedures for the Development and Approval of an ACP**

##### Stage One: Development of a Preliminary APT Common Proposal (PACP)

2.1 Proposals are developed via the Correspondence Group (CG) or Working Party structure adopted by APT/APG. The working method is by discussions through e-mail reflectors and at the Working Party meetings during the APT /APG meetings, prior to being presented to the Plenary sessions of the meetings.

2.2 If there is consensus at the Plenary, a proposal becomes a PACP.

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2.3 If there is a difference of opinion at the Plenary and further discussion cannot produce a consensus then, the Chairman can, as a last resort, forward the proposal to the ITU via the APT Secretariat as a PACP, provided that;

- a) the proposal is *supported by* at least one quarter (25%) of the APT Members present at the Plenary meeting and;
- b) the proposal is *not opposed by* a number of Members present at the Plenary greater than the number of Members at the Plenary who support it.

### Stage Two: Development of an APT Common Proposal (ACP)

2.4 On confirmation of a proposal as a PACP, all APT Members will be asked to consider inclusion of their country name as a signatory to that proposal. A PACP becomes an ACP provided that:

- a) the proposal is *supported by* at least one quarter (25%) of all the APT Members and;
- b) the proposal is *not opposed by* more than 50% of the number of Members who support it.

2.5 A Flow Chart indicating the application of the above-mentioned procedure is attached for easy reference. See **Annex 1**.

### **3. Result of consultation**

The APT secretariat with approval of the Chairman of the APG shall prepare the result of the consultation(s) mentioned above with respect to ACP **before** submitting these proposals to the ITU in order to inform the APT Members of the results of the consultation which have been satisfied the criteria mentioned in paragraph 2 above. The relevant format for consultation with APT Members is contained in Annex to this document. See **Annex 2**<sup>1</sup>.

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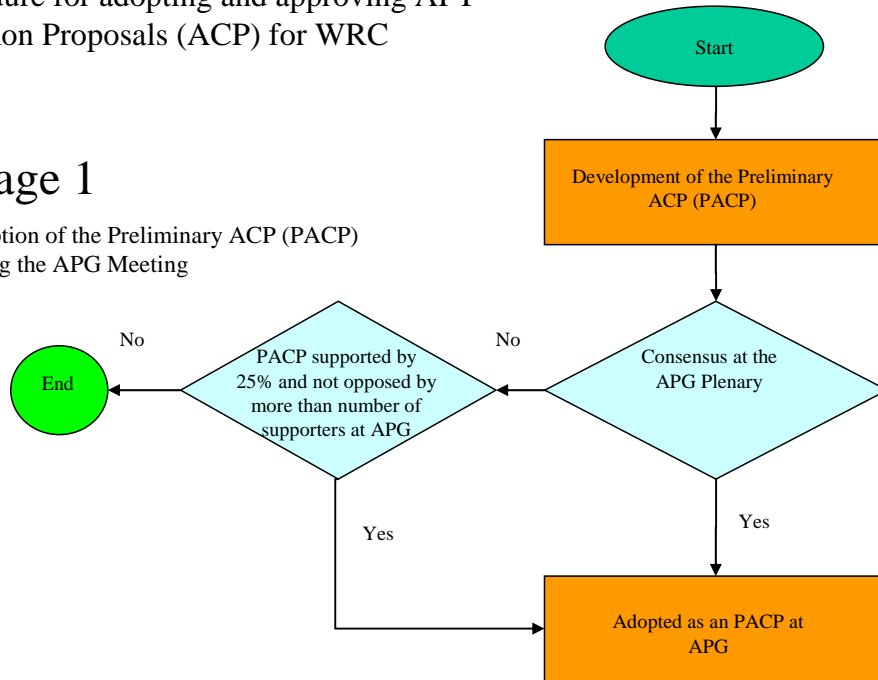
<sup>1</sup> The original proposal for the ACP approval process had a form to be completed, with one form for each proposal. This concept was revised to allow for the consideration of all PACPs in a Table, with the PACPs grouped as appropriate when they formed a set of proposals that needed to be together. Annex 2 contains a sample table as well as the text of the covering letter used to advise APT Members on the approval process.

Annex 1

Procedure for adopting and approving APT  
Common Proposals (ACP) for WRC

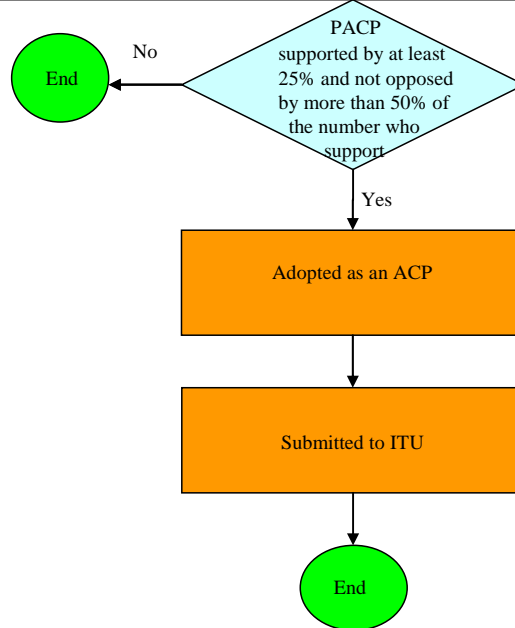
Stage 1

Adoption of the Preliminary ACP (PACP)  
during the APG Meeting



Stage 2

Adoption of the ACP by correspondence  
following the APG Meeting



**Letter to APT Member Administrations concerning ACP approval<sup>2</sup>**

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you will recall, the fifth Asia-Pacific Telecommunity preparatory meeting for WRC-07 (APG2007-5), held in [city - to be developed] from [dates - to be developed], approved a substantial number of Preliminary APT Common Proposals (PACPs) for that World Radiocommunication Conference, which will be held in [city - to be developed] from [dates - to be developed]. These PACPs are now being circulated for approval by your administration in accordance with the procedure for ACP approval that was agreed at the meeting.

The PACPs are attached in the file *PACPs-final.zip*. These are presented in a number of Addenda, with each Addendum corresponding to a particular WRC-07 Agenda Item, along with a covering document of one page (Document yy). Also attached are two Tables. One, the PACP Approval Table, is to be used to indicate your support for the different PACPs. The second Table is a cross-reference table that provides, for your better understanding of the PACPs, the relationship between the proposals numbers used at the [reference to APG2007-5 meeting] meeting (grouped by Agenda Item) and the proposal numbers as required by the ITU-BR (which are based on a continuing running series of numbers).

The PACPs are grouped for approval as can be seen from the Tables. This grouping was established as part of the considerations at the APG2007-5 meeting and it is considered that the particular groups each constitute a set of proposals that can be considered together for approval. In some cases there was no PACP developed for a particular Agenda Item and the relevant Addendum is included solely for completeness.

You are kindly requested to indicate your support for the PACPs in column 5 of the PACP Approval Table.

Completed Tables should be returned to the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity Secretariat in Bangkok by [**date limit for replies**]. Submission by e-mail (*APT secretariat e-mail address*) or by telefax (*APT Secretariat fax number*) is preferred. Later replies will certainly be considered, it being acknowledged that Administrations have a variety of internal approval processes and that these can impact on the timing. PACPs will become APT Common Proposals in accordance with the rules given in the document describing the ACP approval process. The procedure states that a PACP becomes an ACP provided that:

- a) the proposal is *supported by* at least one quarter (25%) of all the APT Members, and
- b) the proposal is *not opposed by* more than 50% of the number of Members who support it.

The nature of the approvals by APT Member Administrations will eventually be published by the ITU as part of Document yy in the form of a third Table in which the support will be shown against each of the groups of proposals, the grouping being the same as that shown in the PACP Approval Table.

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<sup>2</sup> The text of this letter is based on that was used for the ACP approval process leading up to WRC-2003.

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You are kindly requested to complete the PACP Approval Table and to return it to the APT Secretariat as soon as possible. It is planned that the approved ACPs would be sent to the ITU during the [date – to be determined].

Yours sincerely,

(A. Narayan)  
Secretary General  
Asia-Pacific Telecommunity

## PACP Approval Table – WRC-07

APT Member administrations are requested to indicate their support for the different Provisional Asia-Pacific Telecommunity Common Proposals (PACPs) in the fifth column of this Table. The PACPs submitted for approval in the Table contain either one or several grouped individual proposals (Numbered ASP/yy/... as shown in the fourth column) to modify the Radio Regulations. The grouping was established as part of the considerations at the APG2007-5 meeting in [city – to be developed]. It is further explained in the Cross Reference table also forwarded to administrations as part of this approval process. Administrations can use the Remarks column if they wish to indicate the nature of their support in a more detailed manner.

Completed Tables should be returned to the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity Secretariat in Bangkok by **[date limit for replies]**

<b>WRC-07 Agenda Item No.</b>	<b><i>Text of the WRC-07 Agenda Item</i></b>	<b>Addendum No.</b>	<b>Proposal Nos. ASP/yy/</b>	<b>Support (Y/N)</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
1.1	requests from administrations to delete their country footnotes or to have their country name deleted from footnotes, if no longer required, in accordance with Resolution <b>26 (Rev.WRC-97)</b>	1	1		
			2		
			3		
			4		
			5		
			6		
			7		
			8		
			9		
			Etc.		

1.2	to consider allocations and regulatory issues related to the Earth exploration-satellite (passive) service, space research (passive) service and the meteorological satellite service in accordance with Resolutions <b>746 (WRC-03)</b> and <b>742 (WRC-03)</b>	2	Etc.		
			Etc.		
1.3	in accordance with Resolution <b>747 (WRC-03)</b> , consider upgrading the radiolocation service to primary allocation status in the bands 9 000-9 200 MHz and 9 300-9 500 MHz and extending by up to 200 MHz the existing primary allocations to the Earth exploration-satellite service (EESS) (active) and the space research service (SRS) (active) in the band 9 500-9 800 MHz without placing undue constraint on the services to which the bands are allocated	3	Etc.		
Etc.	Etc.	Etc.	Etc.		

[Remainder of Table to be developed]

**CROSS REFERENCE TABLE – APT COMMON PROPOSALS - Grouping of Proposals for Approval**

<i>Addendum Number</i>	<i>WRC-07 Agenda Item</i>	<i>Reference APG5 document</i>	<i>Grouping of Proposals for approval ASP/yy/.....<sup>3</sup></i>	<i>Grouping of Proposals for approval ASP/yy/.....<sup>4</sup></i>	<i>Remarks</i>
1	1.1	[TBD])	1.1/1 1.1/2 1.1/3 1.1/4 1.1/5 1.1/6 1.1/7 1.1/8 1.1/9 1.1/Etc.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 Etc.	Each modification to a country footnote is shown separately for approval
2	1.2	[TBD]	1.2/Etc.  1.2/Etc.	Etc.  Etc.	Components aa to gg - proposals shown as a package for approval Component shown as a separate proposal
3	1.3	[TBD]	1.3/Etc.	Etc.	All proposals shown as a package for approval
Etc.	Etc.	[TBD]	Etc.	Etc.	Etc.

[Remainder of Table to be developed]

<sup>3</sup> Numbering by WRC-07 Agenda Item order as used at APG2007-5 meeting

<sup>4</sup> Running numbering as requested by ITU-BR; in some cases (e.g. Agenda Items xx, yy, zz, etc.) additional numbers had to be inserted in the text from the original APG2007-5 documents.