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Subject: Summary notes of Inter-sessional meeting WG-I of 9 Dec 2015: topic preparation of the first SATCOM Forum (2015) and any Freq related issues

Items covered:

1. Review of actions
2. SATCOM Forum
3. Freq related

Summary notes:

1. Actions were reviewed and update action list will be provided by CGMS Sec
2. SATCOM Forum meeting has been postponed to Feb 2016 (see notes below) therefore the initial scope of the inter-sessional meeting cannot be met today but needs to be deferred to Feb and/or Oct 2016:

The seventeenth session (in June) of the World Meteorological Congress (Cg-17) approved the CBS recommendation to establish the SATCOM as proposed in the report of the Ad hoc International Forum of Users of Satellite Data Telecommunication Systems (Satcom) (Paris, France, 03-04 October 2013).

The chair Prof David Meldrum decided to step down as chair, although he will continue as an active member of the forum. In consultation with JCOMM and CBS, Prof Meldrum proposed that Dr Michael Prior-Jones to be a suitable candidate to take over the role of chair. Dr Prior-Jones has agreed to standing for this role and has the support of the UK Permanent Representative to WMO. He was elected in September.

Another change associated with CBS activity, is that the WMO secretariat Satcom coordination role will be moving from the Marine Observations Division (Etienne Charpentier) to the Information and Telecommunication System Division (David THOMAS)

*A meeting of the **Satcom executive committee** is planned for the **Tuesday 23 Feb 2016**, probably at WMO, to discuss the set-up and promotion of first forum. The current plan is to hold the **first Satcom Forum** alongside the Meteorological Technology International (MTI) World Expo in Madrid **27-29 September 2016**, which will also have the WMO's TECO meeting. MTI have offered Satcom the use of a large meeting room that can accommodate up to 100 people in theatre style, close to the main Expo hall. We are anticipating an attendance of between 70 and 100 people at the meeting,*

3. Freq related

EUM will prepare a working paper to summarise the outcome of WRC-15 (a success for CGMS agencies in the area of EESS and MetSats related services and bands). It is agreed that the paper will also highlight (for the plenary) the challenges foreseen for WRC-19. This is aimed at increasing as early as possible the awareness of the different CGMS members to allow them to establish relevant information/mitigating actions w.r.t to their national frequency regulatory offices when they prepare national/regional positions for WRC-19 (and aiming and continuing defending the EESS and MetSats related bands and services)

A paper will be prepared by EUMETSAT (in coordination with ESA) to summarise the ongoing activities in Europe towards establishing a new air interface specification for DCP (aiming and higher data rates specially for transmission troubled platforms (like buoys). Also through the discussion on frequency related topics it has been agreed to start trying to identify benefits of the services running in the different bands used by CGMS members to allow supporting the preparation of sharing studies for WRC-19 (in some cases like DCS the input cannot only come directly from CGMS DCS operators)

With this the inter-sessional meeting has been closed.

Best regards and merry Xmas,

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