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AmCham's position on the significant matters for the telecommunications sector, IT sector, and DTT operators regarding Agenda 1.2 and 1.5 points for the World Radiocommunication Conference ITU-R WRC-23

Ensuring access to appropriate frequency resources is an immensely important issue for many businesses operating in the broad ICT sector, particularly for telecommunications companies, IT firms, DTT operators, and equipment manufacturers. Utilizing internationally harmonized frequency ranges in business activities supports the development of the entire modern digital economy, which heavily relies on wireless solutions using the radio spectrum. The World Radiocommunication Conferences (WRC), held periodically, make crucial decisions that significantly shape the long-term direction of the advanced technology sector as a whole.

Taking into account ongoing development of European Common Proposal (ECP) by CPG, below AmCham PL present the standpoints regarding WRC-23 Agenda Items relevant for its members.

Agenda Item 1.2

Regarding the upper 6 GHz band (6425-7125 MHz), AmCham Poland supports developing a "general matters" ECP incorporating the No Change (not underlined) position, i.e. not advocating nor proactively supporting the IMT identification, including the necessary conditions for CEPT to be able to accept an IMT identification; but if these conditions cannot be met at WRC-23, AmCham Poland supports "No Change underlined" i.e. to oppose an IMT identification of the band. This is in line with the fallback position of CEPT.

Agenda Item 1.5

AmCham Poland received different standpoints from its members relevant to 'sub-700 MHz' frequency band (470-694 MHz), therefore no common AmCham position is developed.

Some of members present the standpoint that "No change" positions should adopted with regard to 470-694 MHz range, while other members present the standpoint that the "Co-primary" mobile allocation should be adopted in the band.

Agenda Item 1.5 and 10

AmCham Poland received comments from members from outside of telecommunication, IT and DTT sector highlining a need to address the use of 902-928 MHz band for industrial purposes in Region 1. To note, in Region 2 this is ISM band. Potential regulatory action may involve relaxing telecommunication EMC/EMI limitations withing industrial areas.

As a background, it is noted that the use of high-power thermal microwave technologies on 902-928 MHz frequency may be crucial for certain new technologies addressing the goals of EU Green Deal and fossil-free (net-zero) economy.

While Item 1.5 of the Agenda specifically refers to possible regulatory actions regarding 'sub-700 MHz' frequency band, the need of addressing the use of 902-928 MHz frequency band for industrial purposes in Region 1 is noted as a potential item for the future agenda.

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