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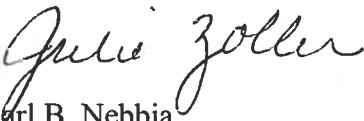
Ms. Mindel De La Torre  
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Dear Ms. De La Torre:

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) on behalf of the Executive Branch agencies, approves the release of the draft Executive Branch preliminary view for WRC-15 agenda item 9.1.8 (nanosatellites/picosatellites).

This draft preliminary view considers the federal agency inputs toward the development of U.S. proposals for WRC-15. NTIA forwards this package for your consideration and review by your WRC-15 Advisory Committee. Dr. Darlene Drazenovich is the primary contact from my staff.

Sincerely,

*for*   
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Associate Administrator  
Office of Spectrum Management

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### DRAFT PRELIMINARY VIEWS FOR WRC-15

**Agenda Item 9:** to consider and approve the Report of the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau, in accordance with Article 7 of the Convention:

**9.1:** on the activities of the Radiocommunication Sector since WRC-12

**Section 9.1.8 of the CPM Report:** Resolution 757 (WRC-12) Regulatory aspects for nanosatellites and picosatellites

**BACKGROUND:** WRC-12 adopted Resolution 757 (WRC-12) which resolves to invite WRC-18 to consider whether modifications to the regulatory procedures for notifying satellite networks are needed to facilitate the deployment and operation of nanosatellites and picosatellites, and to take appropriate actions. The regulatory procedures for notifying satellite networks apply to all satellite networks and systems in order to avoid causing or receiving harmful interference.

ITU-R Working Party 7B, in response to Question ITU-R 254/7, is developing a Draft New Report on technical and operational characteristics of nanosatellites and picosatellites. Currently, Resolution 757 (WRC-12) provides the only direct recognition of nanosatellites and picosatellites in the Radio Regulations. Consistent with Resolution 757 (WRC-12), the ITU-R is to examine the procedures for notifying space networks and consider possible modifications to enable the deployment and operation of nanosatellites and picosatellites, taking into account the short development time, short mission time, and unique orbital characteristics. The Resolution also instructs the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau to report to WRC-15 on the results of these studies.

**U.S. VIEW:** The United States supports completing the studies to characterize nanosatellites and picosatellites and examining the notification procedures for space networks with respect to the deployment and operation of these satellites. Based on the results of the studies, WRC-15 should if appropriate, modify the related WRC-18 agenda item.