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Malaysia’s Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC)’s consultation “Public consultation on proposed Malaysia's positions for World Radiocommnication Conference 2023 (WRC-23) agenda items”

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Re: Consultation “Public consultation on proposed Malaysia’s positions for World Radiocommnication Conference 2023 (WRC-23) agenda items”

Dear Chairman,

IEEE 802 LAN/MAN Standards Committee (LMSC) thanks Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) for issuing the consultation “Public consultation on proposed Malaysia's positions for World Radiocommnication Conference 2023 (WRC-23) agenda items” and for the opportunity to provide feedback on this topic.

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Please find below the responses of IEEE 802 LMSC to WRC-23 agenda item 1.2.

**WRC-23 agenda item 1.2 on 6425-7025 MHz and 7025-7125 MHz:**

While the 6425 MHz to 7025 MHz and 7025 MHz to 7125 MHz bands are not currently allowed for use by IEEE 802 LMSC technologies within Malaysia, such use is permitted in many other regions of the world including the USA, Latin America, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Republic of Korea. The IEEE 802 LMSC believes that the Radio Regulations should retain the current status (“No Change”) of the 6425 MHz to 7025 MHz and 7025 MHz to 7125 MHz bands, and not adopt an IMT identification in these bands. There are currently IEEE 802 LMSC technologies used in these bands that are widely deployed in high value applications. The “No Change” position, together with leaving these frequency bands unassigned for now, provides a flexibility for MCMC to consider the bands for licensed 5G use in future, should this be deemed necessary. However, identifying the bands for IMT pre-maturely limits the options for these bands. It is because an IMT identification would pre-determine the future use of the band to be presumed licensed, as was the case for the many other bands that have been identified for IMT in the last 20 years.

*IEEE 802.11-based devices operating in the 6 GHz band*

The IEEE Std 802.11ax-2021 [1] standard supports operation in the 6425 MHz to 7025 MHz and 7025 MHz to 7125 MHz bands, and products based on this standard are seeing significant adoption where regulatory rules permit deployment [2]. IEEE 802 technologies are designed not to cause interference with other users in these bands. The Wi-Fi industry is taking the lead in specifying a number of co-existence strategies for bands with incumbent users, such as automated frequency coordination [3][12]. A new generation of IEEE 802.11 technologies, currently under development in the IEEE P802.11be amendment, will continue to enhance and improve spectrum co-existence capacities. Prior research from the ECC [4] indicates that access to larger, contiguous bandwidths in the 6 GHz band reduces the potential for harmful interference.

Significant economic value is provided by IEEE 802.11 based systems today [5]. Availability of the full 6 GHz band (i.e., 5925 MHz to 7125 MHz) for unlicensed use enables deployment of new applications and services in the coming years, further increasing the societal benefits. The very recent analysis from the UK Ofcom highlights such benefits arising from a “No Change” position [6].

*IEEE 802.15-based devices operating in the 6 GHz band*

IEEE 802.15 standards specify Ultra-Wideband technology operation, which is finding adoption for numerous short-range sensing and ranging applications. IEEE Std 802.15.4-2020 [7] and IEEE Std 802.15.4z-2020 [8] are standards for precision ranging that are already capable of using both the 6425 MHz to 7025 MHz and 7025 MHz to 7125 MHz bands and are increasingly used in many high value applications. IEEE Std 802.15.6-2012 [9], a standard for short range, wireless communication in the vicinity of, or inside, a human body (but not limited to humans) uses the same bands and channels and is approved by national medical and/or regulatory authorities for applications including medical wireless body area network (BAN).

It is expected that an increasing number of IEEE 802.15.4-2020, IEEE 802.15.4z-2020, and IEEE 802.15.6 devices will continue to be operated in these bands. Notably, with the increasing use of IEEE 802.15 devices in the smartphone and consumer automotive spaces, it is forecasted that more than 1 billion UWB-enabled devices will be shipped annually worldwide by 2025 [10].

**Conclusion**

IEEE 802 LMSC thanks MCMC for the opportunity to provide this submission and kindly requests to take into account our responses in its decision towards WRC-23.

Respectfully submitted

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