

FCC Commissioner Brendan Carr – Questions for the Record

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Through the ITU and other global fora, the Federal Communications Commission advances the United States' interests in telecommunications. One way the FCC does and should continue to do so is through our work to ensure spectrum harmonization globally. This effort benefits American consumers by creating economies of scale as well as larger markets for equipment and next-gen services, thus driving down the costs of devices and increasing the speed with which new technologies can make it to American consumers. The FCC's work on this front also enables American businesses to compete across global geographies without the friction that would otherwise accompany vastly different, regional regimes. America is the leading innovator in satellite technology, and continuing our leadership role at the ITU furthers the industry's ability to serve customers, develop new technologies, and create jobs. The FCC also works to promote a pro-competitive environment for U.S. industry abroad. Another important activity undertaken by the FCC is representation, on behalf of the State Department, of U.S. commercial licensees during international coordination with other Administrations.