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## **Message from the Secretary-General**

From the first International Telegraph Convention signed in 1865 to the present Constitution and Convention, the Union has grown from its original 20 Members to 191 Member States and nearly 700 Sector Members. The significance of ITU is based, to a large extent, on the strength of these basic texts, which establish a binding, global framework for international telecommunications and set forth the structure of the Union and its diverse and far-reaching activities to promote telecommunications.

The amendments to the Constitution and Convention, as adopted by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Antalya, 2006), will enter into force on 1 January 2008. Pursuant to Resolution 75 (Minneapolis, 1998), I have the pleasure to present these consolidated basic texts of the Union adopted by the Plenipotentiary Conference, which are based on the Final Acts of the Additional Plenipotentiary Conference (Geneva, 1992) and the Final Acts of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Kyoto, 1994; Minneapolis, 1998; Marrakesh, 2002, Antalya 2006). I hope that you will find this Collection of the basic texts both useful and convenient.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a final dot, representing the name Hamadoun I. Touré.

May, 2007

Hamadoun I. Touré  
Secretary-General



## Explanatory Notes

1. The Constitution (CS) and Convention (CV) and their respective Annexes are those adopted by the Additional Plenipotentiary Conference (Geneva, 1992), incorporating the amendments adopted by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Kyoto, 1994), the Plenipotentiary Conference (Minneapolis, 1998), the Plenipotentiary Conference (Marrakesh, 2002) and the Plenipotentiary Conference (Antalya, 2006).
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**PP-06**

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3. The symbol "(SUP)" indicates a provision or series of provisions deleted by PP-94, PP-98, PP-02 or PP-6.
4. In the CS and CV, except in certain cases where particular margin/chapter/section/article/paragraph numbers have had to be revised editorially for reasons of logical order or consistency, the numbering in the Final Acts of the adopting or amending plenipotentiary conference has been retained. Thus, the letters A, B, C, etc. are retained in added provisions; the Latin suffixes *bis*, *ter*, *quater*, etc. are retained in added paragraphs; and chapters/sections/articles have not been renumbered when text has been deleted (e.g., the Convention "jumps" from Chapter II to Chapter IV, because Chapter III no longer exists). This will facilitate cross-referencing with the Final Acts of the plenipotentiary conference concerned and make it possible to trace the evolution of the CS and CV texts through successive plenipotentiary conferences.
5. The Optional Protocol on the Compulsory Settlement of Disputes was adopted during the Additional Plenipotentiary Conference (Geneva, 1992), and has not been amended since.



6. The General Rules of Conferences, Assemblies and Meetings of the Union were adopted by PP-02 and modified by PP-06. These General Rules comprise:
- the General Provisions Regarding Conferences and Assemblies, made up of the provisions of Articles 26 to 30 of the Convention, transferred by PP-02 into this new instrument;
  - the Rules of Procedure of Conferences, Assemblies and Meetings of ITU;
  - the procedures for electing the Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General, the Directors of the Bureaux of the Sectors, the members of the Radio Regulations Board and the Member States of the Council, adopted by PP-02; and
  - the procedures for amendment, adoption and entry into force, likewise adopted by PP-02.

The margin numbers to these General Rules are located in the left-hand margin.

7. The decisions, resolutions and recommendations are those currently in force. "(Kyoto, 1994)", "(Minneapolis, 1998)", "(Marrakesh, 2002)" and "(Antalya, 2006)" indicate adoption by PP-94, PP-98, PP-02 or PP-06, respectively. "(Rev. Minneapolis, 1998)", "(Rev. Marrakesh, 2002)" or "(Rev. Antalya, 2006)" indicates adoption by PP-94 and revision by PP-98, PP-02 or PP-06. Each decision, resolution and recommendation includes, moreover, an indication of the plenipotentiary conference which adopted it, and, as the case may be, of any subsequent conference having revised it.
8. The present collection also contains a full list of the decisions, resolutions and recommendations adopted, revised or abrogated by PP-94, PP-98, PP-02 or PP-06.
9. When using the Analytical Table, please also refer to the specific explanatory notes to the table itself.



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<sup>\*)</sup> *Note by the General Secretariat:* In accordance with Resolution 70 (Rev. Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference on the inclusion of gender mainstreaming in ITU, the language used in the basic instruments of the Union (Constitution and Convention) is to be considered as gender neutral.



# CONSTITUTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION

## Preamble

- 1 While fully recognizing the sovereign right of each State to regulate its telecommunication and having regard to the growing importance of telecommunication for the preservation of peace and the economic and social development of all States, the States Parties to this Constitution, as the basic instrument of the International Telecommunication Union, and to the Convention of the International Telecommunication Union (hereinafter referred to as “the Convention”) which complements it, with the object of facilitating peaceful relations, international cooperation among peoples and economic and social development by means of efficient telecommunication services, have agreed as follows:

## CHAPTER I

### Basic Provisions

#### ARTICLE 1

#### Purposes of the Union

- 2 1 The purposes of the Union are:
- 3 a) to maintain and extend international cooperation among all its  
PP-98 Member States for the improvement and rational use of telecommunications of all kinds;

- 3A** *a bis)* to promote and enhance participation of entities and organizations in the activities of the Union and foster fruitful cooperation and partnership between them and Member States for the fulfilment of the overall objectives as embodied in the purposes of the Union;  
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- 4** *b)* to promote and to offer technical assistance to developing countries in the field of telecommunications, and also to promote the mobilization of the material, human and financial resources needed for its implementation, as well as access to information;  
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- 5** *c)* to promote the development of technical facilities and their most efficient operation with a view to improving the efficiency of telecommunication services, increasing their usefulness and making them, so far as possible, generally available to the public;
- 6** *d)* to promote the extension of the benefits of the new telecommunication technologies to all the world's inhabitants;
- 7** *e)* to promote the use of telecommunication services with the objective of facilitating peaceful relations;
- 8** *f)* to harmonize the actions of Member States and promote fruitful and constructive cooperation and partnership between Member States and Sector Members in the attainment of those ends;  
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- 9** *g)* to promote, at the international level, the adoption of a broader approach to the issues of telecommunications in the global information economy and society, by cooperating with other world and regional intergovernmental organizations and those non-governmental organizations concerned with telecommunications.
- 10** 2 To this end, the Union shall in particular:
- 11** *a)* effect allocation of bands of the radio-frequency spectrum, the allotment of radio frequencies and the registration of radio-frequency assignments and, for space services, of any associated orbital position in the geostationary-satellite orbit or of any associated characteristics of satellites in other orbits, in order to avoid harmful interference between radio stations of different countries;  
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- 12** *b)* coordinate efforts to eliminate harmful interference between radio stations of different countries and to improve the use made of the radio-frequency spectrum for radiocommunication services and of the geostationary-satellite and other satellite orbits;  
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- 13**     *c)*     facilitate the worldwide standardization of telecommunications, with a satisfactory quality of service;
- 14**     *d)*     foster international cooperation and solidarity in the delivery of technical assistance to the developing countries and the creation, development and improvement of telecommunication equipment and networks in developing countries by every means at its disposal, including through its participation in the relevant programmes of the United Nations and the use of its own resources, as appropriate;
- PP-98**
- 15**     *e)*     coordinate efforts to harmonize the development of telecommunication facilities, notably those using space techniques, with a view to full advantage being taken of their possibilities;
- 16**     *f)*     foster collaboration among Member States and Sector Members with a view to the establishment of rates at levels as low as possible consistent with an efficient service and taking into account the necessity for maintaining independent financial administration of telecommunications on a sound basis;
- PP-98**
- 17**     *g)*     promote the adoption of measures for ensuring the safety of life through the cooperation of telecommunication services;
- 18**     *h)*     undertake studies, make regulations, adopt resolutions, formulate recommendations and opinions, and collect and publish information concerning telecommunication matters;
- 19**     *i)*     promote, with international financial and development organizations, the establishment of preferential and favourable lines of credit to be used for the development of social projects aimed, *inter alia*, at extending telecommunication services to the most isolated areas in countries.
- 19A**    *j)*     promote participation of concerned entities in the activities of the Union and cooperation with regional and other organizations for the fulfilment of the purposes of the Union.
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## ARTICLE 2

**Composition of the Union**

**20**  
PP-98            The International Telecommunication Union is an intergovernmental organization in which Member States and Sector Members, having well-defined rights and obligations, cooperate for the fulfilment of the purposes of the Union. It shall, having regard to the principle of universality and the desirability of universal participation in the Union, be composed of:

**21**  
PP-98            a)    any State which is a Member State of the International Telecommunication Union as a Party to any International Telecommunication Convention prior to the entry into force of this Constitution and the Convention;

**22**            b)    any other State, a Member of the United Nations, which accedes to this Constitution and the Convention in accordance with Article 53 of this Constitution;

**23**  
PP-98            c)    any other State, not a Member of the United Nations, which applies for membership of the Union and which, after having secured approval of such application by two-thirds of the Member States of the Union, accedes to this Constitution and the Convention in accordance with Article 53 of this Constitution. If such application for membership is made during the interval between two plenipotentiary conferences, the Secretary-General shall consult the Member States of the Union; a Member State shall be deemed to have abstained if it has not replied within four months after its opinion has been requested.

## ARTICLE 3

PP-98            **Rights and Obligations of Member States  
and Sector Members**

**24**  
PP-98            1    Member States and Sector Members shall have the rights and shall be subject to the obligations provided for in this Constitution and the Convention.



- 25**  
**PP-98**      2      Rights of Member States in respect of their participation in the conferences, meetings and consultations of the Union are:
- 26**  
**PP-98**      a)      all Member States shall be entitled to participate in conferences, shall be eligible for election to the Council and shall have the right to nominate candidates for election as officials of the Union or as members of the Radio Regulations Board;
- 27**  
**PP-98**      b)      subject to the provisions of Nos. 169 and 210 of this Constitution, each Member State shall have one vote at all plenipotentiary conferences, all world conferences and all Sector assemblies and study group meetings and, if it is a Member State of the Council, all sessions of that Council. At regional conferences, only the Member States of the region concerned shall have the right to vote;
- 28**  
**PP-98**      c)      subject to the provisions of Nos. 169 and 210 of this Constitution, each Member State shall also have one vote in all consultations carried out by correspondence. In the case of consultations regarding regional conferences, only the Member States of the region concerned shall have the right to vote.
- 28A**  
**PP-98**      3      In respect of their participation in activities of the Union, Sector Members shall be entitled to participate fully in the activities of the Sector of which they are members, subject to relevant provisions of this Constitution and the Convention:
- 28B**  
**PP-98**      a)      they may provide chairmen and vice-chairmen of Sector assemblies and meetings and world telecommunication development conferences;
- 28C**  
**PP-98**      b)      they shall be entitled, subject to the relevant provisions of the Convention and relevant decisions adopted in this regard by the Plenipotentiary Conference, to take part in the adoption of Questions and Recommendations and in decisions relating to the working methods and procedures of the Sector concerned.

## ARTICLE 4

**Instruments of the Union**

- 29** 1 The instruments of the Union are:
- this Constitution of the International Telecommunication Union,
  - the Convention of the International Telecommunication Union, and
  - the Administrative Regulations.
- 30** 2 This Constitution, the provisions of which are complemented by those of the Convention, is the basic instrument of the Union.
- 31** 3 The provisions of both this Constitution and the Convention are further complemented by those of the Administrative Regulations, enumerated below, which regulate the use of telecommunications and shall be binding on all Member States:
- PP-98**
- International Telecommunication Regulations,
  - Radio Regulations.
- 32** 4 In the case of inconsistency between a provision of this Constitution and a provision of the Convention or of the Administrative Regulations, the Constitution shall prevail. In the case of inconsistency between a provision of the Convention and a provision of the Administrative Regulations, the Convention shall prevail.

## ARTICLE 5

**Definitions**

- 33** Unless the context otherwise requires:
- 34** a) the terms used in this Constitution and defined in its Annex, which forms an integral part of this Constitution, shall have the meanings assigned to them in that Annex;

- 35      *b)*      the terms – other than those defined in the Annex to this Constitution – used in the Convention and defined in the Annex thereto, which forms an integral part of the Convention, shall have the meanings assigned to them in that Annex;
- 36      *c)*      other terms defined in the Administrative Regulations shall have the meanings therein assigned to them.

## ARTICLE 6

### **Execution of the Instruments of the Union**

- 37      1      The Member States are bound to abide by the provisions of this  
PP-98      Constitution, the Convention and the Administrative Regulations in all telecommunication offices and stations established or operated by them which engage in international services or which are capable of causing harmful interference to radio services of other countries, except in regard to services exempted from these obligations in accordance with the provisions of Article 48 of this Constitution.
- 38      2      The Member States are also bound to take the necessary steps to  
PP-98      impose the observance of the provisions of this Constitution, the Convention and the Administrative Regulations upon operating agencies authorized by them to establish and operate telecommunications and which engage in international services or which operate stations capable of causing harmful interference to the radio services of other countries.

## ARTICLE 7

### **Structure of the Union**

- 39      The Union shall comprise:
- 40      *a)*      the Plenipotentiary Conference, which is the supreme organ of the Union;
- 41      *b)*      the Council, which acts on behalf of the Plenipotentiary Conference;

- 42**     *c)*     world conferences on international telecommunications;
- 43**     *d)*     the Radiocommunication Sector, including world and regional radiocommunication conferences, radiocommunication assemblies and the Radio Regulations Board;
- 44**     *e)*     the Telecommunication Standardization Sector, including world telecommunication standardization assemblies;  
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- 45**     *f)*     the Telecommunication Development Sector, including world and regional telecommunication development conferences;
- 46**     *g)*     the General Secretariat.

## ARTICLE 8

### Plenipotentiary Conference

- 47**     1     The Plenipotentiary Conference shall be composed of delegations representing Member States. It shall be convened every four years.  
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- 48**     2     On the basis of proposals by Member States and taking account of reports by the Council, the Plenipotentiary Conference shall:  
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- 49**     *a)*     determine the general policies for fulfilling the purposes of the Union prescribed in Article 1 of this Constitution;
- 50**     *b)*     consider the reports by the Council on the activities of the Union since the previous plenipotentiary conference and on the policy and strategic planning of the Union;  
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- 51**     *c)*     in the light of its decisions taken on the reports referred to in No. 50 above, establish the strategic plan for the Union and the basis for the budget of the Union, and determine related financial limits, until the next plenipotentiary conference, after considering all relevant aspects of the work of the Union in that period;  
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- 51A** *c bis)* establish, using the procedures described in Nos. 161D to 161G of  
**PP-98** this Constitution, the total number of contributory units for the period up to the next plenipotentiary conference on the basis of the classes of contribution announced by Member States;
- 52** *d)* provide any general directives dealing with the staffing of the Union and, if necessary, fix the basic salaries, the salary scales and the system of allowances and pensions for all the officials of the Union;
- 53** *e)* examine the accounts of the Union and finally approve them, if appropriate;
- 54** *f)* elect the Member States which are to serve on the Council;  
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- 55** *g)* elect the Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General and the Directors of the Bureaux of the Sectors as elected officials of the Union;
- 56** *h)* elect the members of the Radio Regulations Board;
- 57** *i)* consider and adopt, if appropriate, proposals for amendments to this Constitution and the Convention, put forward by Member States, in accordance with the provisions of Article 55 of this Constitution and the relevant provisions of the Convention, respectively;  
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- 58** *j)* conclude or revise, if necessary, agreements between the Union and other international organizations, examine any provisional agreements with such organizations concluded by the Council on behalf of the Union, and take such measures in connection therewith as it deems appropriate;
- 58A** *jbis)* adopt and amend the General Rules of conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union;  
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- 59** *k)* deal with such other telecommunication questions as may be necessary.
- 59A** 3 Exceptionally, in the interval between two ordinary Plenipotentiary Conferences, it shall be possible to convene an extraordinary Plenipotentiary Conference with a restricted agenda to deal with specific matters;  
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- 59B** *a)* by a decision of the preceding ordinary Plenipotentiary Conference;  
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- 59C**    *b)*    should two-thirds of the Member States individually so request the  
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PP-98            Secretary-General;
- 59D**    *c)*    at the proposal of the Council with the approval of at least  
PP-94            two-thirds of the Member States.  
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## ARTICLE 9

### Principles Concerning Elections and Related Matters

- 60**    1        The Plenipotentiary Conference, at any elections referred to in  
Nos. 54 to 56 of this Constitution, shall ensure that:
- 61**    *a)*    the Member States of the Council are elected with due regard to  
PP-02            the need for equitable distribution of the seats on the Council  
among all regions of the world;
- 62**    *b)*    the Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General and the  
PP-94            Directors of the Bureaux shall be elected among the candidates  
PP-98            proposed by Member States as their nationals and shall all be  
PP-02            nationals of different Member States, and at their election due  
consideration should be given to equitable geographical  
distribution amongst the regions of the world; due consideration  
should also be given to the principles embodied in No. 154 of this  
Constitution;
- 63**    *c)*    the members of the Radio Regulations Board shall be elected in  
PP-94            their individual capacity from among the candidates proposed by  
PP-98            Member States as their nationals. Each Member State may  
PP-02            propose only one candidate. The members of the Radio Regula-  
tions Board shall not be nationals of the same Member State as the  
Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau; at their election, due  
consideration should be given to equitable geographical distri-  
bution amongst the regions of the world and to the principles  
embodied in No. 93 of this Constitution.
- 64**    2        Provisions relating to taking up duties, vacancy and re-eligibility  
PP-02            are contained in the Convention.

## ARTICLE 10

**The Council**

- 65** 1) The Council shall be composed of Member States elected by  
**PP-98** the Plenipotentiary Conference in accordance with the provisions of No. 61 of this Constitution.
- 66** 2) Each Member State of the Council shall appoint a person to  
**PP-02** serve on the Council who may be assisted by one or more advisers.
- 67** (SUP)  
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- 68** 3) In the interval between Plenipotentiary Conferences, the Council shall act, as governing body of the Union, on behalf of the Plenipotentiary Conference within the limits of the powers delegated to it by the latter.
- 69** 4) 1) The Council shall take all steps to facilitate the implementation by the Member States of the provisions of this Constitution, of the Convention, of the Administrative Regulations, of the decisions of the Plenipotentiary Conference, and, where appropriate, of the decisions of other conferences and meetings of the Union, and perform any duties assigned to it by the Plenipotentiary Conference.  
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- 70** 2) The Council shall consider broad telecommunication policy issues in accordance with the guidelines given by the Plenipotentiary Conference to ensure that the Union's policies and strategy fully respond to changes in the telecommunication environment.  
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- 70A** 2 bis) The Council shall prepare a report on the policy and strategic planning recommended for the Union, together with their financial implications, using the specific data prepared by the Secretary-General under No. 74A below.  
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- 71** 3) It shall ensure the efficient coordination of the work of the Union and exercise effective financial control over the General Secretariat and the three Sectors.
- 72** 4) It shall contribute, in accordance with the purposes of the Union, to the development of telecommunications in the developing countries by every means at its disposal, including through the participation of the Union in the appropriate programmes of the United Nations.

## ARTICLE 11

**General Secretariat**

**73** 1) The General Secretariat shall be directed by a Secretary-General, assisted by one Deputy Secretary-General.

**73bis** The Secretary-General shall act as the legal representative of the  
**PP-06** Union.

**73A** 2) The functions of the Secretary-General are specified in the  
**PP-98** Convention. In addition, the Secretary-General shall:

**74** a) coordinate the Union's activities, with the assistance of the  
**PP-98** Coordination Committee;

**74A** b) prepare, with the assistance of the Coordination Committee, and  
**PP-98** provide to the Member States and Sector Members, such specific  
**PP-02** information as may be required for the preparation of a report on the policies and strategic plan for the Union, and coordinate the implementation of the plan; this report shall be communicated to the Member States and Sector Members for review during the last two regularly scheduled sessions of the Council before a plenary conference;

**75** c) take all the actions required to ensure economic use of the Union's  
**PP-98** resources and be responsible to the Council for all the administrative and financial aspects of the Union's activities;

**76** (SUP)  
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**76A** 3) The Secretary-General may act as depositary of special  
**PP-98** arrangements established in conformity with Article 42 of this Constitution.

**77** 2) The Deputy Secretary-General shall be responsible to the Secretary-General; he shall assist the Secretary-General in the performance of his duties and undertake such specific tasks as may be entrusted to him by the Secretary-General. He shall perform the duties of the Secretary-General in the absence of the latter.



## CHAPTER II

### Radiocommunication Sector

#### ARTICLE 12

#### Functions and Structure

- 78** 1) The functions of the Radiocommunication Sector shall be, bearing in mind the particular concerns of developing countries, to fulfil the purposes of the Union, as stated in Article 1 of this Constitution, relating to radiocommunication:
- PP-98**
- by ensuring the rational, equitable, efficient and economical use of the radio-frequency spectrum by all radiocommunication services, including those using the geostationary-satellite or other satellite orbits, subject to the provisions of Article 44 of this Constitution, and
  - by carrying out studies without limit of frequency range and adopting recommendations on radiocommunication matters.
- 79** 2) The precise responsibilities of the Radiocommunication Sector and the Telecommunication Standardization Sector shall be subject to continuing review, in close cooperation, with regard to matters of common interest to both Sectors, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Convention. Close coordination shall be carried out between the Radiocommunication, Telecommunication Standardization and Telecommunication Development Sectors.
- 80** 2 The Radiocommunication Sector shall work through:
- 81** a) world and regional radiocommunication conferences;
- 82** b) the Radio Regulations Board;
- 83** c) radiocommunication assemblies;
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- 84** d) radiocommunication study groups;
- 84A** *dbis*) the Radiocommunication Advisory Group;
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- 85**     *e)*     the Radiocommunication Bureau, headed by the elected Director.
- 86**     3        The Radiocommunication Sector shall have as members:
- 87**     *a)*     of right, the administrations of all Member States;  
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- 88**     *b)*     any entity or organization which becomes a Sector Member in  
PP-98       accordance with the relevant provisions of the Convention.

## ARTICLE 13

### **Radiocommunication Conferences and Radiocommunication Assemblies**

- 89**     1        A world radiocommunication conference may partially or, in exceptional cases, completely, revise the Radio Regulations and may deal with any question of a worldwide character within its competence and related to its agenda; its other duties are specified in the Convention.
- 90**     2        World radiocommunication conferences shall normally be convened every three to four years; however, following the application of the relevant provisions of the Convention, such a conference need not be convened or an additional one may be convened.  
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- 91**     3        Radiocommunication assemblies shall also normally be convened every three to four years, and may be associated in place and time with world radiocommunication conferences so as to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Radiocommunication Sector. Radiocommunication assemblies shall provide the necessary technical bases for the work of the world radiocommunication conferences and respond to all requests from world radiocommunication conferences. The duties of the radiocommunication assemblies are specified in the Convention.  
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- 92** 4 The decisions of a world radiocommunication conference, of a radiocommunication assembly and of a regional radiocommunication conference shall in all circumstances be in conformity with this Constitution and the Convention. The decisions of a radiocommunication assembly or of a regional radiocommunication conference shall also in all circumstances be in conformity with the Radio Regulations. When adopting resolutions and decisions, the conferences shall take into account the foreseeable financial implications and should avoid adopting resolutions and decisions which might give rise to expenditure in excess of the financial limits laid down by the Plenipotentiary Conference.
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## ARTICLE 14

### Radio Regulations Board

- 93** 1 The Radio Regulations Board shall consist of elected members thoroughly qualified in the field of radiocommunications and possessing practical experience in the assignment and utilization of frequencies. Each member shall be familiar with the geographic, economic and demographic conditions within a particular area of the world. They shall perform their duties for the Union independently and on a part-time basis.
- 93A** 1 *bis*) The Radio Regulations Board is composed of not more than either 12 members, or of a number corresponding to 6% of the total number of Member States, whichever is the greater.
- PP-98**
- 94** 2 The duties of the Radio Regulations Board shall consist of:
- 95** a) the approval of Rules of Procedure, which include technical criteria, in accordance with the Radio Regulations and with any decision which may be taken by competent radiocommunication conferences. These Rules of Procedure shall be used by the Director and the Bureau in the application of the Radio Regulations to register frequency assignments made by Member States. These Rules shall be developed in a transparent manner and shall be open to comment by administrations and, in case of continuing disagreement, the matter shall be submitted to the next world radiocommunication conference;
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- 96**      *b)*      the consideration of any other matter that cannot be resolved through the application of the above Rules of Procedure;
- 97**  
**PP-98**      *c)*      the performance of any additional duties, concerned with the assignment and utilization of frequencies, as indicated in No. 78 of this Constitution, in accordance with the procedures provided for in the Radio Regulations, and as prescribed by a competent conference or by the Council with the consent of a majority of the Member States, in preparation for, or in pursuance of the decisions of, such a conference.
- 98**      3      1)      In the exercise of their Board duties, the members of the Radio Regulations Board shall serve, not as representing their respective Member States nor a region, but as custodians of an international public trust. In particular, each member of the Board shall refrain from intervening in decisions directly concerning the member's own administration.
- 99**  
**PP-98**      2)      No member of the Board shall request or receive instructions relating to the exercise of his duties for the Union from any government or a member thereof, or from any public or private organization or person. Members of the Board shall refrain from taking any action or from participating in any decision which may be incompatible with their status defined in No. 98 above.
- 100**  
**PP-98**      3)      Member States and Sector Members shall respect the exclusively international character of the duties of the members of the Board and refrain from attempting to influence them in the performance of their Board duties.
- 101**      4      The working methods of the Radio Regulations Board are defined in the Convention.

## ARTICLE 15

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### **Radiocommunication Study Groups and Advisory Group**

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The respective duties of the radiocommunication study groups and advisory group are specified in the Convention.

ARTICLE 16

**Radiocommunication Bureau**

**103**           The functions of the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau are specified in the Convention.

## CHAPTER III

**Telecommunication Standardization Sector**

## ARTICLE 17

**Functions and Structure**

- 104** 1) The functions of the Telecommunication Standardization Sector shall be, bearing in mind the particular concerns of the developing countries, to fulfil the purposes of the Union relating to telecommunication standardization, as stated in Article 1 of this Constitution, by studying technical, operating and tariff questions and adopting recommendations on them with a view to standardizing telecommunications on a worldwide basis.
- PP-98**
- 105** 2) The precise responsibilities of the Telecommunication Standardization and Radiocommunication Sectors shall be subject to continuing review, in close cooperation, with regard to matters of common interest to both Sectors, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Convention. Close coordination shall be carried out between the Radiocommunication, Telecommunication Standardization and Telecommunication Development Sectors.
- 106** 2) The Telecommunication Standardization Sector shall work through:
- 107** a) world telecommunication standardization assemblies;
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- 108** b) telecommunication standardization study groups;
- 108A** *b bis*) the Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group;
- PP-98**
- 109** c) the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau headed by the elected Director.
- 110** 3) The Telecommunication Standardization Sector shall have as members:

- 111** *a)* of right, the administrations of all Member States;  
**PP-98**
- 112** *b)* any entity or organization which becomes a Sector Member in  
**PP-98** accordance with the relevant provisions of the Convention.

## ARTICLE 18

**PP-98** **World Telecommunication Standardization  
Assemblies**

- 113** 1 The duties of world telecommunication standardization assem-  
**PP-98** blies are specified in the Convention.
- 114** 2 World telecommunication standardization assemblies shall be  
**PP-98** convened every four years; however, an additional assembly may be held  
in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Convention.
- 115** 3 Decisions of world telecommunication standardization assemblies  
**PP-98** must in all circumstances be in conformity with this Constitution, the  
Convention and the Administrative Regulations. When adopting resolu-  
tions and decisions, the assemblies shall take into account the foreseeable  
financial implications and should avoid adopting resolutions and deci-  
sions which might give rise to expenditure in excess of the financial  
limits laid down by the Plenipotentiary Conference.

## ARTICLE 19

**PP-98** **Telecommunication Standardization Study Groups  
and Advisory Group**

- 116** The respective duties of the telecommunication standardization  
**PP-98** study groups and advisory group are specified in the Convention.

ARTICLE 20

**Telecommunication Standardization Bureau**

- 117** The functions of the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau are specified in the Convention.



## CHAPTER IV

**Telecommunication Development Sector**

## ARTICLE 21

**Functions and Structure**

- 118** 1) The functions of the Telecommunication Development Sector shall be to fulfil the purposes of the Union as stated in Article 1 of this Constitution and to discharge, within its specific sphere of competence, the Union's dual responsibility as a United Nations specialized agency and executing agency for implementing projects under the United Nations development system or other funding arrangements so as to facilitate and enhance telecommunications development by offering, organizing and coordinating technical cooperation and assistance activities.
- 119** 2) The activities of the Radiocommunication, Telecommunication Standardization and Telecommunication Development Sectors shall be the subject of close cooperation with regard to matters relating to development, in accordance with the relevant provisions of this Constitution.
- 120** 2) Within the foregoing framework, the specific functions of the Telecommunication Development Sector shall be to:
- 121** a) raise the level of awareness of decision-makers concerning the important role of telecommunications in the national economic and social development programme, and provide information and advice on possible policy and structural options;
- 122** b) promote, especially by means of partnership, the development, expansion and operation of telecommunication networks and services, particularly in developing countries, taking into account the activities of other relevant bodies, by reinforcing capabilities for human resources development, planning, management, resource mobilization, and research and development;
- PP-98**

- 123**    *c)*    enhance the growth of telecommunications through cooperation with regional telecommunications organizations and with global and regional development financing institutions, monitoring the status of projects included in its development programme to ensure that they are properly executed;
- 124**    *d)*    activate the mobilization of resources to provide assistance in the field of telecommunications to developing countries by promoting the establishment of preferential and favourable lines of credit, and cooperating with international and regional financial and development institutions;
- 125**    *e)*    promote and coordinate programmes to accelerate the transfer of appropriate technologies to the developing countries in the light of changes and developments in the networks of the developed countries;
- 126**    *f)*    encourage participation by industry in telecommunication development in developing countries, and offer advice on the choice and transfer of appropriate technology;
- 127**    *g)*    offer advice, carry out or sponsor studies, as necessary, on technical, economic, financial, managerial, regulatory and policy issues, including studies of specific projects in the field of telecommunications;
- 128**    *h)*    collaborate with the other Sectors, the General Secretariat and other concerned bodies in developing a general plan for international and regional telecommunication networks so as to facilitate the coordination of their development with a view to the provision of telecommunication services;
- 129**    *i)*    in carrying out the above functions, give special attention to the requirements of the least developed countries.
- 130**    3    The Telecommunication Development Sector shall work through:
- 131**    *a)*    world and regional telecommunication development conferences;
- 132**    *b)*    telecommunication development study groups;
- 132A**    *bbis)* the Telecommunication Development Advisory Group;
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- 133 c) the Telecommunication Development Bureau headed by the elected Director.
- 134 4 The Telecommunication Development Sector shall have as members:
- 135 a) of right, the administrations of all Member States;  
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- 136 b) any entity or organization which becomes a Sector Member in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Convention.  
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## ARTICLE 22

### Telecommunication Development Conferences

- 137 1 Telecommunication development conferences shall be a forum for the discussion and consideration of topics, projects and programmes relevant to telecommunication development and for the provision of direction and guidance to the Telecommunication Development Bureau.
- 138 2 Telecommunication development conferences shall comprise:
- 139 a) world telecommunication development conferences;
- 140 b) regional telecommunication development conferences.
- 141 3 There shall be, between two Plenipotentiary Conferences, one world telecommunication development conference and, subject to resources and priorities, regional telecommunication development conferences.
- 142 4 Telecommunication development conferences shall not produce Final Acts. Their conclusions shall take the form of resolutions, decisions, recommendations or reports. These conclusions must in all circumstances be in conformity with this Constitution, the Convention and the Administrative Regulations. When adopting resolutions and decisions, the conferences shall take into account the foreseeable financial implications and should avoid adopting resolutions and decisions which might give rise to expenditure in excess of the financial limits laid down by the Plenipotentiary Conference.  
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- 143** 5 The duties of telecommunication development conferences are specified in the Convention.

### ARTICLE 23

**PP-98** **Telecommunication Development Study Groups  
and Advisory Group**

- 144** The respective duties of telecommunication development study  
**PP-98** groups and advisory group are specified in the Convention.

### ARTICLE 24

**Telecommunication Development Bureau**

- 145** The functions of the Director of the Telecommunication Develop-  
ment Bureau are specified in the Convention.

## CHAPTER IVA

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**Working Methods of the Sectors****145A**  
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The radiocommunication assembly, the world telecommunication standardization assembly and the world telecommunication development conference may establish and adopt working methods and procedures for the management of the activities of their respective Sectors. These working methods and procedures must be compatible with this Constitution, the Convention and the Administrative Regulations, and in particular Nos. 246D to 246H of the Convention.

## CHAPTER V

**Other Provisions Concerning the Functioning  
of the Union**

## ARTICLE 25

**World Conferences on International Telecommunications**

**146** 1 A world conference on international telecommunications may partially, or in exceptional cases, completely revise the International Telecommunication Regulations and may deal with any question of a worldwide character within its competence and related to its agenda.

**147** 2 Decisions of world conferences on international telecommunica-  
**PP-98** tions shall in all circumstances be in conformity with this Constitution and the Convention. When adopting resolutions and decisions, the conferences shall take into account the foreseeable financial implications and should avoid adopting resolutions and decisions which might give rise to expenditure in excess of the financial limits laid down by the Plenipotentiary Conference.

## ARTICLE 26

**Coordination Committee**

**148** 1 The Coordination Committee shall consist of the Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General and the Directors of the three Bureaux. It shall be presided over by the Secretary-General, and in his absence by the Deputy Secretary-General.

- 149** 2 The Coordination Committee shall act as an internal management team which advises and gives the Secretary-General practical assistance on all administrative, financial, information system and technical cooperation matters which do not fall under the exclusive competence of a particular Sector or of the General Secretariat and on external relations and public information. In its considerations, the Committee shall keep fully in view the provisions of this Constitution, the Convention, the decisions of the Council and the interests of the Union as a whole.

## ARTICLE 27

### **Elected Officials and Staff of the Union**

- 150** 1 1) In the performance of their duties, neither the elected officials nor the staff of the Union shall seek or accept instructions from any government or from any other authority outside the Union. They shall refrain from acting in any way which is incompatible with their status as international officials.
- 151** 2) Member States and Sector Members shall respect the exclusively international character of the duties of these elected officials and of the staff of the Union, and refrain from trying to influence them in the performance of their work.  
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- 152** 3) No elected official or any member of the staff of the Union shall participate in any manner or have any financial interest whatsoever in any enterprise concerned with telecommunications, except as part of their duties. However, the term “financial interest” is not to be construed as applying to the continuation of retirement benefits accruing in respect of previous employment or service.
- 153** 4) In order to ensure the efficient operation of the Union, any Member State a national of which has been elected Secretary-General, Deputy Secretary-General or Director of a Bureau shall refrain, as far as possible, from recalling that national between two plenipotentiary conferences.  
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- 154** 2 The paramount consideration in the recruitment of staff and in the determination of the conditions of service shall be the necessity of securing for the Union the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity. Due regard shall be paid to the importance of recruiting the staff on as wide a geographical basis as possible.

## ARTICLE 28

### Finances of the Union

- 155** 1 The expenses of the Union shall comprise the costs of:
- 156** a) the Council;
- 157** b) the General Secretariat and the Sectors of the Union;
- 158** c) Plenipotentiary Conferences and world conferences on international telecommunications.
- 159** 2 The expenses of the Union shall be met from:  
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- 159A** a) the contributions of its Member States and Sector Members;  
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- 159B** b) other revenues as identified in the Convention or in the Financial  
PP-98 Regulations.
- 159C** 2 bis) Each Member State and Sector Member shall pay a sum equivalent to the number of units in the class of contribution it has chosen in accordance with Nos. 160 to 161I below.  
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- 159D** 2 ter) Expenses incurred by the regional conferences referred to in  
PP-98 No. 43 of this Constitution shall be borne:  
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- 159E** a) by all the Member States of the region concerned, in accordance  
PP-02 with their class of contribution;
- 159F** b) by any Member States of other regions which have participated in  
PP-02 such conferences, in accordance with their class of contribution;



- 159G** c) by authorized Sector Members and other authorized organizations  
**PP-02** which have participated in such conferences, in accordance with the provisions of the Convention.
- 160** 3 1) Member States and Sector Members shall be free to choose  
**PP-98** their class of contribution for defraying Union expenses.
- 161** 2) The choice by Member States shall be made at a  
**PP-98** plenipotentiary conference in accordance with the scale of classes of contribution and conditions contained in the Convention and with the procedures described below.
- 161A** 3) The choice by Sector Members shall be made in accordance  
**PP-98** with the scale of classes of contribution and conditions contained in the Convention and with the procedures described below.
- 161B** 3 bis) 1) At its session preceding the plenipotentiary conference, the  
**PP-98** Council shall fix the provisional amount of the contributory unit, on the basis of the draft financial plan for the corresponding period and total number of contributory units.
- 161C** 2) The Secretary-General shall inform the Member States and  
**PP-98** Sector Members of the provisional amount of the contributory unit as  
**PP-06** determined under No. 161B above and invite the Member States to notify, no later than four weeks prior to the date set for the opening of the plenipotentiary conference, the class of contribution they have provisionally chosen.
- 161D** 3) The plenipotentiary conference shall, during its first week,  
**PP-98** determine the provisional upper limit of the amount of the contributory unit resulting from the steps taken by the Secretary-General in pursuance of Nos. 161B and 161C above, and taking account of any changes in class of contribution notified by Member States to the Secretary-General as well as classes of contribution remaining unchanged.
- 161E** 4) Bearing in mind the draft financial plan as revised, the  
**PP-98** plenipotentiary conference shall, as soon as possible, determine the  
**PP-02** definitive upper limit of the amount of the contributory unit and set the  
**PP-06** date, which shall be at the latest on Monday of the final week of the plenipotentiary conference, by which Member States, upon invitation by the Secretary-General, shall announce their definitive choice of class of contribution.

- 161F**  
PP-98            5) Member States which have failed to notify the Secretary-General of their decision by the date set by the plenipotentiary conference shall retain the class of contribution previously chosen.
- 161G**  
PP-98            6) The plenipotentiary conference shall then approve the definitive financial plan on the basis of the total number of contributory units corresponding to the definitive classes of contribution chosen by the Member States and classes of contribution of the Sector Members at the date on which the financial plan is approved.
- 161H**  
PP-98            3<sup>ter</sup>) 1) The Secretary-General shall inform the Sector Members of the definitive upper limit of the amount of the contributory unit and invite them to notify, within three months from the closing date of the plenipotentiary conference, the class of contribution they have chosen.
- 161I**  
PP-98            2) Sector Members which have failed to notify the Secretary-General of their decision within this three-month period shall retain the class of contribution previously chosen.
- 162**  
PP-98            3) Amendments to the scale of classes of contribution adopted by a plenipotentiary conference shall apply for the selection of the class of contribution during the following plenipotentiary conference.
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PP-98            4) The class of contribution chosen by a Member State or a Sector Member is applicable as of the first biennial budget after a plenipotentiary conference.
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PP-98            5) When choosing its class of contribution, a Member State shall not reduce it by more than two classes of contribution and the Council shall indicate to it the manner in which the reduction shall be gradually implemented over the period between plenipotentiary conferences. However, under exceptional circumstances such as natural disasters necessitating international aid programmes, the Plenipotentiary Conference may authorize a greater reduction in the number of contributory units when so requested by a Member State which has established that it can no longer maintain its contribution at the class originally chosen.

- 165A** *5 bis)* Under exceptional circumstances such as natural disasters  
**PP-98** necessitating international aid programmes, the Council may authorize a reduction in the number of contributory units when so requested by a Member State which has established that it can no longer maintain its contribution at the class originally chosen.
- 165B** *5 ter)* Member States and Sector Members may at any time choose a  
**PP-98** class of contribution higher than the one already adopted by them.
- 166 and 167** (SUP)  
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- 168** 8 Member States and Sector Members shall pay in advance their  
**PP-98** annual contributory shares, calculated on the basis of the biennial budget approved by the Council as well as of any adjustment adopted by the Council.
- 169** 9 A Member State which is in arrears in its payments to the Union  
**PP-98** shall lose its right to vote as defined in Nos. 27 and 28 of this Constitution for so long as the amount of its arrears equals or exceeds the amount of the contribution due for the two preceding years.
- 170** 10 Specific provisions governing the financial contributions by Sec-  
**PP-98** tor Members and by other international organizations are contained in the Convention.

## ARTICLE 29

### Languages

- 171** 1 1) The official languages of the Union shall be Arabic, Chinese,  
**PP-06** English, French, Russian and Spanish.
- 172** 2) In accordance with the relevant decisions of the Plenipotent-  
 ary Conference, these languages shall be used for drawing up and publishing documents and texts of the Union, in versions equivalent in form and content, as well as for reciprocal interpretation during conferences and meetings of the Union.
- 173** 3) In case of discrepancy or dispute, the French text shall pre-  
 vail.

- 174 2 When all participants in a conference or in a meeting so agree, discussions may be conducted in fewer languages than those mentioned above.

## ARTICLE 30

### **Seat of the Union**

- 175 The seat of the Union shall be at Geneva.

## ARTICLE 31

### **Legal Capacity of the Union**

- 176 PP-98 The Union shall enjoy in the territory of each of its Member States such legal capacity as may be necessary for the exercise of its functions and the fulfilment of its purposes.

## ARTICLE 32

### **General Rules of Conferences, Assemblies and Meetings of the Union**

- 177 PP-98 PP-02 1 The General Rules of conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union adopted by the Plenipotentiary Conference shall apply to the preparation of conferences and assemblies and to the organization of the work and conduct of the discussions of conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union, as well as to the election of Member States of the Council, of the Secretary-General, of the Deputy Secretary-General, of the Directors of the Bureaux of the Sectors and of the members of the Radio Regulations Board.
- 178 PP-98 PP-02 2 Conferences, assemblies and the Council may adopt such rules as they consider to be essential in addition to those in Chapter II of the General Rules of conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union. Such additional rules must, however, be compatible with this Constitution, the Convention and the aforesaid Chapter II; those adopted by conferences or assemblies shall be published as documents of the conference or assembly concerned.

## CHAPTER VI

**General Provisions Relating to Telecommunications**

## ARTICLE 33

**The Right of the Public to Use the International  
Telecommunication Service**

**179** Member States recognize the right of the public to correspond by  
**PP-98** means of the international service of public correspondence. The ser-  
vices, the charges and the safeguards shall be the same for all users in  
each category of correspondence without any priority or preference.

## ARTICLE 34

**Stoppage of Telecommunications**

**180** 1 Member States reserve the right to stop, in accordance with their  
**PP-98** national law, the transmission of any private telegram which may appear  
dangerous to the security of the State or contrary to its laws, to public  
order or to decency, provided that they immediately notify the office of  
origin of the stoppage of any such telegram or any part thereof, except  
when such notification may appear dangerous to the security of the State.

**181** 2 Member States also reserve the right to cut off, in accordance with  
**PP-98** their national law, any other private telecommunications which may  
appear dangerous to the security of the State or contrary to its laws, to  
public order or to decency.

ARTICLE 35

**Suspension of Services**

**182**  
**PP-98**

Each Member State reserves the right to suspend the international telecommunication service, either generally or only for certain relations and/or for certain kinds of correspondence, outgoing, incoming or in transit, provided that it immediately notifies such action to each of the other Member States through the Secretary-General.

ARTICLE 36

**Responsibility**

**183**  
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Member States accept no responsibility towards users of the international telecommunication services, particularly as regards claims for damages.

ARTICLE 37

**Secrecy of Telecommunications**

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1 Member States agree to take all possible measures, compatible with the system of telecommunication used, with a view to ensuring the secrecy of international correspondence.

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2 Nevertheless, they reserve the right to communicate such correspondence to the competent authorities in order to ensure the application of their national laws or the execution of international conventions to which they are parties.

## ARTICLE 38

**Establishment, Operation and Protection of  
Telecommunication Channels and Installations**

- 186**  
**PP-98** 1 Member States shall take such steps as may be necessary to ensure the establishment, under the best technical conditions, of the channels and installations necessary to carry on the rapid and uninterrupted exchange of international telecommunications.
- 187** 2 So far as possible, these channels and installations must be operated by the methods and procedures which practical operating experience has shown to be the best. They must be maintained in proper operating condition and kept abreast of scientific and technical progress.
- 188**  
**PP-98** 3 Member States shall safeguard these channels and installations within their jurisdiction.
- 189**  
**PP-98** 4 Unless other conditions are laid down by special arrangements, each Member State shall take such steps as may be necessary to ensure maintenance of those sections of international telecommunication circuits within its control.
- 189A**  
**PP-98** 5 Member States recognize the necessity of taking practical measures to prevent the operation of electrical apparatus and installations of all kinds from disrupting the operation of telecommunication installations within the jurisdiction of other Member States.

## ARTICLE 39

**Notification of Infringements**

- 190**  
**PP-98** In order to facilitate the application of the provisions of Article 6 of this Constitution, Member States undertake to inform and, as appropriate, assist one another with regard to infringements of the provisions of this Constitution, of the Convention and of the Administrative Regulations.

## ARTICLE 40

**Priority of Telecommunications Concerning  
Safety of Life**

- 191** International telecommunication services must give absolute priority to all telecommunications concerning safety of life at sea, on land, in the air or in outer space, as well as to epidemiological telecommunications of exceptional urgency of the World Health Organization.

## ARTICLE 41

**Priority of Government Telecommunications**

- 192** Subject to the provisions of Articles 40 and 46 of this Constitution, government telecommunications (see Annex to this Constitution, No. 1014) shall enjoy priority over other telecommunications to the extent practicable upon specific request by the originator.

## ARTICLE 42

**Special Arrangements**

- 193**  
**PP-98** Member States reserve for themselves, for the operating agencies recognized by them and for other agencies duly authorized to do so, the right to make special arrangements on telecommunication matters which do not concern Member States in general. Such arrangements, however, shall not be in conflict with the terms of this Constitution, of the Convention or of the Administrative Regulations, so far as concerns the harmful interference which their operation might cause to the radio services of other Member States, and in general so far as concerns the technical harm which their operation might cause to the operation of other telecommunication services of other Member States.



## ARTICLE 43

**Regional Conferences, Arrangements  
and Organizations****194**  
**PP-98**

Member States reserve the right to convene regional conferences, to make regional arrangements and to form regional organizations, for the purpose of settling telecommunication questions which are susceptible of being treated on a regional basis. Such arrangements shall not be in conflict with either this Constitution or the Convention.

## CHAPTER VII

### Special Provisions for Radio

#### ARTICLE 44

**PP-98**                    **Use of the Radio-Frequency Spectrum and  
of the Geostationary-Satellite and  
Other Satellite Orbits**

**195**                    1            Member States shall endeavour to limit the number of frequencies  
**PP-02**                    and the spectrum used to the minimum essential to provide in a  
satisfactory manner the necessary services. To that end, they shall  
endeavour to apply the latest technical advances as soon as possible.

**196**                    2            In using frequency bands for radio services, Member States shall  
**PP-98**                    bear in mind that radio frequencies and any associated orbits, including  
the geostationary-satellite orbit, are limited natural resources and that  
they must be used rationally, efficiently and economically, in conformity  
with the provisions of the Radio Regulations, so that countries or groups  
of countries may have equitable access to those orbits and frequencies,  
taking into account the special needs of the developing countries and the  
geographical situation of particular countries.

#### ARTICLE 45

#### **Harmful Interference**

**197**                    1            All stations, whatever their purpose, must be established and  
**PP-98**                    operated in such a manner as not to cause harmful interference to the  
radio services or communications of other Member States or of recog-  
nized operating agencies, or of other duly authorized operating agencies  
which carry on a radio service, and which operate in accordance with the  
provisions of the Radio Regulations.

**198**                    2            Each Member State undertakes to require the operating agencies  
**PP-98**                    which it recognizes and the other operating agencies duly authorized for  
this purpose to observe the provisions of No. 197 above.

- 199** 3 Further, the Member States recognize the necessity of taking all  
**PP-98** practicable steps to prevent the operation of electrical apparatus and  
installations of all kinds from causing harmful interference to the radio  
services or communications mentioned in No. 197 above.

## ARTICLE 46

### **Distress Calls and Messages**

- 200** Radio stations shall be obliged to accept, with absolute priority,  
distress calls and messages regardless of their origin, to reply in the same  
manner to such messages, and immediately to take such action in regard  
thereto as may be required.

## ARTICLE 47

### **False or Deceptive Distress, Urgency, Safety or Identification Signals**

- 201** Member States agree to take the steps required to prevent the  
**PP-98** transmission or circulation of false or deceptive distress, urgency, safety  
or identification signals, and to collaborate in locating and identifying  
stations under their jurisdiction transmitting such signals.

## ARTICLE 48

### **Installations for National Defence Services**

- 202** 1 Member States retain their entire freedom with regard to military  
**PP-98** radio installations.
- 203** 2 Nevertheless, these installations must, so far as possible, observe  
statutory provisions relative to giving assistance in case of distress and to  
the measures to be taken to prevent harmful interference, and the provi-  
sions of the Administrative Regulations concerning the types of emission  
and the frequencies to be used, according to the nature of the service  
performed by such installations.

- 204** 3 Moreover, when these installations take part in the service of public correspondence or other services governed by the Administrative Regulations, they must, in general, comply with the regulatory provisions for the conduct of such services.

## CHAPTER VIII

### **Relations With the United Nations, Other International Organizations and Non-Member States**

#### ARTICLE 49

##### **Relations With the United Nations**

**205** The relationship between the United Nations and the International Telecommunication Union is defined in the Agreement concluded between these two organizations.

#### ARTICLE 50

##### **Relations With Other International Organizations**

**206**  
**PP-02** In furtherance of complete international coordination on matters affecting telecommunication, the Union should cooperate with international organizations having related interests and activities.

#### ARTICLE 51

##### **Relations With Non-Member States**

**207**  
**PP-98** Each Member State reserves for itself and for the recognized operating agencies the right to fix the conditions on which it admits telecommunications exchanged with a State which is not a Member State of the Union. If a telecommunication originating in the territory of such a State is accepted by a Member State, it must be transmitted and, in so far as it follows the telecommunication channels of a Member State, the obligatory provisions of this Constitution, of the Convention and of the Administrative Regulations and the usual charges shall apply to it.

## CHAPTER IX

### Final Provisions

#### ARTICLE 52

#### Ratification, Acceptance or Approval

- 208**  
**PP-98** 1 This Constitution and the Convention shall be simultaneously ratified, accepted or approved by any signatory Member State, in accordance with its constitutional rules, in one single instrument. This instrument shall be deposited, in as short a time as possible, with the Secretary-General. The Secretary-General shall notify the Member States of each deposit of any such instrument.
- 209**  
**PP-98** 2 1) During a period of two years from the date of entry into force of this Constitution and the Convention, a signatory Member State, even though it may not have deposited an instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval, in accordance with No. 208 above, shall enjoy the rights conferred on Member States in Nos. 25 to 28 of this Constitution.
- 210**  
**PP-98** 2) From the end of a period of two years from the date of entry into force of this Constitution and the Convention, a signatory Member State which has not deposited an instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval, in accordance with No. 208 above, shall no longer be entitled to vote at any conference of the Union, at any session of the Council, at any meeting of any of the Sectors of the Union, or during any consultation by correspondence conducted in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution and of the Convention until it has so deposited such an instrument. Its rights, other than voting rights, shall not be affected.
- 211** 3 After the entry into force of this Constitution and the Convention in accordance with Article 58 of this Constitution, an instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval, shall become effective on the date of its deposit with the Secretary-General.

## ARTICLE 53

**Accession**

- 212** 1 A Member State which is not a signatory to this Constitution and  
**PP-98** the Convention, or, subject to the provisions of Article 2 of this Constitution, any other State referred to in that Article, may accede to this Constitution and the Convention at any time. Such accession shall be made simultaneously in the form of one single instrument covering both this Constitution and the Convention.
- 213** 2 The instrument of accession shall be deposited with the Secretary-  
**PP-98** General, who shall notify the Member States of each deposit of any such instrument when it is received and shall forward to each of them a certified copy thereof.
- 214** 3 After the entry into force of this Constitution and the Convention in accordance with Article 58 of this Constitution, an instrument of accession shall become effective on the date of its deposit with the Secretary-General, unless otherwise specified therein.

## ARTICLE 54

**Administrative Regulations**

- 215** 1 The Administrative Regulations, as specified in Article 4 of this Constitution, are binding international instruments and shall be subject to the provisions of this Constitution and the Convention.
- 216** 2 Ratification, acceptance or approval of this Constitution and the Convention, or accession to these instruments, in accordance with Articles 52 and 53 of this Constitution, shall also constitute consent to be bound by the Administrative Regulations adopted by competent world conferences prior to the date of signature of this Constitution and the Convention. Such consent is subject to any reservation made at the time of signature of the Administrative Regulations or revisions thereof to the extent that the reservation is maintained at the time of deposit of the instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.

- 216A** **PP-98** 2 *bis*) The Administrative Regulations referred to in No. 216 above shall remain in force, subject to such revisions as may be adopted in application of Nos. 89 and 146 of this Constitution and brought into force. Any revision of the Administrative Regulations, either partial or complete, shall enter into force on the date or dates specified therein only for the Member States which, prior to such date or dates, have notified the Secretary-General of their consent to be bound by that revision.
- 217** **PP-98** (SUP)
- 217A** **PP-98** 3 *bis*) A Member State shall notify its consent to be bound by a partial or complete revision of the Administrative Regulations by depositing with the Secretary-General an instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval of that revision or of accession thereto or by notifying the Secretary-General of its consent to be bound by that revision.
- 217B** **PP-98** 3 *ter*) Any Member State may also notify the Secretary-General that its ratification, acceptance or approval of, or accession to, amendments to this Constitution or the Convention in accordance with Article 55 of the Constitution or Article 42 of the Convention shall constitute consent to be bound by any revision of the Administrative Regulations, either partial or complete, adopted by a competent conference prior to the signature of the said amendments to this Constitution or to the Convention.
- 217C** **PP-98** 3 *quater*) The notification referred to in No. 217B above shall be given at the time of the deposit by the Member State of its instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval of, or accession to, the amendments to this Constitution or to the Convention.
- 217D** **PP-98** 3 *penter*) Any revision of the Administrative Regulations shall apply provisionally, as from the date of entry into force of the revision, in respect of any Member State that has signed the revision and has not notified the Secretary-General of its consent to be bound in accordance with Nos. 217A and 217B above. Such provisional application only takes effect if the Member State in question did not oppose it at the time of signature of the revision.
- 218** **PP-98** 4 Such provisional application shall continue for a Member State until it notifies the Secretary-General of its decision concerning its consent to be bound by any such revision.



**219 to 221** (SUP)  
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**221A** *5 bis*) If a Member State fails to notify the Secretary-General of its decision concerning its consent to be bound under No. 218 above within thirty-six months following the date or dates of entry into force of the revision, that Member State shall be deemed to have consented to be bound by that revision.  
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**221B** *5 ter*) Any provisional application within the meaning of No. 217D or any consent to be bound within the meaning of No. 221A shall be subject to any reservation as may have been made by the Member State concerned at the time of signature of the revision. Any consent to be bound within the meaning of Nos. 216A, 217A, 217B and 218 above shall be subject to any reservation as may have been made by the Member State concerned at the time of signature of the Administrative Regulations or revision thereto, provided that it maintains the reservation when notifying the Secretary-General of its consent to be bound.  
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**222** (SUP)  
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**223** 7 The Secretary-General shall inform Member States promptly of any notification received pursuant to this Article.  
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## ARTICLE 55

### Provisions for Amending this Constitution

**224** 1 Any Member State may propose any amendment to this Constitution. Any such proposal shall, in order to ensure its timely transmission to, and consideration by, all the Member States, reach the Secretary-General not later than eight months prior to the opening date fixed for the plenipotentiary conference. The Secretary-General shall, as soon as possible, but not later than six months prior to the latter date, publish any such proposal for the information of all the Member States.  
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**225** 2 Any proposed modification to any amendment submitted in accordance with No. 224 above may, however, be submitted at any time by a Member State or by its delegation at the plenipotentiary conference.  
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- 226** 3 The quorum required at any Plenary Meeting of the Plenipotentiary Conference for consideration of any proposal for amending this Constitution or modification thereto shall consist of more than one half of the delegations accredited to the Plenipotentiary Conference.
- 227** 4 To be adopted, any proposed modification to a proposed amendment as well as the proposal as a whole, whether or not modified, shall be approved, at a Plenary Meeting, by at least two-thirds of the delegations accredited to the Plenipotentiary Conference which have the right to vote.
- 228** 5 Unless specified otherwise in the preceding paragraphs of this Article, which shall prevail, the General Rules of conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union shall apply.  
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- 229** 6 Any amendments to this Constitution adopted by a plenipotentiary conference shall, as a whole and in the form of one single amending instrument, enter into force at a date fixed by the conference between Member States having deposited before that date their instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval of, or accession to, both this Constitution and the amending instrument. Ratification, acceptance or approval of, or accession to, only a part of such an amending instrument shall be excluded.  
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- 230** 7 The Secretary-General shall notify all Member States of the deposit of each instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.  
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- 231** 8 After entry into force of any such amending instrument, ratification, acceptance, approval or accession in accordance with Articles 52 and 53 of this Constitution shall apply to the Constitution as amended.
- 232** 9 After entry into force of any such amending instrument, the Secretary-General shall register it with the Secretariat of the United Nations, in accordance with the provisions of Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations. No. 241 of this Constitution shall also apply to any such amending instrument.

## ARTICLE 56

**Settlement of Disputes**

**233** 1 Member States may settle their disputes on questions relating to  
**PP-98** the interpretation or application of this Constitution, of the Convention or of the Administrative Regulations by negotiation, through diplomatic channels, or according to procedures established by bilateral or multi-lateral treaties concluded between them for the settlement of international disputes, or by any other method mutually agreed upon.

**234** 2 If none of these methods of settlement is adopted, any Member  
**PP-98** State party to a dispute may have recourse to arbitration in accordance with the procedure defined in the Convention.

**235** 3 The Optional Protocol on the Compulsory Settlement of Disputes  
**PP-98** Relating to this Constitution, to the Convention, and to the Administrative Regulations shall be applicable as between Member States parties to that Protocol.

## ARTICLE 57

**Denunciation of this Constitution and the Convention**

**236** 1 Each Member State which has ratified, accepted, approved or  
**PP-98** acceded to this Constitution and the Convention shall have the right to denounce them. In such a case, this Constitution and the Convention shall be denounced simultaneously in one single instrument, by a notification addressed to the Secretary-General. Upon receipt of such notification, the Secretary-General shall advise the other Member States thereof.

**237** 2 Such denunciation shall take effect at the expiration of a period of  
one year from the date of receipt of its notification by the Secretary-General.

## ARTICLE 58

**Entry into Force and Related Matters**

- 238** 1 This Constitution and the Convention, adopted by the Additional  
**PP-02** Plenipotentiary Conference (Geneva, 1992), shall enter into force on 1 July 1994 between Member States having deposited before that date their instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.
- 239** 2 Upon the date of entry into force specified in No. 238 above, this  
Constitution and the Convention shall, as between Parties thereto, abrogate and replace the International Telecommunication Convention (Nairobi, 1982).
- 240** 3 In accordance with the provisions of Article 102 of the Charter of  
the United Nations, the Secretary-General of the Union shall register this Constitution and the Convention with the Secretariat of the United Nations.
- 241** 4 The original of this Constitution and the Convention drawn up in  
**PP-98** the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish languages shall remain deposited in the archives of the Union. The Secretary-General shall forward, in the languages requested, a certified true copy to each of the signatory Member States.
- 242** 5 In the event of any discrepancy among the various language  
versions of this Constitution and the Convention, the French text shall prevail.

## ANNEX

**Definition of Certain Terms Used in this Constitution,  
the Convention and the Administrative Regulations  
of the International Telecommunication Union**

- 1001** For the purpose of the above instruments of the Union, the following terms shall have the meanings defined below:
- 1001A** *Member State:* A State which is considered to be a Member of  
PP-98 the International Telecommunication Union in application of Article 2 of this Constitution.
- 1001B** *Sector Member:* An entity or organization authorized in accordance with Article 19 of the Convention to participate in the activities of a Sector.  
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- 1002** *Administration:* Any governmental department or service responsible for discharging the obligations undertaken in the Constitution of the International Telecommunication Union, in the Convention of the International Telecommunication Union and in the Administrative Regulations.
- 1003** *Harmful Interference:* Interference which endangers the functioning of a radionavigation service or of other safety services or seriously degrades, obstructs or repeatedly interrupts a radiocommunication service operating in accordance with the Radio Regulations.
- 1004** *Public Correspondence:* Any telecommunication which the offices and stations must, by reason of their being at the disposal of the public, accept for transmission.
- 1005** *Delegation:* The totality of the delegates and, should the case arise, any representatives, advisers, attachés, or interpreters sent by the same Member State.  
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Each Member State shall be free to make up its delegation as it wishes. In particular, it may include in its delegation, *inter alia*, in the capacity of delegates, advisers or attachés, persons belonging to any entity or organization authorized in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Convention.

- 1006** *Delegate:* A person sent by the government of a Member State to a plenipotentiary conference, or a person representing a government or an administration of a Member State at another conference or at a meeting of the Union.
- 1007** *Operating Agency:* Any individual, company, corporation or governmental agency which operates a telecommunication installation intended for an international telecommunication service or capable of causing harmful interference with such a service.
- 1008** *Recognized Operating Agency:* Any operating agency, as defined above, which operates a public correspondence or broadcasting service and upon which the obligations provided for in Article 6 of this Constitution are imposed by the Member State in whose territory the head office of the agency is situated, or by the Member State which has authorized this operating agency to establish and operate a telecommunication service on its territory.
- 1009** *Radiocommunication:* Telecommunication by means of radio waves.
- 1010** *Broadcasting Service:* A radiocommunication service in which the transmissions are intended for direct reception by the general public. This service may include sound transmissions, television transmissions or other types of transmission.
- 1011** *International Telecommunication Service:* The offering of a telecommunication capability between telecommunication offices or stations of any nature that are in or belong to different countries.
- 1012** *Telecommunication:* Any transmission, emission or reception of signs, signals, writing, images and sounds or intelligence of any nature by wire, radio, optical or other electromagnetic systems.
- 1013** *Telegram:* Written matter intended to be transmitted by telegraphy for delivery to the addressee. This term also includes radiotelegrams unless otherwise specified.
- 1014** *Government Telecommunications:* Telecommunications originating with any:
- Head of State;
  - Head of government or members of a government;

- Commanders-in-Chief of military forces, land, sea or air;
  - diplomatic or consular agents;
  - the Secretary-General of the United Nations; Heads of the principal organs of the United Nations;
  - the International Court of Justice,
- or replies to government telecommunications mentioned above.

**1015**        *Private Telegrams:* Telegrams other than government or service telegrams.

**1016**        *Telegraphy:* A form of telecommunication in which the transmitted information is intended to be recorded on arrival as a graphic document; the transmitted information may sometimes be presented in an alternative form or may be stored for subsequent use.

**Note:** A graphic document records information in a permanent form and is capable of being filed and consulted; it may take the form of written or printed matter or of a fixed image.

**1017**        *Telephony:* A form of telecommunication primarily intended for the exchange of information in the form of speech.





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THE INTERNATIONAL  
TELECOMMUNICATION UNION<sup>\*)</sup>**

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<sup>\*)</sup> *Note by the General Secretariat:* In accordance with Resolution 70 (Rev. Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference on the inclusion of gender mainstreaming in ITU, the language used in the basic instruments of the Union (Constitution and Convention) is to be considered as gender neutral.



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**CHAPTER I**

**Functioning of the Union**

**SECTION 1**

**ARTICLE 1**

**Plenipotentiary Conference**

- 1**           1)    The Plenipotentiary Conference shall be convened in accordance with the relevant provisions of Article 8 of the Constitution of the International Telecommunication Union (hereinafter referred to as “the Constitution”).
- 2**           2)    If practicable, the precise place and the exact dates of a plenipotentiary conference shall be set by the preceding plenipotentiary conference; failing this, they shall be fixed by the Council with the concurrence of the majority of the Member States.
- 3**           2)    1)    The precise place and the exact dates of the next Plenipotentiary Conference, or either one of these, may be changed:
- 4**           a)    when at least one-quarter of the Member States have individually  
**PP-98**           proposed a change to the Secretary-General; or
- 5**           b)    on a proposal of the Council.
- 6**           2)    Any such change shall require the concurrence of a majority  
**PP-98**           of the Member States.

## ARTICLE 2

**Elections and Related Matters****The Council**

**7** 1 Except in the case of vacancies arising in the circumstances  
**PP-98** described in Nos. 10 to 12 below, the Member States elected to the Council shall hold office until the date on which a new Council is elected. They shall be eligible for reelection.

**8** 2 1) If, between two plenipotentiary conferences, a seat becomes  
**PP-98** vacant on the Council, it shall pass by right to the Member State from the same region as the Member State whose seat is vacated which had obtained at the previous election the largest number of votes among those not elected.

**9** 2) When for any reason a vacant seat cannot be filled  
**PP-98** according to the procedure of No. 8 above, the Chairman of the Council shall invite the other Member States of the region to seek election within one month of such an invitation being issued. At the end of this period, the Chairman of the Council shall invite Member States to elect a new Member State of the Council. The election shall be carried out by secret ballot by correspondence. The same majority as indicated above will be required. The new Member State of the Council shall hold office until the election of the new Council by the next competent plenipotentiary conference.

**10** 3 A seat on the Council shall be considered vacant:

**11** a) when a Member State of the Council does not have a  
**PP-02** representative in attendance at two consecutive ordinary sessions of the Council;

**12** b) when a Member State resigns its membership of the Council.  
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**Elected officials**

- 13**      1      The Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General and the  
**PP-06**      Directors of the Bureaux shall take up their duties on the dates  
determined by the Plenipotentiary Conference at the time of their  
election. They shall normally remain in office until dates determined by  
the following plenipotentiary conference, and they shall be eligible for  
re-election once only for the same post. Re-election shall mean that it is  
possible for only a second term, regardless of whether it is consecutive or  
not.
- 14**      2      If the post of Secretary-General falls vacant, the Deputy  
Secretary-General shall succeed to it and shall remain in office until a  
date determined by the following Plenipotentiary Conference. When  
under these conditions the Deputy Secretary-General succeeds to the  
office of the Secretary-General, the post of Deputy Secretary-General  
shall be considered to fall vacant on that same date and the provisions of  
No. 15 below shall be applied.
- 15**      3      If the post of Deputy Secretary-General falls vacant more than  
180 days prior to the date set for the convening of the next Plenipoten-  
tiary Conference, the Council shall appoint a successor for the balance of  
the term.
- 16**      4      If the posts of the Secretary-General and the Deputy Secretary-  
General fall vacant simultaneously, the Director who has been longest in  
office shall discharge the duties of Secretary-General for a period not  
exceeding 90 days. The Council shall appoint a Secretary-General and, if  
the vacancies occur more than 180 days prior to the date set for the con-  
vening of the next Plenipotentiary Conference, a Deputy Secretary-  
General. An official thus appointed by the Council shall serve for the  
balance of the term for which his predecessor was elected.
- 17**      5      If the post of a Director becomes unexpectedly vacant, the  
Secretary-General shall take the necessary steps to ensure that the duties  
of that Director are carried out until the Council shall appoint a new  
Director at its next ordinary session following the occurrence of such a  
vacancy. A Director so appointed shall serve until the date fixed by the  
next Plenipotentiary Conference.

- 18**      6      Subject to the relevant provisions of Article 27 of the Constitution, the Council shall provide for the filling of any vacancy in the post of Secretary-General or Deputy Secretary-General in the situation described in the relevant provisions of the present Article at an ordinary session, if held within 90 days after a vacancy occurs, or at a session convened by the Chairman within the periods specified in those provisions.
- 19**      7      Any period of service in the post of an elected official pursuant to an appointment under Nos. 14 to 18 above shall not affect eligibility for election or re-election to such a post.

### **Members of the Radio Regulations Board**

- 20**      1      The members of the Radio Regulations Board shall take up their duties on the dates determined by the Plenipotentiary Conference at the time of their election. They shall remain in office until dates determined by the following plenipotentiary conference, and shall be eligible for re-election once only. Re-election shall mean that it is possible for only a second term, regardless of whether it is consecutive or not.
- 21**      2      If, in the interval between two plenipotentiary conferences, a member of the Board resigns or is no longer in a position to perform his duties, the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau, shall invite the Member States of the region concerned to propose candidates for the election of a replacement at the next session of the Council. However, if the vacancy occurs more than 90 days before a session of the Council or after the session of the Council preceding the next plenipotentiary conference, the Member State concerned shall designate, as soon as possible and within 90 days, another national as a replacement who will remain in office until the new member elected by the Council takes office or until the new members of the Board elected by the next plenipotentiary conference take office, as appropriate. The replacement shall be eligible for election by the Council or by the Plenipotentiary Conference, as appropriate.

**22** 3 A member of the Radio Regulations Board is considered no  
**PP-02** longer in a position to perform his duties after three consecutive absences  
 from the Board meetings. The Secretary-General shall, after consultation  
 with the Board's Chairman as well as the member of the Board and the  
 Member State concerned, declare existence of a vacancy in the Board  
 and shall proceed as stipulated in No. 21 above.

### ARTICLE 3

#### **PP-98 Other Conferences and Assemblies**

**23** 1 In conformity with the relevant provisions of the Constitution, the  
**PP-98** following world conferences and assemblies of the Union shall normally  
 be convened within the period between two plenipotentiary conferences:

**24** a) one or two world radiocommunication conferences;  
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**25** b) one world telecommunication standardization assembly;  
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**26** c) one world telecommunication development conference;

**27** d) one or two radiocommunication assemblies.  
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**28** 2 Exceptionally, within the period between Plenipotentiary Confer-  
 ences:

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**30** – an additional world telecommunication standardization assembly  
**PP-98** may be convened.

**31** 3 These actions shall be taken:

**32** a) by a decision of a Plenipotentiary Conference;

- 33**     *b)*     on the recommendation of the previous world conference or  
**PP-98**     assembly of the Sector concerned, if approved by the Council; in  
the case of a radiocommunication assembly, the recommendation  
of the assembly shall be transmitted to the following world radio-  
communication conference for comments for the attention of the  
Council;
- 34**     *c)*     at the request of at least one-quarter of the Member States, which  
**PP-98**     shall individually address their requests to the Secretary-General;  
or
- 35**     *d)*     on a proposal of the Council.
- 36**     4        A regional radiocommunication conference shall be convened:
- 37**     *a)*     by a decision of a Plenipotentiary Conference;
- 38**     *b)*     on the recommendation of a previous world or regional radiocom-  
munication conference if approved by the Council;
- 39**     *c)*     at the request of at least one-quarter of the Member States belong-  
**PP-98**     ing to the region concerned, which shall individually address their  
requests to the Secretary-General; or
- 40**     *d)*     on a proposal of the Council.
- 41**     5        1)     The precise place and the exact dates of a world or regional  
**PP-98**     conference or an assembly of a Sector may be fixed by a plenipotentiary  
conference.
- 42**     2)     In the absence of such a decision, the Council shall  
**PP-98**     determine the precise place and the exact dates of a world conference or  
an assembly of a Sector with the concurrence of a majority of the  
Member States, and of a regional conference with the concurrence of a  
majority of the Member States belonging to the region concerned; in both  
cases the provisions of No. 47 below shall apply.



- 43** 6 1) The precise place and the exact dates of a conference or assembly may be changed:
- 44** **PP-98** a) at the request of at least one-quarter of the Member States in the case of a world conference or an assembly of a Sector, or of at least one-quarter of the Member States belonging to the region concerned in the case of a regional conference. Their requests shall be addressed individually to the Secretary-General, who shall transmit them to the Council for approval; or
- 45** b) on a proposal of the Council.
- 46** **PP-98** 2) In the cases specified in Nos. 44 and 45 above, the changes proposed shall not be finally adopted until accepted by a majority of the Member States, in the case of a world conference or an assembly of a Sector, or by a majority of the Member States belonging to the region concerned, in the case of a regional conference, subject to the provisions of No. 47 below.
- 47** **PP-98** **PP-02** 7 In the consultations referred to in Nos. 42, 46, 118, 123 and 138 of this Convention and in Nos. 26, 28, 29, 31 and 36 of the General Rules of conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union, Member States which have not replied within the time-limits specified by the Council shall be regarded as not participating in the consultations, and in consequence shall not be taken into account in computing the majority. If the number of replies does not exceed one-half of the Member States consulted, a further consultation shall take place, the results of which shall be decisive regardless of the number of votes cast.
- 48** 8 1) World conferences on international telecommunications shall be held upon decision by the Plenipotentiary Conference.
- 49** 2) The provisions for the convening of, the adoption of the agenda of, and the participation in a world radiocommunication conference shall, as appropriate, equally apply to world conferences on international telecommunications.

SECTION 2

ARTICLE 4

**The Council**

**50** 1) The number of Member States of the Council shall be  
PP-94 determined by the Plenipotentiary Conference which is held every four  
PP-98 years.

**50A** 2) This number shall not exceed 25% of the total number of  
PP-94 Member States.  
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**51** 2) 1) The Council shall hold an ordinary session annually at the  
seat of the Union.

**52** 2) During this session it may decide to hold, exceptionally, an  
additional session.

**53** 3) Between ordinary sessions, it may be convened, as a general  
PP-98 rule at the seat of the Union, by the Chairman at the request of a majority  
of its Member States, or on the initiative of the Chairman under the con-  
ditions provided for in No. 18 of this Convention.

**54** 3) The Council shall take decisions only in session. Exceptionally,  
the Council in session may agree that any specific issue shall be decided  
by correspondence.

**55** 4) At the beginning of each ordinary session, the Council shall elect  
PP-98 its own Chairman and Vice-Chairman from among the representatives of  
its Member States, taking into account the principle of rotation between  
the regions. They shall serve until the opening of the next ordinary ses-  
sion and shall not be eligible for re-election. The Vice-Chairman shall  
serve as Chairman in the absence of the latter.

- 56**  
PP-98 5 The person appointed to serve on the Council by a Member State of the Council shall, so far as possible, be an official serving in, or directly responsible to, or for, their telecommunication administration and qualified in the field of telecommunication services.
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PP-02 6 Only the travelling, subsistence and insurance expenses incurred by the representative of each Member State of the Council, belonging to the category of developing countries, the list of which is established by the United Nations Development Programme, in that capacity at Council sessions, shall be borne by the Union.
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- 59** 8 The Secretary-General shall act as Secretary of the Council.
- 60**  
PP-98 9 The Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General and the Directors of the Bureaux may participate as of right in the deliberations of the Council, but without taking part in the voting. Nevertheless, the Council may hold meetings confined to the representatives of its Member States.
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PP-02 *9 bis)* A Member State which is not a Member State of the Council may, with prior notice to the Secretary-General, send one observer at its own expense to meetings of the Council, its committees and its working groups. An observer shall not have the right to vote.
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PP-06 *9 ter)* Sector Members may attend, as observers, meetings of the Council, its committees and its working groups, subject to the conditions established by the Council, including conditions relating to the number of such observers and the procedures for appointing them.
- 61**  
PP-98 10 The Council shall consider each year the report prepared by the Secretary-General on implementation of the strategic plan adopted by the Plenipotentiary Conference and shall take appropriate action.

- 61A** 10 *bis*) While at all times respecting the financial limits as adopted by the  
**PP-02** Plenipotentiary Conference, the Council may, as necessary, review and update the strategic plan which forms the basis of the corresponding operational plans and inform the Member States and Sector Members accordingly.
- 61B** 10 *ter*) The Council shall adopt its own Rules of Procedure.  
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- 62** 11 The Council shall, in the interval between two Plenipotentiary Conferences, supervise the overall management and administration of the Union; it shall in particular:
- 62A** 1) receive and review the specific data for strategic planning  
**PP-02** that is provided by the Secretary-General as noted in No. 74A of the Constitution and, in the last but one ordinary session of the Council before the next plenipotentiary conference, initiate the preparation of a draft new strategic plan for the Union, drawing upon input from Member States, Sector Members and the Sector advisory groups, and produce a coordinated draft new strategic plan at least four months before that plenipotentiary conference;
- 62B** 1 *bis*) establish a calendar for the development of strategic and  
**PP-02** financial plans for the Union, and of operational plans for each Sector and for the General Secretariat, so as to allow for the development of appropriate linkage among the plans;
- 63** 1 *ter*) approve and revise the Staff Regulations and the Financial Regulations of the Union and any other regulations as it may consider necessary, taking account of current practice of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies applying the common system of pay, allowances and pensions;
- 64** 2) adjust as necessary:
- 65** a) the basic salary scales for staff in the professional and higher categories, excluding the salaries for posts filled by election, to accord with any changes in the basic salary scales adopted by the United Nations for the corresponding common system categories;

- 66      *b)*      the basic salary scales for staff in the general services categories to accord with changes in the rates applied by the United Nations and the specialized agencies at the seat of the Union;
- 67      *c)*      the post adjustment for professional and higher categories, including posts filled by election, in accordance with decisions of the United Nations for application at the seat of the Union;
- 68      *d)*      the allowances for all staff of the Union, in accordance with any changes adopted in the United Nations common system;
- 69                      3)      take decisions to ensure equitable geographical distribution and representation of women in the Professional and higher categories in the staff of the Union and monitor the implementation of such decisions;  
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- 70                      4)      decide on proposals for major organizational changes within the General Secretariat and the Bureaux of the Sectors of the Union consistent with the Constitution and this Convention, submitted to it by the Secretary-General following their consideration by the Coordination Committee;
- 71                      5)      examine and decide on plans concerning Union posts and staff and human resources development programmes covering several years, and give guidelines for the staffing of the Union, including on staffing levels and structures, taking into account the guidelines given by the Plenipotentiary Conference and the relevant provisions of Article 27 of the Constitution;
- 72                      6)      adjust, as necessary, the contributions payable by the Union and its staff to the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, in accordance with the Fund's rules and regulations, as well as the cost of living allowances to be granted to beneficiaries of the Union Staff Superannuation and Benevolent Funds on the basis of the practice followed by the Fund;

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- 7) review and approve the biennial budget of the Union, and consider the budget forecast (included in the financial operating report prepared by the Secretary-General under No. 101 of this Convention) for the two-year period following a given budget period, taking account of the decisions of the Plenipotentiary Conference in relation to No. 50 of the Constitution and of the financial limits set by the Plenipotentiary Conference in accordance with No. 51 of the Constitution; it shall ensure the strictest possible economy but be mindful of the obligation upon the Union to achieve satisfactory results as expeditiously as possible. In so doing, the Council shall take into account the priorities established by the Plenipotentiary Conference as expressed in the strategic plan for the Union, the views of the Coordination Committee as contained in the report by the Secretary-General mentioned in No. 86 of this Convention and the financial operating report mentioned in No. 101 of this Convention. The Council shall carry out an annual review of income and expenditure with a view to effecting adjustments, where appropriate, in accordance with resolutions and decisions of the Plenipotentiary Conference;
- 74**
- 8) arrange for the annual audit of the accounts of the Union prepared by the Secretary-General and approve them, if appropriate, for submission to the next Plenipotentiary Conference;
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- 9) arrange for the convening of the conferences and assemblies of the Union and provide, with the consent of a majority of the Member States in the case of a world conference or assembly, or of a majority of the Member States belonging to the region concerned in the case of a regional conference, appropriate directives to the General Secretariat and the Sectors of the Union with regard to their technical and other assistance in the preparation for and organization of conferences and assemblies;
- 76**
- 10) take decisions in relation to No. 28 of this Convention;
- 77**
- 11) decide upon the implementation of any decisions which have been taken by conferences and which have financial implications;
- 78**
- 12) to the extent permitted by the Constitution, this Convention and the Administrative Regulations, take any other action deemed necessary for the proper functioning of the Union;

- 79**  
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- 13) take any necessary steps, with the agreement of a majority of the Member States, provisionally to resolve questions not covered by the Constitution, this Convention and the Administrative Regulations and which cannot await the next competent conference for settlement;
- 80**  
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- 14) be responsible for effecting the coordination with all international organizations referred to in Articles 49 and 50 of the Constitution and, to this end, conclude, on behalf of the Union, provisional agreements with the international organizations referred to in Article 50 of the Constitution and in Nos. 269B and 269C of this Convention, and with the United Nations in application of the Agreement between the United Nations and the International Telecommunication Union; these provisional agreements shall be submitted to the Plenipotentiary Conference in accordance with the relevant provision of Article 8 of the Constitution;
- 81**  
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- 15) send to Member States, within 30 days after each of its sessions, summary records on the activities of the Council and other documents deemed useful;
- 82**
- 16) submit to the Plenipotentiary Conference a report on the activities of the Union since the previous Plenipotentiary Conference and any appropriate recommendations.

### SECTION 3

### ARTICLE 5

#### **General Secretariat**

- 83** 1 The Secretary-General shall:
- 84** a) be responsible for the overall management of the Union's resources; he may delegate the management of part of these resources to the Deputy Secretary-General and the Directors of the Bureaux, in consultation as necessary with the Coordination Committee;
- 85** b) coordinate the activities of the General Secretariat and the Sectors of the Union, taking into account the views of the Coordination Committee, with a view to assuring the most effective and economical use of the resources of the Union;

- 86** c) prepare, with the assistance of the Coordination Committee, and  
**PP-98** submit to the Council a report indicating changes in the telecommunication environment since the last plenipotentiary conference and containing recommended action relating to the Union's future policies and strategy, together with their financial implications;
- 86A** *c bis*) coordinate implementation of the strategic plan adopted by the  
**PP-98** Plenipotentiary Conference and prepare an annual report on this implementation for review by the Council;
- 87** d) organize the work of the General Secretariat and appoint the staff of that Secretariat in accordance with the directives of the Plenipotentiary Conference and the rules established by the Council;
- 87A** *dbis*) prepare annually a four-year rolling operational plan of activities  
**PP-98** to be undertaken by the staff of the General Secretariat consistent  
**PP-02** with the strategic plan, covering the subsequent year and the following three-year period, including financial implications, taking due account of the financial plan as approved by the plenipotentiary conference; this four-year operational plan shall be reviewed by the advisory groups of all three Sectors, and shall be reviewed and approved annually by the Council;
- 88** e) undertake administrative arrangements for the Bureaux of the Sectors of the Union and appoint their staff on the basis of the choice and proposals of the Director of the Bureau concerned, although the final decision for appointment or dismissal shall rest with the Secretary-General;
- 89** f) report to the Council any decisions taken by the United Nations and the specialized agencies which affect common system conditions of service, allowances and pensions;
- 90** g) ensure the application of any regulations adopted by the Council;
- 91** h) provide legal advice to the Union;
- 92** i) supervise, for administrative management purposes, the staff of the Union with a view to assuring the most effective use of personnel and the application of the common system conditions of employment for the staff of the Union. The staff appointed to assist directly the Directors of the Bureaux shall be under the administrative control of the Secretary-General and shall work under the direct orders of the Directors concerned but in accordance with administrative guidelines given by the Council;



- 93**     *j)*     in the interest of the Union as a whole and in consultation with the Directors of the Bureaux concerned, temporarily reassign staff members from their appointed position as necessary to meet fluctuating work requirements at headquarters;
- 94**     *k)*     make, in agreement with the Director of the Bureau concerned, the necessary administrative and financial arrangements for the conferences and meetings of each Sector;
- 95**     *l)*     taking into account the responsibilities of the Sectors, undertake appropriate secretariat work preparatory to and following conferences of the Union;
- 96**     *m)*     prepare recommendations for the first meeting of the heads of delegation referred to in No. 49 of the General Rules of conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union, taking into account the results of any regional consultation;
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- 97**     *n)*     provide, where appropriate in cooperation with the inviting government, the secretariat of conferences of the Union, and provide the facilities and services for meetings of the Union, in collaboration, as appropriate, with the Director concerned, drawing from the Union's staff as he deems necessary in accordance with No. 93 above. The Secretary-General may also, when so requested, provide the secretariat of other telecommunication meetings on a contractual basis;
- 98**     *o)*     take necessary action for the timely publication and distribution of service documents, information bulletins, and other documents and records prepared by the General Secretariat and the Sectors, communicated to the Union or whose publication is requested by conferences or the Council; the list of documents to be published shall be maintained by the Council, following consultation with the conference concerned, with respect to service documents and other documents whose publication is requested by conferences;
- 99**     *p)*     publish periodically, with the help of information put at his disposal or which he may collect, including that which he may obtain from other international organizations, a journal of general information and documentation concerning telecommunication;

- 100** *q)* after consultation with the Coordination Committee and making all possible economies, prepare and submit to the Council a biennial draft budget covering the expenditures of the Union, taking account of the financial limits laid down by the Plenipotentiary Conference. This draft shall consist of a consolidated budget, including cost-based and results-based budget information for the Union, prepared in accordance with the budget guidelines issued by the Secretary-General, and comprising two versions. One version shall be for zero growth of the contributory unit, the other for a growth less than or equal to any limit fixed by the Plenipotentiary Conference, after any drawing on the Reserve Account. The budget resolution, after approval by the Council, shall be sent for information to all Member States;
- 101** *r)* with the assistance of the Coordination Committee, prepare an annual financial operating report in accordance with the Financial Regulations and submit it to the Council. A recapitulative financial operating report and accounts shall be prepared and submitted to the next Plenipotentiary Conference for examination and final approval;
- 102** *s)* with the assistance of the Coordination Committee, prepare an annual report on the activities of the Union which, after approval by the Council, shall be sent to all Member States;
- 102A** *s bis)* manage the special arrangements referred to in No. 76A of the Constitution, the cost of this management being borne by the signatories of the arrangement in a manner agreed between them and the Secretary-General.
- 103** *t)* perform all other secretarial functions of the Union;
- 104** *u)* perform any other functions entrusted to him by the Council.
- 105** 2 The Secretary-General or the Deputy Secretary-General may participate, in an advisory capacity, in conferences of the Union; the Secretary-General or his representative may participate in an advisory capacity in all other meetings of the Union.

## SECTION 4

## ARTICLE 6

**Coordination Committee**

- 106** 1) The Coordination Committee shall assist and advise the Secretary-General on all matters mentioned under the relevant provisions of Article 26 of the Constitution and the relevant Articles of this Convention.
- 107** 2) The Committee shall be responsible for ensuring coordination with all the international organizations mentioned in Articles 49 and 50 of the Constitution as regards representation of the Union at conferences of such organizations.
- 108** 3) The Committee shall examine the progress of the work of the Union and assist the Secretary-General in the preparation of the report referred to in No. 86 of this Convention for submission to the Council.
- 109** 2 The Committee shall endeavour to reach conclusions unani-  
**PP-98** mously. In the absence of the support of the majority in the Committee, its Chairman may in exceptional circumstances take decisions, on the Chairman's own responsibility, when judging that the decision of the matters in question is urgent and cannot await the next session of the Council. In such circumstances the Chairman shall report promptly in writing on such matters to the Member States of the Council, setting forth the reasons for such action together with any other written views submitted by other members of the Committee. If in such circumstances the matters are not urgent, but nevertheless important, they shall be submitted for consideration by the next session of the Council.
- 110** 3 The Chairman shall convene the Committee at least once a month; the Committee may also be convened when necessary at the request of two of its members.
- 111** 4 A report shall be made of the proceedings of the Coordination  
**PP-02** Committee and shall be made available to the Member States.  
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## SECTION 5

**Radiocommunication Sector**

## ARTICLE 7

**World Radiocommunication Conference**

- 112** 1 In accordance with No. 90 of the Constitution, a world radiocommunication conference shall be convened to consider specific radiocommunication matters. A world radiocommunication conference shall deal with those items which are included in its agenda adopted in accordance with the relevant provisions of this Article.
- 113** 2 1) The agenda of a world radiocommunication conference may include:
- 114** a) the partial or, exceptionally, complete revision of the Radio Regulations referred to in Article 4 of the Constitution;
- 115** b) any other question of a worldwide character within the competence of the conference;
- 116** c) an item concerning instructions to the Radio Regulations Board and the Radiocommunication Bureau regarding their activities, and a review of those activities;
- 117** d) the identification of topics to be studied by the radiocommunication assembly and the radiocommunication study groups, as well as matters that the assembly shall consider in relation to future radiocommunication conferences.
- 118** 2) The general scope of this agenda should be established four to six years in advance, and the final agenda shall be established by the Council preferably two years before the conference, with the concurrence of a majority of the Member States, subject to the provisions of No. 47 of this Convention. These two versions of the agenda shall be established on the basis of the recommendations of the world radiocommunication conference, in accordance with No. 126 of this Convention.
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- 119           3) This agenda shall include any question which a Plenipotentiary Conference has directed to be placed on the agenda.
- 120       3       1) This agenda may be changed:
- 121       a)       at the request of at least one-quarter of the Member States. Such  
PP-98       requests shall be addressed individually to the Secretary-General, who shall transmit them to the Council for approval; or
- 122       b)       on a proposal of the Council.
- 123           2)       The proposed changes to the agenda of a world radiocom-  
PP-98       munication conference shall not be finally adopted until accepted by a majority of the Member States, subject to the provisions of No. 47 of this Convention.
- 124       4       The conference shall also:
- 125           1)       consider and approve the report of the Director of the Bureau on the activities of the Sector since the last conference;
- 126           2)       recommend to the Council items for inclusion in the agenda of a future conference and give its views on such agendas for at least a four-year cycle of radiocommunication conferences, together with an estimate of the financial implications;
- 127           3)       include, in its decisions, instructions or requests, as appropriate, to the Secretary-General and the Sectors of the Union.
- 128       5       The Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the radiocommunication assembly, or of relevant study groups, may participate in the associated world radiocommunication conference.

## ARTICLE 8

### **Radiocommunication Assembly**

- 129       1       A radiocommunication assembly shall deal with and issue, as appropriate, recommendations on questions adopted pursuant to its own procedures or referred to it by the Plenipotentiary Conference, any other conference, the Council or the Radio Regulations Board.

- 129A** 1 *bis*) The radiocommunication assembly is authorized to adopt the working methods and procedures for the management of the Sector's activities in accordance with No. 145A of the Constitution.  
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- 130** 2 With regard to No. 129 above, the radiocommunication assembly shall:
- 131** 1) consider the reports of study groups prepared in accordance with No. 157 of this Convention and approve, modify or reject the draft recommendations contained in those reports, and consider the reports of the radiocommunication advisory group prepared in accordance with No. 160H of this Convention;  
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- 132** 2) bearing in mind the need to keep the demands on the resources of the Union to a minimum, approve the programme of work arising from the review of existing questions and new questions and determine the priority, urgency, estimated financial implications and time-scale for the completion of their study;
- 133** 3) decide, in the light of the approved programme of work derived from No. 132 above, on the need to maintain, terminate or establish study groups, and allocate to each of them the questions to be studied;
- 134** 4) group questions of interest to the developing countries as far as possible, in order to facilitate their participation in the study of those questions;
- 135** 5) give advice on matters within its competence in response to requests from a world radiocommunication conference;
- 136** 6) report to the following world radiocommunication conference on the progress in matters that may be included in the agenda of future radiocommunication conferences;  
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- 136A** 7) decide on the need to maintain, terminate or establish other groups and appoint their chairmen and vice-chairmen;  
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- 136B** 8) establish the terms of reference for the groups referred to in No. 136A above; such groups shall not adopt questions or recommendations.  
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**137** 3 A radiocommunication assembly shall be presided over by a person designated by the government of the country in which the meeting is held or, in the case of a meeting held at the seat of the Union, by a person elected by the assembly itself. The Chairman shall be assisted by Vice-Chairmen elected by the assembly.

**137A** 4 A radiocommunication assembly may assign specific matters within its competence, except those relating to the procedures contained in the Radio Regulations, to the radiocommunication advisory group indicating the action required on those matters.  
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## ARTICLE 9

### **Regional Radiocommunication Conferences**

**138** The agenda of a regional radiocommunication conference may provide only for specific radiocommunication questions of a regional nature, including instructions to the Radio Regulations Board and the Radiocommunication Bureau regarding their activities in respect of the region concerned, provided such instructions do not conflict with the interests of other regions. Only items included in its agenda may be discussed by such a conference. The provisions contained in Nos. 118 to 123 of this Convention shall apply to a regional radiocommunication conference, but only with regard to the Member States of the region concerned.  
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## ARTICLE 10

### **Radio Regulations Board**

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**140** 2 In addition to the duties specified in Article 14 of the Constitution, the Board shall:  
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1) consider reports from the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau on investigations of harmful interference carried out at the request of one or more of the interested administrations, and formulate recommendations with respect thereto;

2) also, independently of the Radiocommunication Bureau, at the request of one or more of the interested administrations, consider appeals against decisions made by the Radiocommunication Bureau regarding frequency assignments.

**141** 3 The members of the Board shall participate, in an advisory  
**PP-02** capacity, in radiocommunication conferences. In this case, they shall not participate in these conferences as members of their national delegations.

**141A** *3bis*) Two members of the Board, designated by the Board, shall  
**PP-02** participate, in an advisory capacity, in plenipotentiary conferences and radiocommunication assemblies. In these cases, the two members designated by the Board shall not participate in these conferences or assemblies as members of their national delegations.

**142** 4 Only the travelling, subsistence and insurance expenses incurred  
by the members of the Board in the exercise of their duties for the Union shall be borne by the Union.

**142A** *4bis*) The members of the Board shall, while in the exercise of their  
**PP-02** duties for the Union, as specified in the Constitution and Convention, or while on mission for the Union, enjoy functional privileges and immunities equivalent to those granted to the elected officials of the Union by each Member State, subject to the relevant provisions of the national legislation or other applicable legislation in each Member State. Such functional privileges and immunities are granted to members of the Board for the purposes of the Union and not for their personal advantage. The Union may and shall withdraw the immunity granted to a member of the Board whenever it considers that such immunity is contrary to the orderly administration of justice and its withdrawal is not prejudicial to the interests of the Union.

**143** 5 The working methods of the Board shall be as follows:

**144** 1) The members of the Board shall elect from their own members a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman for a period of one year. Thereafter the Vice-Chairman shall succeed the Chairman each year and a new Vice-Chairman shall be elected. In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, the Board shall elect a temporary Chairman for the occasion from among its members.



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**PP-02**           2) The Board shall normally hold up to four meetings a year, of up to five days' duration, generally at the seat of the Union, at which at least two-thirds of its members shall be present, and may carry out its duties using modern means of communication. However, if the Board deems necessary, depending upon the matters to be considered, it may increase the number of its meetings. Exceptionally, the meetings may be of up to two weeks' duration.
- 146**           3) The Board shall endeavour to reach its decisions unanimously. If it fails in that endeavour, a decision shall be valid only if at least two-thirds of the members of the Board vote in favour thereof. Each member of the Board shall have one vote; voting by proxy is not allowed.
- 147**           4) The Board may make such internal arrangements as it considers necessary in conformity with the provisions of the Constitution, this Convention and the Radio Regulations. Such arrangements shall be published as part of the Board's Rules of Procedure.

## ARTICLE 11

### **Radiocommunication Study Groups**

- 148**           1       Radiocommunication study groups are set up by a radiocommunication assembly.
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**PP-98**           2       1) The radiocommunication study groups shall study questions adopted in accordance with a procedure established by the radiocommunication assembly and prepare draft recommendations to be adopted in accordance with the procedure set forth in Nos. 246A to 247 of this Convention.
- 149A**  
**PP-98**           *1 bis*) The radiocommunication study groups shall also study topics identified in resolutions and recommendations of world radiocommunication conferences. The results of such studies shall be included in recommendations or in the reports prepared in accordance with No. 156 below.
- 150**  
**PP-98**           2)       The study of the above questions and topics shall, subject to No. 158 below, focus on the following:

- 151**     *a)*     use of the radio-frequency spectrum in terrestrial and space radio-  
PP-98           communication and of the geostationary-satellite and other satel-  
                  lite orbits;
- 152**     *b)*     characteristics and performance of radio systems;
- 153**     *c)*     operation of radio stations;
- 154**     *d)*     radiocommunication aspects of distress and safety matters.
- 155**                 3)     These studies shall not generally address economic ques-  
PP-98                 tions, but when they involve comparing technical or operational alterna-  
                  tives, economic factors may be taken into consideration.
- 156**     3         The radiocommunication study groups shall also carry out pre-  
                  paratory studies of the technical, operational and procedural matters to be  
                  considered by world and regional radiocommunication conferences and  
                  elaborate reports thereon in accordance with a programme of work  
                  adopted in this respect by a radiocommunication assembly or following  
                  instructions by the Council.
- 157**     4         Each study group shall prepare for the radiocommunication  
                  assembly a report indicating the progress of work, the recommendations  
                  adopted in accordance with the consultation procedure contained in  
                  No. 149 above and any draft new or revised recommendations for  
                  consideration by the assembly.
- 158**     5         Taking into account No. 79 of the Constitution, the tasks enumer-  
                  ated in Nos. 151 to 154 above and in No. 193 of this Convention in rela-  
                  tion to the Telecommunication Standardization Sector shall be kept under  
                  continuing review by the Radiocommunication Sector and the  
                  Telecommunication Standardization Sector with a view to reaching  
                  common agreement on changes in the distribution of matters under study.  
                  The two Sectors shall cooperate closely and adopt procedures to conduct  
                  such a review and reach agreements in a timely and effective manner. If  
                  agreement is not reached, the matter may be submitted through the  
                  Council to the Plenipotentiary Conference for decision.

- 159** 6 In the performance of their studies, the radiocommunication study groups shall pay due attention to the study of questions and to the formulation of recommendations directly connected with the establishment, development and improvement of telecommunications in developing countries at both the regional and international levels. They shall conduct their work giving due consideration to the work of national, regional and other international organizations concerned with radiocommunication and cooperate with them, keeping in mind the need for the Union to maintain its pre-eminent position in the field of telecommunications.
- 160** 7 For the purpose of facilitating the review of activities in the Radiocommunication Sector, measures should be taken to foster cooperation and coordination with other organizations concerned with radiocommunication and with the Telecommunication Standardization Sector and the Telecommunication Development Sector. A radiocommunication assembly shall determine the specific duties, conditions of participation and rules of procedure for these measures.

## ARTICLE 11A

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### **Radiocommunication Advisory Group**

- 160A** 1 The radiocommunication advisory group shall be open to representatives of administrations of Member States and representatives of Sector Members and to chairmen of the study groups and other groups, and will act through the Director.  
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- 160B** 2 The radiocommunication advisory group shall:  
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- 160C** 1) review priorities, programmes, operations, financial matters and strategies related to radiocommunication assemblies, study groups and other groups and the preparation of radiocommunication conferences, and any specific matters as directed by a conference of the Union, a radiocommunication assembly or the Council;  
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- 160CA** 1 *bis*) review the implementation of the operational plan of the  
**PP-02** preceding period in order to identify areas in which the Bureau has not achieved or was not able to achieve the objectives laid down in that plan, and advise the Director on the necessary corrective measures;
- 160D** 2) review progress in the implementation of the programme of  
**PP-98** work established under No. 132 of this Convention;
- 160E** 3) provide guidelines for the work of study groups;  
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- 160F** 4) recommend measures, *inter alia*, to foster cooperation and  
**PP-98** coordination with other standards bodies, with the Telecommunication Standardization Sector, the Telecommunication Development Sector and the General Secretariat;
- 160G** 5) adopt its own working procedures compatible with those  
**PP-98** adopted by the radiocommunication assembly;
- 160H** 6) prepare a report for the Director of the Radiocommunication  
**PP-98** Bureau indicating action in respect of the above items;
- 160I** 7) prepare a report for the Radiocommunication Assembly on  
**PP-02** the matters assigned to it in accordance with No. 137A of this Convention and transmit it to the Director for submission to the assembly.

## ARTICLE 12

### **Radiocommunication Bureau**

- 161** 1 The Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau shall organize and coordinate the work of the Radiocommunication Sector. The duties of the Bureau are supplemented by those specified in provisions of the Radio Regulations.
- 162** 2 The Director shall, in particular,

- 163** 1) in relation to radiocommunication conferences:
- 164** *a)* coordinate the preparatory work of the study groups and other  
PP-98 groups and the Bureau, communicate to the Member States and  
PP-02 Sector Members the results of this preparatory work, collect their  
comments and submit a consolidated report to the conference  
which may include proposals of a regulatory nature;
- 165** *b)* participate as of right, but in an advisory capacity, in the  
PP-02 deliberations of radiocommunication conferences, of the radio-  
communication assembly and of the radiocommunication study  
groups and other groups. The Director shall make all necessary  
preparations for radiocommunication conferences and meetings of  
the Radiocommunication Sector in consultation with the General  
Secretariat in accordance with No. 94 of this Convention and, as  
appropriate, with the other Sectors of the Union, and with due  
regard for the directives of the Council in carrying out these  
preparations;
- 166** *c)* provide assistance to the developing countries in their prepara-  
tions for radiocommunication conferences.
- 167** 2) in relation to the Radio Regulations Board:
- 168** *a)* prepare and submit draft Rules of Procedure for approval by the  
Radio Regulations Board; they shall include, inter alia, calculation  
methods and data required for the application of the provisions of  
the Radio Regulations;
- 169** *b)* distribute to all Member States the Rules of Procedure of the  
PP-98 Board, collect comments thereon received from administrations  
PP-02 and submit them to the Board;
- 170** *c)* process information received from administrations in application  
PP-02 of the relevant provisions of the Radio Regulations and regional  
agreements and their associated Rules of Procedure and prepare it,  
as appropriate, in a form suitable for publication;
- 171** *d)* apply the Rules of Procedure approved by the Board, prepare and  
publish findings based on those Rules, and submit to the Board  
any review of a finding which is requested by an administration  
and which cannot be resolved by the use of those Rules of Proce-  
dure;

- 172** e) in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Radio Regulations, effect an orderly recording and registration of frequency assignments and, where appropriate, the associated orbital characteristics, and keep up to date the Master International Frequency Register; review entries in that Register with a view to amending or eliminating, as appropriate, those which do not reflect actual frequency usage, in agreement with the administration concerned;
- 173** f) assist in the resolution of cases of harmful interference, at the request of one or more of the interested administrations, and where necessary, make investigations and prepare, for consideration by the Board, a report including draft recommendations to the administrations concerned;
- 174** g) act as executive secretary to the Board;
- 175** 3) coordinate the work of the radiocommunication study groups and other groups and be responsible for the organization of that work;  
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- 175A** 3 bis) provide the necessary support for the radiocommunication advisory group, and report each year to Member States and Sector Members and to the Council on the results of the work of the advisory group.  
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- 175B** 3 ter) take practical measures to facilitate the participation of developing countries in the radiocommunication study groups and other groups.  
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- 176** 4) also undertake the following:
- 177** a) carry out studies to furnish advice with a view to the operation of the maximum practicable number of radio channels in those portions of the spectrum where harmful interference may occur, and with a view to the equitable, effective and economical use of the geostationary-satellite and other satellite orbits, taking into account the needs of Member States requiring assistance, the specific needs of developing countries, as well as the special geographical situation of particular countries;  
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- 178** *b)* exchange with Member States and Sector Members data in machine-readable and other forms, prepare and keep up to date any documents and databases of the Radiocommunication Sector, and arrange with the Secretary-General, as appropriate, for their publication in the languages of the Union in accordance with No. 172 of the Constitution;  
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- 179** *c)* maintain such essential records as may be required;
- 180** *d)* submit to the world radiocommunication conference a report on the activities of the Radiocommunication Sector since the last conference; if a world radiocommunication conference is not planned, a report on the activities of the Sector covering the period since the last conference shall be submitted to the Council and, for information, to Member States and Sector Members;  
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- 181** *e)* prepare a cost-based budget estimate for the requirements of the Radiocommunication Sector and transmit it to the Secretary-General for consideration by the Coordination Committee and inclusion in the Union's budget.
- 181A** *f)* prepare annually a rolling four-year operational plan that covers the subsequent year and the following three-year period, including financial implications of activities to be undertaken by the Bureau in support of the Sector as a whole; this four-year operational plan shall be reviewed by the radiocommunication advisory group in accordance with Article 11A of this Convention, and shall be reviewed and approved annually by the Council;  
**PP-98**  
**PP-02**
- 182** 3 The Director shall choose the technical and administrative personnel of the Bureau within the framework of the budget as approved by the Council. The appointment of the technical and administrative personnel is made by the Secretary-General in agreement with the Director. The final decision for appointment or dismissal rests with the Secretary-General.
- 183** 4 The Director shall provide technical support, as necessary, to the Telecommunication Development Sector within the framework of the Constitution and this Convention.

## SECTION 6

**Telecommunication Standardization Sector**

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## ARTICLE 13

**World Telecommunication  
Standardization Assembly**

- 184**  
PP-98 1 In accordance with No. 104 of the Constitution, a world telecommunication standardization assembly shall be convened to consider specific matters related to telecommunication standardization.
- 184A**  
PP-02 1 *bis*) The world telecommunication standardization assembly is authorized to adopt the working methods and procedures for the management of the Sector's activities in accordance with No. 145A of the Constitution.
- 185**  
PP-98 2 The questions to be studied by a world telecommunication standardization assembly, on which recommendations shall be issued, shall be those adopted pursuant to its own procedures or referred to it by the Plenipotentiary Conference, any other conference, or the Council.
- 186**  
PP-98 3 In accordance with No. 104 of the Constitution, the assembly shall:
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PP-02 a) consider the reports of study groups prepared in accordance with No. 194 of this Convention and approve, modify or reject draft recommendations contained in those reports, and consider the reports of the telecommunication standardization advisory group in accordance with Nos. 197H and 197I of this Convention;
- 188** b) bearing in mind the need to keep the demands on the resources of the Union to a minimum, approve the programme of work arising from the review of existing questions and new questions and determine the priority, urgency, estimated financial implications and time-scale for the completion of their study;



- 189**     *c)*     decide, in the light of the approved programme of work derived from No. 188 above, on the need to maintain, terminate or establish study groups and allocate to each of them the questions to be studied;
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**PP-98**     *d)*     group, as far as practicable, questions of interest to the developing countries to facilitate their participation in these studies;
- 191**     *e)*     consider and approve the report of the Director on the activities of the Sector since the last conference.
- 191A**  
**PP-02**     *f)*     decide on the need to maintain, terminate or establish other groups and appoint their chairmen and vice-chairmen;
- 191B**  
**PP-02**     *g)*     establish the terms of reference for the groups referred to in No. 191A above; such groups shall not adopt questions or recommendations.
- 191C**  
**PP-98**     4     A world telecommunication standardization assembly may assign specific matters within its competence to the telecommunication standardization advisory group indicating the action required on those matters.
- 191D**  
**PP-98**  
**PP-02**     5     A world telecommunication standardization assembly shall be presided over by a chairman designated by the government of the country in which the meeting is held or, in the case of a meeting held at the seat of the Union, by a chairman elected by the assembly itself. The chairman shall be assisted by vice-chairmen elected by the assembly.

## ARTICLE 14

### Telecommunication Standardization Study Groups

- 192**  
**PP-98**     1     1) Telecommunication standardization study groups shall study questions adopted in accordance with a procedure established by the world telecommunication standardization assembly and prepare draft recommendations to be adopted in accordance with the procedure set forth in Nos. 246A to 247 of this Convention.

- 193** 2) The study groups shall, subject to No. 195 below, study technical, operating and tariff questions and prepare recommendations on them with a view to standardizing telecommunications on a worldwide basis, including recommendations on interconnection of radio systems in public telecommunication networks and on the performance required for these interconnections. Technical or operating questions specifically related to radiocommunication as enumerated in Nos. 151 to 154 of this Convention shall be within the purview of the Radiocommunication Sector.
- 194** 3) Each study group shall prepare for the world telecommunication standardization assembly a report indicating the progress of work, the recommendations adopted in accordance with the consultation procedure contained in No. 192 above, and any draft new or revised recommendations for consideration by the assembly.  
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- 195** 2 Taking into account No. 105 of the Constitution, the tasks enumerated in No. 193 above and those enumerated in Nos. 151 to 154 of this Convention in relation to the Radiocommunication Sector shall be kept under continuing review by the Telecommunication Standardization Sector and the Radiocommunication Sector with a view to reaching common agreement on changes in the distribution of matters under study. The two Sectors shall cooperate closely and adopt procedures to conduct such a review and reach agreements in a timely and effective manner. If agreement is not reached, the matter may be submitted through the Council to the Plenipotentiary Conference for decision.
- 196** 3 In the performance of their studies, the telecommunication standardization study groups shall pay due attention to the study of questions and to the formulation of recommendations directly connected with the establishment, development and improvement of telecommunications in developing countries at both the regional and international levels. They shall conduct their work giving due consideration to the work of national, regional and other international standardization organizations, and cooperate with them, keeping in mind the need for the Union to maintain its pre-eminent position in the field of worldwide standardization for telecommunications.

**197** 4 For the purpose of facilitating the review of activities in the  
**PP-98** Telecommunication Standardization Sector, measures should be taken to foster cooperation and coordination with other organizations concerned with telecommunication standardization and with the Radiocommunication Sector and the Telecommunication Development Sector. A world telecommunication standardization assembly shall determine the specific duties, conditions of participation and rules of procedure for these measures.

## ARTICLE 14A

### **PP-98 Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group**

**197A** 1 The telecommunication standardization advisory group shall be  
**PP-98** open to representatives of administrations of Member States and  
**PP-02** representatives of Sector Members and to chairmen of the study groups and other groups.

**197B** 2 The telecommunication standardization advisory group shall:  
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**197C** 1) review priorities, programmes, operations, financial matters  
**PP-98** and strategies for activities in the Telecommunication Standardization Sector;

**197CA** 1 *bis*) review the implementation of the operational plan of the  
**PP-02** preceding period in order to identify areas in which the Bureau has not achieved or was not able to achieve the objectives laid down in that plan, and advise the Director on the necessary corrective measures;

**197D** 2) review progress in the implementation of the programme of  
**PP-98** work established under No. 188 of this Convention;

**197E** 3) provide guidelines for the work of study groups;  
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**197F** 4) recommend measures, *inter alia*, to foster cooperation and  
**PP-98** coordination with other relevant bodies, with the Radiocommunication Sector, the Telecommunication Development Sector and the General Secretariat;

**197G** 5) adopt its own working procedures compatible with those  
**PP-98** adopted by the world telecommunication standardization assembly;

**197H** 6) prepare a report for the Director of the Telecommunication  
**PP-98** Standardization Bureau indicating action in respect of the above items.

**197I** 7) prepare a report for the world telecommunication standardi-  
**PP-98** zation assembly on the matters assigned to it in accordance with  
No. 191A and transmit it to the Director for submission to the assembly.

## ARTICLE 15

### Telecommunication Standardization Bureau

**198** 1 The Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau  
shall organize and coordinate the work of the Telecommunication  
Standardization Sector.

**199** 2 The Director shall, in particular:

**200** a) update annually the work programme approved by the world  
**PP-98** telecommunication standardization assembly, in consultation with  
**PP-02** the chairmen of the telecommunication standardization study  
groups and other groups;

**201** b) participate, as of right, but in an advisory capacity, in the  
**PP-98** deliberations of world telecommunication standardization assem-  
**PP-02** blies and of the telecommunication standardization study groups  
and other groups. The Director shall make all necessary  
preparations for assemblies and meetings of the Telecom-  
munication Standardization Sector in consultation with the  
General Secretariat in accordance with No. 94 of this Convention  
and, as appropriate, with the other Sectors of the Union, and with  
due regard for the directives of the Council concerning these  
preparations;

- 202**  
PP-98      *c)*      process information received from administrations in application of the relevant provisions of the International Telecommunication Regulations or decisions of the world telecommunication standardization assembly and prepare it, where appropriate, in a suitable form for publication;
- 203**  
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PP-06      *d)*      exchange with Member States and Sector Members data in machine-readable and other forms, prepare and, as necessary, keep up to date any documents and databases of the Telecommunication Standardization Sector, and arrange with the Secretary-General, as appropriate, for their publication in the languages of the Union in accordance with No.172 of the Constitution;
- 204**  
PP-98      *e)*      submit to the world telecommunication standardization assembly a report on the activities of the Sector since the last assembly; the Director shall also submit to the Council and to the Member States and Sector Members such a report covering the two-year period since the last assembly, unless a second assembly is convened;
- 205**      *f)*      prepare a cost-based budget estimate for the requirements of the Telecommunication Standardization Sector and transmit it to the Secretary-General for consideration by the Coordination Committee and inclusion in the Union's budget.
- 205A**  
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PP-02      *g)*      prepare annually a rolling four-year operational plan that covers the subsequent year and the following three-year period, including financial implications of activities to be undertaken by the Bureau in support of the Sector as a whole; this four-year operational plan shall be reviewed by the telecommunication standardization advisory group in accordance with Article 14A of this Convention, and shall be reviewed and approved annually by the Council;
- 205B**  
PP-98      *h)*      provide the necessary support for the telecommunication standardization advisory group, and report each year to Member States and Sector Members and to the Council on the results of its work;
- 205C**  
PP-98      *i)*      provide assistance to developing countries in the preparatory work for world standardization assemblies, particularly with regard to matters of a priority nature for those countries.

- 206** 3 The Director shall choose the technical and administrative personnel of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau within the framework of the budget as approved by the Council. The appointment of the technical and administrative personnel is made by the Secretary-General in agreement with the Director. The final decision on appointment or dismissal rests with the Secretary-General.
- 207** 4 The Director shall provide technical support, as necessary, to the Telecommunication Development Sector within the framework of the Constitution and this Convention.

## SECTION 7

### Telecommunication Development Sector

## ARTICLE 16

### Telecommunication Development Conferences

- 207A** 1 The world telecommunication development conference is authorized to adopt the working methods and procedures for the management of the Sector's activities in accordance with No. 145A of the Constitution.  
**PP-02**
- 208** 1 *bis*) In accordance with No. 118 of the Constitution, the duties of the telecommunication development conferences shall be as follows:
- 209** a) world telecommunication development conferences shall establish work programmes and guidelines for defining telecommunication development questions and priorities and shall provide direction and guidance for the work programme of the Telecommunication Development Sector. They shall decide, in the light of the above-mentioned programmes of work, on the need to maintain, terminate or establish study groups and allocate to each of them the questions to be studied;  
**PP-06**
- 209A** a *bis*) decide on the need to maintain, terminate or establish other groups and appoint their chairmen and vice-chairmen;  
**PP-02**

- 209B** *ater)* establish the terms of reference for the groups referred to in  
**PP-02** No. 209A above; such groups shall not adopt questions or recommendations.
- 210** *b)* regional telecommunication development conferences shall  
**PP-02** consider questions and priorities relating to telecommunication development, taking into account the needs and characteristics of the region concerned, and may also submit recommendations to world telecommunication development conferences;
- 211** *c)* the telecommunication development conferences should fix the  
 objectives and strategies for the balanced worldwide and regional development of telecommunications, giving particular consideration to the expansion and modernization of the networks and services of the developing countries as well as the mobilization of the resources required for this purpose. They shall serve as a forum for the study of policy, organizational, operational, regulatory, technical and financial questions and related aspects, including the identification and implementation of new sources of funding;
- 212** *d)* world and regional telecommunication development conferences,  
 within their respective sphere of competence, shall consider reports submitted to them and evaluate the activities of the Sector; they may also consider telecommunication development aspects related to the activities of the other Sectors of the Union.
- 213** 2 The draft agenda of telecommunication development conferences  
**PP-98** shall be prepared by the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau and be submitted by the Secretary-General to the Council for approval with the concurrence of a majority of the Member States in the case of a world conference, or of a majority of the Member States belonging to the region concerned in the case of a regional conference, subject to the provisions of No. 47 of this Convention.
- 213A** 3 A telecommunication development conference may assign  
**PP-98** specific matters within its competence to the telecommunication development advisory group, indicating the recommended action on those  
**PP-02** matters.

## ARTICLE 17

**Telecommunication Development  
Study Groups**

- 214** 1 Telecommunication development study groups shall deal with specific telecommunication questions of general interest to developing countries, including the matters enumerated in No. 211 above. Such study groups shall be limited in number and created for a limited period of time, subject to the availability of resources, shall have specific terms of reference on questions and matters of priority to developing countries and shall be task-oriented.
- 215** 2 Taking into account No. 119 of the Constitution, the Radiocommunication, Telecommunication Standardization and Telecommunication Development Sectors shall keep the matters under study under continuing review with a view to reaching agreement on the distribution of work, avoiding duplication of effort and improving coordination. The Sectors shall adopt procedures to conduct such reviews and reach such agreement in a timely and effective manner.
- 215A** 3 Each telecommunication development study group shall prepare  
**PP-98** for the world telecommunication development conference a report indicating the progress of work and any draft new or revised recommendations for consideration by the conference.
- 215B** 4 Telecommunication development study groups shall study ques-  
**PP-98** tions and prepare draft recommendations to be adopted in accordance with the procedures set out in Nos. 246A to 247 of this Convention.



## ARTICLE 17A

**PP-98**                                 **Telecommunication Development  
Advisory Group**

- 215C**             1             The telecommunication development advisory group shall be open  
**PP-98**             to representatives of administrations of Member States and  
**PP-02**             representatives of Sector Members and to chairmen and vice-chairmen of  
**PP-06**             study groups and other groups, and will act through the Director.
- 215D**             2             The telecommunication development advisory group shall:  
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- 215E**                         1)             review priorities, programmes, operations, financial matters  
**PP-98**             and strategies for activities in the Telecommunication Development  
Sector;
- 215EA**                         1 *bis*) review the implementation of the operational plan of the  
**PP-02**             preceding period in order to identify areas in which the Bureau has not  
achieved or was not able to achieve the objectives laid down in that plan,  
and advise the Director on the necessary corrective measures.
- 215F**                         2)             review progress in the implementation of the programme of  
**PP-98**             work established under No. 209 of this Convention;
- 215G**                         3)             provide guidelines for the work of study groups;  
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- 215H**                         4)             recommend measures, *inter alia*, to foster cooperation and  
**PP-98**             coordination with the Radiocommunication Sector, the Telecommuni-  
cation Standardization Sector and the General Secretariat, as well as with  
other relevant development and financial institutions.
- 215I**                         5)             adopt its own working procedures compatible with those  
**PP-98**             adopted by the world telecommunication development conference.
- 215J**                         6)             prepare a report for the Director of the Telecommunication  
**PP-98**             Development Bureau indicating action in respect of the above items.

**215JA** 6*bis*) prepare a report for the world telecommunication development conference on the matters assigned to it in accordance with No. 213A of this Convention and transmit it to the Director for submission to the conference.  
**PP-02**

**215K** 3 Representatives of bilateral cooperation and development aid agencies and multilateral development institutions may be invited by the Director to participate in the meetings of the advisory group.  
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## ARTICLE 18

### **PP-98**                    **Telecommunication Development Bureau**

**216** 1 The Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau shall organize and coordinate the work of the Telecommunication Development Sector.

**217** 2 The Director shall, in particular:

**218** a) participate as of right, but in an advisory capacity, in the deliberations of the telecommunication development conferences and of the telecommunication development study groups and other groups. The Director shall make all necessary preparations for conferences and meetings of the Telecommunication Development Sector in consultation with the General Secretariat in accordance with No. 94 of this Convention and, as appropriate, with the other Sectors of the Union, and with due regard for the directives of the Council in carrying out these preparations;  
**PP-02**

**219** b) process information received from administrations in application of the relevant resolutions and decisions of the Plenipotentiary Conference and telecommunication development conferences and prepare it, where appropriate, in a suitable form for publication;

**220** c) exchange with members data in machine-readable and other forms, prepare and, as necessary, keep up to date any documents and databases of the Telecommunication Development Sector, and arrange with the Secretary-General, as appropriate, for their publication in the languages of the Union in accordance with No. 172 of the Constitution;  
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- 221**     *d)*     assemble and prepare for publication, in cooperation with the General Secretariat and the other Sectors of the Union, both technical and administrative information that might be especially useful to developing countries in order to help them to improve their telecommunication networks. Their attention shall also be drawn to the possibilities offered by the international programmes under the auspices of the United Nations;
- 222**  
**PP-98**     *e)*     submit to the world telecommunication development conference a report on the activities of the Sector since the last conference; the Director shall also submit to the Council and to the Member States and Sector Members such a report covering the two-year period since the last conference;
- 223**  
**PP-98**     *f)*     prepare a cost-based budget estimate for the requirements of the Telecommunication Development Sector and transmit it to the Secretary-General for consideration by the Coordination Committee and inclusion in the Union's budget;
- 223A**  
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**PP-02**     *g)*     prepare annually a rolling four-year operational plan that covers the subsequent year and the following three-year period, including financial implications of activities to be undertaken by the Bureau in support of the Sector as a whole; this four-year operational plan shall be reviewed by the telecommunication development advisory group in accordance with Article 17A of this Convention, and shall be reviewed and approved annually by the Council;
- 223B**  
**PP-98**     *h)*     provide the necessary support for the telecommunication development advisory group, and report each year to the Member States and Sector Members and to the Council on the results of its work.
- 224**  
**PP-98**     3       The Director shall work collegially with the other elected officials in order to ensure that the Union's catalytic role in stimulating telecommunication development is strengthened and shall make the necessary arrangements with the Director of the Bureau concerned for initiating suitable action, including the convening of information meetings on the activities of the Sector concerned.

- 225** 4 At the request of the Member States concerned, the Director, with  
**PP-98** the assistance of the Directors of the other Bureaux and, where appropriate, the Secretary-General, shall study and offer advice concerning their national telecommunication problems; where a comparison of technical alternatives is involved, economic factors may be taken into consideration.
- 226** 5 The Director shall choose the technical and administrative personnel of the Telecommunication Development Bureau within the framework of the budget as approved by the Council. The appointment of the personnel is made by the Secretary-General in agreement with the Director. The final decision for appointment or dismissal rests with the Secretary-General.
- 227** (SUP)  
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## SECTION 8

### Provisions Common to the Three Sectors

## ARTICLE 19

### Participation of Entities and Organizations Other than Administrations in the Union's Activities

- 228** 1 The Secretary-General and the Directors of the Bureaux shall encourage the enhanced participation in the activities of the Union of the following entities and organizations:
- 229** a) recognized operating agencies, scientific or industrial organizations and financial or development institutions which are approved by the Member State concerned;  
**PP-98**
- 230** b) other entities dealing with telecommunication matters which are approved by the Member State concerned;  
**PP-98**
- 231** c) regional and other international telecommunication, standardization, financial or development organizations.

- 232** 2 The Directors of the Bureaux shall maintain close working relations with those entities and organizations which are authorized to participate in the activities of one or more of the Sectors of the Union.
- 233** 3 Any request from an entity listed in No. 229 above to participate in the work of a Sector, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Constitution and this Convention, approved by the Member State concerned shall be forwarded by the latter to the Secretary-General.  
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- 234** 4 Any request from an entity referred to in No. 230 above submitted by the Member State concerned shall be handled in conformity with a procedure established by the Council. Such a request shall be reviewed by the Council with respect to its conformity with the above procedure.  
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- 234A** 4 *bis*) Alternatively, a request from an entity listed in No. 229 or 230 above to become a Sector Member may be sent direct to the Secretary-General. Those Member States authorizing such entities to send a request directly to the Secretary-General shall inform the latter accordingly. Entities whose Member State has not provided such notice to the Secretary-General shall not have the option of direct application. The Secretary-General shall regularly update and publish a list of those Member States that have authorized entities under their jurisdiction or sovereignty to apply directly.  
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- 234B** 4 *ter*) Upon receipt, directly from an entity, of a request under No. 234A above, the Secretary-General shall, on the basis of criteria defined by the Council, ensure that the function and purposes of the candidate are in conformity with the purposes of the Union. The Secretary-General shall then, without delay, inform the applicant's Member State inviting approval of the application. If the Secretary-General receives no objection from the Member State within four months, a reminder telegram shall be sent. If the Secretary-General receives no objection within four months after the date of dispatch of the reminder telegram, the application shall be regarded as approved. If an objection is received from the Member State by the Secretary-General, the applicant shall be invited by the Secretary-General to contact the Member State concerned.  
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- 234C** 4 *quater*) When authorizing direct application, a Member State may  
**PP-98** notify the Secretary-General that it assigns authority to the Secretary-General to approve any application by an entity under its jurisdiction or sovereignty.
- 235** 5 Any request from any entity or organization listed in No. 231 above (other than those referred to in Nos. 269B and 269C of this Convention) to participate in the work of a Sector shall be sent to the Secretary-General and acted upon in accordance with procedures established by the Council.
- 236** 6 Any request from an organization referred to in Nos. 269B to 269D of this Convention to participate in the work of a Sector shall be sent to the Secretary-General, and the organization concerned shall be included in the lists referred to in No. 237 below.
- 237** 7 The Secretary-General shall compile and maintain lists of all entities and organizations referred to in Nos. 229 to 231 and Nos. 269B to 269D of this Convention that are authorized to participate in the work of each Sector and shall, at appropriate intervals, publish and distribute these lists to all Member States and Sector Members concerned and to the Director of the Bureau concerned. That Director shall advise such entities and organizations of the action taken on their requests, and shall inform the relevant Member States.  
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- 238** 8 The conditions of participation in the Sectors by entities and organizations contained in the lists referred to in No. 237 above are specified in this Article, in Article 33 and in other relevant provisions of this Convention. The provisions of Nos. 25 to 28 of the Constitution do not apply to them.  
**PP-98**
- 239** 9 A Sector Member may act on behalf of the Member State which has approved it, provided that the Member State informs the Director of the Bureau concerned that it is authorized to do so.  
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- 240** 10 Any Sector Member has the right to denounce such participation by notifying the Secretary-General. Such participation may also be denounced, where appropriate, by the Member State concerned or, in case of the Sector Member approved pursuant to No. 234C above, in accordance with criteria and procedures determined by the Council. Such denunciation shall take effect at the end of six months from the date when notification is received by the Secretary-General.  
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- 241** 11 The Secretary-General shall delete from the list of entities and organizations any entity or organization that is no longer authorized to participate in the work of a Sector, in accordance with criteria and procedures determined by the Council.
- 241A** 12 The assembly or conference of a Sector may decide to admit entities or organizations to participate as Associates in the work of a given study group or subgroups thereof following the principles set out below:  
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- 241B** 1) An entity or organization referred to in Nos. 229 to 231 above may apply to participate in the work of a given study group as an Associate.  
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- 241C** 2) In cases where a Sector has decided to admit Associates, the Secretary-General shall apply to the applicants the relevant provisions of this Article, taking account of the size of the entity or organization and any other relevant criteria.  
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- 241D** 3) Associates admitted to participate in a given study group are not entered in the list referred to in No. 237 above.  
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- 241E** 4) The conditions governing participation in the work of a study group are specified in Nos. 248B and 483A of this Convention.  
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## ARTICLE 20

### Conduct of Business of Study Groups

- 242** 1 The radiocommunication assembly, the world telecommunication standardization assembly and the world telecommunication development conference shall appoint the chairman and one vice-chairman or more for each study group. In appointing chairmen and vice-chairmen, particular consideration shall be given to the requirements of competence and equitable geographical distribution, and to the need to promote more efficient participation by the developing countries.  
**PP-98**

- 243** 2 If the workload of any study group requires, the assembly or  
**PP-98** conference shall appoint such additional vice-chairmen as it deems necessary.
- 244** 3 If, in the interval between two assemblies or conferences of the  
Sector concerned, a study group Chairman is unable to carry out his  
duties and only one Vice-Chairman has been appointed, then that Vice-  
Chairman shall take the Chairman's place. In the case of a study group  
for which more than one Vice-Chairman has been appointed, the study  
group at its next meeting shall elect a new Chairman from among those  
Vice-Chairmen and, if necessary, a new Vice-Chairman from among the  
members of the study group. It shall likewise elect a new Vice-Chairman  
if one of the Vice-Chairmen is unable to carry out his duties during that  
period.
- 245** 4 Study groups shall conduct their work as far as possible by corre-  
spondence, using modern means of communication.
- 246** 5 The Director of the Bureau of each Sector, on the basis of the  
decisions of the competent conference or assembly, after consultation  
with the Secretary-General and coordination as required by the Consti-  
tution and Convention, shall draw up the general plan of study group  
meetings.
- 246A** 5 bis) 1) Member States and Sector Members shall adopt questions  
**PP-98** to be studied in accordance with procedures established by the relevant  
conference or assembly, as appropriate, including the indication whether  
or not a resulting recommendation shall be the subject of a formal  
consultation of Member States.
- 246B** 2) Recommendations resulting from the study of the above  
**PP-98** questions are adopted by a study group in accordance with procedures  
established by the relevant conference or assembly, as appropriate. Those  
recommendations which do not require formal consultation of Member  
States for their approval shall be considered as approved.
- 246C** 3) A recommendation requiring formal consultation of Member  
**PP-98** States shall be either treated in accordance with No. 247 below or  
transmitted to the relevant conference or assembly, as appropriate.



- 246D**  
PP-98 4) Nos. 246A and 246B above shall not be used for questions and recommendations having policy or regulatory implications such as:
- 246E**  
PP-98 a) questions and recommendations approved by the Radiocommunication Sector relevant to the work of radiocommunication conferences, and other categories of questions and recommendations that may be decided by the radiocommunication assembly;
- 246F**  
PP-98 b) questions and recommendations approved by the Telecommunication Standardization Sector which relate to tariff and accounting issues, and relevant numbering and addressing plans;
- 246G**  
PP-98 c) questions and recommendations approved by the Telecommunication Development Sector which relate to regulatory, policy and financial issues;
- 246H**  
PP-98 d) questions and recommendations where there is any doubt about their scope.
- 247**  
PP-98 6 Study groups may initiate action for obtaining approval from Member States for recommendations completed between two assemblies or conferences. The procedures to be applied for obtaining such approval shall be those approved by the competent assembly or conference, as appropriate.
- 247A**  
PP-98 *6 bis*) Recommendations approved in application of Nos. 246B or 247 above shall have the same status as ones approved by the conference or assembly itself.
- 248** 7 Where necessary, joint working parties may be established for the study of questions requiring the participation of experts from several study groups.
- 248A**  
PP-98 *7 bis*) Following a procedure developed by the Sector concerned, the Director of a Bureau may, in consultation with the chairman of the study group concerned, invite an organization which does not participate in the Sector to send representatives to take part in the study of a specific matter in the study group concerned or its subordinate groups.

- 248B** *7ter*) An Associate, as referred to in No. 241A of this Convention, will be permitted to participate in the work of the selected study group without taking part in any decision-making or liaison activity of that study group.  
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- 249** 8 The Director of the relevant Bureau shall send the final reports of the study groups to the administrations, organizations and entities participating in the Sector. Such reports shall include a list of the recommendations approved in conformity with No. 247 above. These reports shall be sent as soon as possible and, in any event, in time for them to be received at least one month before the date of the next session of the conference concerned.

## ARTICLE 21

### **Recommendations from One Conference to Another**

- 250** 1 Any conference may submit to another conference of the Union recommendations within its field of competence.
- 251** 2 Such recommendations shall be sent to the Secretary-General in good time for assembly, coordination and communication, as laid down in No. 44 of the General Rules of conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union.

## ARTICLE 22

### **Relations Between Sectors and With International Organizations**

- 252** 1 The Directors of the Bureaux may agree, after appropriate consultation and coordination as required by the Constitution, the Convention and the decisions of the competent conferences or assemblies, to organize joint meetings of study groups of two or three Sectors, in order to study and prepare draft recommendations on questions of common interest. Such draft recommendations shall be submitted to the competent conferences or assemblies of the Sectors concerned.

- 253** 2 Conferences or meetings of a Sector may be attended in an advisory capacity by the Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General, the Directors of the Bureaux of the other Sectors, or their representatives, and members of the Radio Regulations Board. If necessary, they may invite, in an advisory capacity, representatives of the General Secretariat or of any other Sector which has not considered it necessary to be represented.
- 254** 3 When a Sector is invited to participate in a meeting of an international organization, its Director is authorized to make arrangements for its representation in an advisory capacity, taking into account the provisions of No. 107 of this Convention.

## CHAPTER II

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**Specific Provisions Regarding  
Conferences and Assemblies**

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## ARTICLE 23

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**Admission to Plenipotentiary Conferences****255 to 266**  
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1 The following shall be admitted to plenipotentiary conferences:

**268***a)* delegations;**268A**  
PP-02*b)* the elected officials, in an advisory capacity;**268B**  
PP-02*c)* the Radio Regulations Board, in accordance with No. 141A of this Convention, in an advisory capacity;**269**  
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PP-06*d)* observers of the following organizations, agencies and entities, to participate in an advisory capacity:**269A**  
PP-02*i)* the United Nations;**269B**  
PP-02*ii)* regional telecommunication organizations mentioned in Article 43 of the Constitution;**269C**  
PP-02*iii)* intergovernmental organizations operating satellite systems;**269D**  
PP-02*iv)* the specialized agencies of the United Nations and the International Atomic Energy Agency;**269E**  
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PP-06*e)* observers from the Sector Members referred to in Nos. 229 and 231 of this Convention.**269F**  
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2 The General Secretariat and the three Bureaux of the Union shall be represented at the conference in an advisory capacity.

## ARTICLE 24

**PP-02 Admission to Radiocommunication Conferences**

**270 to 275** (SUP)  
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**276** 1 The following shall be admitted to radiocommunication  
PP-02 conferences:

**277** a) delegations;

**278** b) observers of organizations and agencies referred to in Nos. 269A  
PP-02 to 269D of this Convention, to participate in an advisory capacity;  
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**279** c) observers of other international organizations invited in  
PP-02 accordance with the relevant provisions of Chapter I of the  
PP-06 General Rules of conferences, assemblies and meetings of the  
Union, to participate in an advisory capacity;

**280** d) observers from Sector Members of the Radiocommunication  
PP-98 Sector;  
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**281** (SUP)  
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**282** e) observers of Member States participating in a non-voting capacity  
PP-98 in a regional radiocommunication conference of a region other  
PP-02 than that to which the said Member States belong;

**282A** f) in an advisory capacity, the elected officials, when the conference  
PP-02 is discussing matters coming within their competence, and the  
members of the Radio Regulations Board.

## ARTICLE 25

**PP-98 Admission to Radiocommunication Assemblies,  
PP-02 World Telecommunication Standardization  
Assemblies and Telecommunication  
Development Conferences**

**283 to 294** (SUP)  
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- 295** 1 The following shall be admitted to the assembly or conference:  
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- 296** a) delegations;
- 296 bis** b) representatives of Sector Members concerned;  
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- 297** c) observers, to participate in an advisory capacity, from:  
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- 297 bis** i) the organizations and agencies referred to in Nos. 269A to  
PP-06 269D of this Convention
- 298** (SUP)  
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- 298A to B** (SUP)  
PP-02  
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- 298C** iii) any other regional organization or other international  
PP-02 organization dealing with matters of interest to the assembly  
or conference;
- 298D to F** (SUP)  
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- 298G** 2 The elected officials, the General Secretariat and the Bureaux of  
PP-02 the Union, as appropriate, shall be represented at the assembly or  
conference in an advisory capacity. Two members of the Radio  
Regulations Board, designated by the Board, shall participate in radio-  
communication assemblies in an advisory capacity.
- PP-02 (SUP) ARTICLES 26 to 30

## ARTICLE 31

**Credentials for Conferences**

- 324** 1 The delegation sent by a Member State to a plenipotentiary  
PP-98 conference, a radiocommunication conference or a world conference on  
international telecommunications shall be duly accredited in accordance  
with Nos. 325 to 331 below.

- 325** 2 1) Accreditation of delegations to Plenipotentiary Conferences shall be by means of instruments signed by the Head of State, by the Head of Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 326** 2) Accreditation of delegations to the other conferences referred to in No. 324 above shall be by means of instruments signed by the Head of State, by the Head of Government, by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or by the Minister responsible for questions dealt with during the conference.
- 327** 3) Subject to confirmation prior to the signature of the Final Acts, by one of the authorities mentioned in Nos. 325 or 326 above, a delegation may be provisionally accredited by the head of the diplomatic mission of the Member State concerned to the host government. In the case of a conference held in the Swiss Confederation, a delegation may also be provisionally accredited by the head of the permanent delegation of the Member State concerned to the United Nations Office at Geneva.
- PP-98**
- 328** 3 Credentials shall be accepted if they are signed by one of the competent authorities mentioned in Nos. 325 to 327 above, and fulfil one of the following criteria:
- 329** – they confer full powers on the delegation;
- 330** – they authorize the delegation to represent its government, without restrictions;
- 331** – they give the delegation, or certain members thereof, the right to sign the Final Acts.
- 332** 4 1) A delegation whose credentials are found to be in order by the Plenary Meeting shall be entitled to exercise the right to vote of the Member State concerned, subject to the provisions of Nos. 169 and 210 of the Constitution, and to sign the final acts.
- PP-98**
- 333** 2) A delegation whose credentials are found not to be in order by the Plenary Meeting shall not be entitled to exercise the right to vote or to sign the Final Acts until the situation has been rectified.

- 334** 5 Credentials shall be deposited with the secretariat of the conference as early as possible; to that end, Member States should send their credentials, prior to the opening date of the conference, to the Secretary-General who shall transmit them to the secretariat of the conference as soon as the latter has been established. The committee referred to in No. 68 of the General Rules of conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union shall be entrusted with the verification thereof and shall report on its conclusions to the Plenary Meeting within the time specified by the latter. Pending the decision of the Plenary Meeting thereon, any delegation shall be entitled to participate in the conference and to exercise the right to vote of the Member State concerned.
- PP-98**  
**PP-02**
- 335** 6 As a general rule, Member States should endeavour to send their own delegations to conferences of the Union. However, if a Member State is unable, for exceptional reasons, to send its own delegation, it may give the delegation of another Member State powers to vote and sign on its behalf. Such powers must be conveyed by means of an instrument signed by one of the authorities mentioned in Nos. 325 or 326 above.
- PP-98**
- 336** 7 A delegation with the right to vote may give to another delegation with the right to vote a mandate to exercise its vote at one or more meetings at which it is unable to be present. In such a case it shall, in good time, notify the Chairman of the conference in writing.
- 337** 8 A delegation may not exercise more than one proxy vote.
- 338** 9 Credentials and transfers of powers sent by telegram shall not be accepted. Nevertheless, replies sent by telegram to requests by the Chairman or the secretariat of the conference for clarification of credentials shall be accepted.
- 339** 10 A Member State or an authorized entity or organization intending to send a delegation or representatives to a telecommunication standardization assembly, a telecommunication development conference or a radiocommunication assembly shall so inform the Director of the Bureau of the Sector concerned, indicating the names and functions of the members of the delegation or of the representatives.
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PP-98 (SUP) CHAPTER III

## ARTICLE 32

### General Rules of Conferences, Assemblies and Meetings of the Union

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**339A** 1 The General Rules of conferences, assemblies and meetings of the  
PP-98 Union are adopted by the Plenipotentiary Conference. The provisions  
PP-02 governing the procedure for amending those Rules and the entry into  
force of amendments are contained in the Rules themselves.

**340** 2 The General Rules of conferences, assemblies and meetings of the  
PP-98 Union shall apply without prejudice to the amendment provisions  
PP-02 contained in Article 55 of the Constitution and in Article 42 of this  
Convention.

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## ARTICLE 32A

### Right to Vote

**340A** 1 At all meetings of a conference, assembly or other meeting, the  
PP-98 delegation of a Member State duly accredited by that Member State to  
take part in the work of the conference, assembly or other meeting shall  
be entitled to one vote in accordance with Article 3 of the Constitution.

**340B** 2 The delegation of a Member State shall exercise the right to vote  
PP-98 under the conditions described in Article 31 of this Convention.

**340C** 3 When a Member State is not represented by an administration at a  
PP-98 radiocommunication assembly, a world telecommunication standardiza-  
tion assembly or a telecommunication development conference, the  
representatives of the recognized operating agencies of the Member State  
concerned shall, as a whole, and regardless of their number, be entitled to  
a single vote, subject to the provisions of No. 239 of this Convention.  
The provisions of Nos. 335 to 338 of this Convention concerning the  
transfer of powers shall apply to the above conferences and assemblies.

## ARTICLE 32B

**Reservations**

**340D** 1 As a general rule, any delegation whose views are not shared by  
**PP-98** the remaining delegations shall endeavour, as far as possible, to conform to the opinion of the majority.

**340E** 2 Any Member State that, during a plenipotentiary conference,  
**PP-98** reserves its right to make reservations as specified in its declaration when signing the final acts, may make reservations regarding an amendment to the Constitution or to this Convention until such time as its instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval of or accession to the amendment has been deposited with the Secretary-General.

**340F** 3 If any decision appears to a delegation to be such as to prevent its  
**PP-98** government from consenting to be bound by the revision of the Administrative Regulations, this delegation may make reservations, final or provisional, regarding that decision, at the end of the conference adopting that revision; any such reservations may be made by a delegation on behalf of a Member State which is not participating in the competent conference and which has given that delegation proxy powers to sign the final acts in accordance with the provisions of Article 31 of this Convention.

**340G** 4 A reservation made following a conference shall only be valid if  
**PP-98** the Member State which made it formally confirms it when notifying its consent to be bound by the amended or revised instrument adopted by the conference at the close of which it made the reservation in question.

**341 to 467** (SUP)  
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## CHAPTER IV

### Other Provisions

#### ARTICLE 33

##### Finances

- 468**  
**PP-98**  
**PP-06**      1)      The scale from which each Member State, subject to the provisions of No. 468A below, and Sector Member, subject to the provisions of No. 468B below, shall choose its class of contribution, in conformity with the relevant provisions of Article 28 of the Constitution, shall be as follows:
- 40 unit class 8 unit class  
35 unit class 6 unit class  
30 unit class 5 unit class  
28 unit class 4 unit class  
25 unit class 3 unit class  
23 unit class 2 unit class  
20 unit class 1 1/2 unit class  
18 unit class 1 unit class  
15 unit class 1/2 unit class  
13 unit class 1/4 unit class  
11 unit class 1/8 unit class  
10 unit class 1/16 unit class
- 468A**  
**PP-98**                      1 *bis*) Only Member States listed by the United Nations as least developed countries and those determined by the Council may select the 1/8 and 1/16 unit classes of contribution.
- 468B**  
**PP-98**                      1 *ter*) Sector Members may not select a class of contribution lower than 1/2 unit, with the exception of Sector Members of the Telecommunication Development Sector, which may select the 1/4, 1/8 and 1/16 unit classes. However, the 1/16 unit class is reserved for Sector Members of developing countries as determined by the list established by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to be reviewed by the ITU Council.
- 469**  
**PP-98**                      2)      In addition to the classes of contribution listed in No. 468 above, any Member State or Sector Member may choose a number of contributory units over 40.

**470** 3) The Secretary-General shall communicate promptly to each  
**PP-98** Member State not represented at the Plenipotentiary Conference the decision of each Member State as to the class of contribution to be paid by it.

**471** (SUP)  
**PP-98**

**472** 2 1) Every new Member State and Sector Member shall, in  
**PP-98** respect of the year of its accession or admission, pay a contribution calculated as from the first day of the month of accession or admission, as the case may be.

**473** 2) Should a Member State denounce the Constitution and this  
**PP-98** Convention or a Sector Member denounce its participation in a Sector, its contribution shall be paid up to the last day of the month in which such denunciation takes effect in accordance with No. 237 of the Constitution or No. 240 of this Convention, respectively.

**474** 3 The amounts due shall bear interest from the beginning of the  
**PP-98** fourth month of each financial year of the Union at 3% (three per cent) per annum during the following three months, and at 6% (six per cent) per annum from the beginning of the seventh month.

**475** (SUP)  
**PP-98**

**476** 4 1) The organizations referred to in Nos. 269A to 269E of this  
**PP-94** Convention and other organizations also specified in Chapter II thereof  
**PP-98** (unless they have been exempted by the Council, subject to reciprocity)  
**PP-02** and Sector Members referred to in No. 230 of this Convention which  
**PP-06** participate, in accordance with the provisions of this Convention, in a plenipotentiary conference, in a conference, assembly or meeting of a Sector of the Union, or in a world conference on international telecommunications, shall share in defraying the expenses of the conferences, assemblies and meetings in which they participate on the basis of the cost of these conferences and meetings and in accordance with the Financial Regulations. Nevertheless, Sector Members will not be charged separately for their attendance at a conference, assembly or meeting of their respective Sectors, except in the case of regional radiocommunication conferences.

**477** 2) Any Sector Member appearing in the lists mentioned in  
**PP-98** No. 237 of this Convention shall share in defraying the expenses of the  
Sector in accordance with Nos. 480 and 480A below.

**478 and 479** (SUP)  
**PP-98**

**480** 5) The amount of the contribution per unit payable towards the  
**PP-94** expenses of each Sector concerned shall be set at 1/5 of the contributory  
**PP-98** unit of the Member States. These contributions shall be considered as  
Union income. They shall bear interest in accordance with the provisions  
of No. 474 above.

**480A** *5 bis*) When a Sector Member contributes to defraying the  
**PP-98** expenses of the Union under No. 159A of the Constitution, the Sector for  
which the contribution is made should be identified.

**480B** *5 ter*) Under exceptional circumstances, the Council may  
**PP-06** authorize a reduction in the number of contributory units when so  
requested by a Sector Member which has established that it can no longer  
maintain its contribution at the class originally chosen.

**481 to 483** (SUP)  
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**483A** *4 bis*) Associates as described in No. 241A of this Convention shall share  
**PP-98** in defraying the expenses of the Sector and the study group and subordinate  
groups in which they participate, as determined by the Council.

**484** 5) The Council shall determine criteria for the application of cost  
**PP-94** recovery for some products and services of the Union.  
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**485** 6) The Union shall maintain a reserve account in order to provide  
**PP-94** working capital to meet essential expenditures and to maintain sufficient  
cash reserves to avoid resorting to loans as far as possible. The amount of  
the reserve account shall be fixed annually by the Council on the basis of  
expected requirements. At the end of each biennial budgetary period all  
budget credits which have not been expended or encumbered will be placed  
in the reserve account. Other details of this account are described in the  
Financial Regulations.

**486** 7 1) The Secretary-General may, in agreement with the Coordination Committee, accept voluntary contributions in cash or kind, provided that the conditions attached to such voluntary contributions are consistent, as appropriate, with the purposes and programmes of the Union and with the programmes adopted by a conference and in conformity with the Financial Regulations, which shall contain special provisions for the acceptance and use of such voluntary contributions.  
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**487** 2) Such voluntary contributions shall be reported by the Secretary-General to the Council in the financial operating report as well as in a summary indicating for each case the origin, proposed use and action taken with respect to each voluntary contribution.  
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## ARTICLE 34

### **Financial Responsibilities of Conferences**

**488** 1 Before adopting proposals or taking decisions with financial implications, the conferences of the Union shall take account of all the Union's budgetary provisions with a view to ensuring that they will not result in expenses beyond the credits which the Council is empowered to authorize.

**489** 2 No decision of a conference shall be put into effect if it will result in a direct or indirect increase in expenses beyond the credits that the Council is empowered to authorize.

## ARTICLE 35

### **Languages**

**490** 1 1) Languages other than those mentioned in the relevant provisions of Article 29 of the Constitution may be used:  
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**491** a) if an application is made to the Secretary-General to provide for the use of an additional language or languages, oral or written, on a permanent or an ad hoc basis, provided that the additional cost so incurred shall be borne by those Member States which have made or supported the application;  
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- 492**  
**PP-98**     *b)*     if, at conferences and meetings of the Union, after informing the Secretary-General or the Director of the Bureau concerned, any delegation itself makes arrangements at its own expense for oral translation from its own language into any one of the languages referred to in the relevant provision of Article 29 of the Constitution.
- 493**  
**PP-98**             2)     In the case provided for in No. 491 above, the Secretary-General shall comply to the extent practicable with the application, having first obtained from the Member States concerned an undertaking that the cost incurred will be duly repaid by them to the Union.
- 494**             3)     In the case provided for in No. 492 above, the delegation concerned may, furthermore, if it wishes, arrange at its own expense for oral translation into its own language from one of the languages referred to in the relevant provision of Article 29 of the Constitution.
- 495**  
**PP-98**     2       Any of the documents referred to in the relevant provisions of Article 29 of the Constitution may be published in languages other than those specified therein, provided that the Member States requesting such publication undertake to defray the whole of the cost of translation and publication involved.

## CHAPTER V

**Various Provisions Related to the Operation  
of Telecommunication Services**

## ARTICLE 36

**Charges and Free Services**

- 496** The provisions regarding charges for telecommunications and the various cases in which free services are accorded are set forth in the Administrative Regulations.

## ARTICLE 37

**Rendering and Settlement of Accounts**

- 497** 1 The settlement of international accounts shall be regarded as current transactions and shall be effected in accordance with the current international obligations of the Member States and Sector Members concerned in those cases where their governments have concluded arrangements on this subject. Where no such arrangements have been concluded, and in the absence of special agreements made under Article 42 of the Constitution, these settlements shall be effected in accordance with the Administrative Regulations.
- 498** 2 Administrations of Member States and Sector Members which operate international telecommunication services shall come to an agreement with regard to the amount of their debits and credits.
- 499** 3 The statement of accounts with respect to debits and credits referred to in No. 498 above shall be drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Regulations, unless special arrangements have been concluded between the parties concerned.



## ARTICLE 38

**Monetary Unit****500**  
**PP-98**

In the absence of special arrangements concluded between Member States, the monetary unit to be used in the composition of accounting rates for international telecommunication services and in the establishment of international accounts shall be:

- either the monetary unit of the International Monetary Fund
- or the gold franc,

both as defined in the Administrative Regulations. The provisions for application are contained in Appendix 1 to the International Telecommunication Regulations.

## ARTICLE 39

**Intercommunication****501**

1 Stations performing radiocommunication in the mobile service shall be bound, within the limits of their normal employment, to exchange radiocommunications reciprocally without distinction as to the radio system adopted by them.

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2 Nevertheless, in order not to impede scientific progress, the provisions of No. 501 above shall not prevent the use of a radio system incapable of communicating with other systems, provided that such incapacity is due to the specific nature of such system and is not the result of devices adopted solely with the object of preventing intercommunication.

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3 Notwithstanding the provisions of No. 501 above, a station may be assigned to a restricted international service of telecommunication, determined by the purpose of such service, or by other circumstances independent of the system used.

ARTICLE 40

**Secret Language**

- 504** 1 Government telegrams and service telegrams may be expressed in secret language in all relations.
- 505** 2 Private telegrams in secret language may be admitted between all  
**PP-98** Member States with the exception of those which have previously notified, through the Secretary-General, that they do not admit this language for that category of correspondence.
- 506** 3 Member States which do not admit private telegrams in secret  
**PP-98** language originating in or destined for their own territory must let them pass in transit, except in the case of suspension of service provided for in Article 35 of the Constitution.

CHAPTER VI  
**Arbitration and Amendment**

ARTICLE 41

**Arbitration: Procedure**  
(see Article 56 of the Constitution)

- 507** 1 The party which appeals to arbitration shall initiate the arbitration procedure by transmitting to the other party to the dispute a notice of the submission of the dispute to arbitration.
- 508** 2 The parties shall decide by agreement whether the arbitration is to be entrusted to individuals, administrations or governments. If within one month after notice of submission of the dispute to arbitration, the parties have been unable to agree upon this point, the arbitration shall be entrusted to governments.
- 509** 3 If arbitration is to be entrusted to individuals, the arbitrators must neither be nationals of a State party to the dispute, nor have their domicile in the States parties to the dispute, nor be employed in their service.
- 510** 4 If arbitration is to be entrusted to governments, or to administrations thereof, these must be chosen from among the Member States which are not involved in the dispute, but which are parties to the agreement, the application of which caused the dispute.  
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- 511** 5 Within three months from the date of receipt of the notification of the submission of the dispute to arbitration, each of the two parties to the dispute shall appoint an arbitrator.
- 512** 6 If more than two parties are involved in the dispute, an arbitrator shall be appointed in accordance with the procedure set forth in Nos. 510 and 511 above, by each of the two groups of parties having a common position in the dispute.

- 513** 7 The two arbitrators thus appointed shall choose a third arbitrator who, if the first two arbitrators are individuals and not governments or administrations, must fulfil the conditions indicated in No. 509 above, and in addition must not be of the same nationality as either of the other two arbitrators. Failing an agreement between the two arbitrators as to the choice of a third arbitrator, each of these two arbitrators shall nominate a third arbitrator who is in no way concerned in the dispute. The Secretary-General shall then draw lots in order to select the third arbitrator.
- 514** 8 The parties to the dispute may agree to have their dispute settled by a single arbitrator appointed by agreement; or alternatively, each party may nominate an arbitrator, and request the Secretary-General to draw lots to decide which of the persons so nominated is to act as the single arbitrator.
- 515** 9 The arbitrator or arbitrators shall be free to decide upon the venue and the rules of procedure to be applied to the arbitration.
- 516** 10 The decision of the single arbitrator shall be final and binding upon the parties to the dispute. If the arbitration is entrusted to more than one arbitrator, the decision made by the majority vote of the arbitrators shall be final and binding upon the parties.
- 517** 11 Each party shall bear the expense it has incurred in the investigation and presentation of the arbitration. The costs of arbitration other than those incurred by the parties themselves shall be divided equally between the parties to the dispute.
- 518** 12 The Union shall furnish all information relating to the dispute which the arbitrator or arbitrators may need. If the parties to the dispute so agree, the decision of the arbitrator or arbitrators shall be communicated to the Secretary-General for future reference purposes.

## ARTICLE 42

### **Provisions for Amending this Convention**

- 519** 1 Any Member State may propose any amendment to this Convention. Any such proposal shall, in order to ensure its timely transmission to, and consideration by, all the Member States, reach the Secretary-General not later than eight months prior to the opening date fixed for the Plenipotentiary Conference. The Secretary-General shall, as soon as possible, but not later than six months prior to the latter date, forward any such proposal to all the Member States.
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- 520**  
**PP-98** 2 Any proposed modification to any amendment submitted in accordance with No. 519 above may, however, be submitted at any time by a Member State or by its delegation at the Plenipotentiary Conference.
- 521** 3 The quorum required at any Plenary Meeting of the Plenipotentiary Conference for consideration of any proposal for amending this Convention or modification thereto shall consist of more than one half of the delegations accredited to the Plenipotentiary Conference.
- 522** 4 To be adopted, any proposed modification to a proposed amendment as well as the proposal as a whole, whether or not modified, shall be approved, at a Plenary Meeting, by more than half of the delegations accredited to the Plenipotentiary Conference which have the right to vote.
- 523**  
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**PP-02** 5 Unless specified otherwise in the preceding paragraphs of this Article, which shall prevail, the General Rules of conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union shall apply.
- 524**  
**PP-98** 6 Any amendments to this Convention adopted by a plenipotentiary conference shall, as a whole and in the form of one single amending instrument, enter into force at a date fixed by the conference between Member States having deposited before that date their instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval of, or accession to, both this Convention and the amending instrument. Ratification, acceptance or approval of, or accession to, only a part of such an amending instrument shall be excluded.
- 525** 7 Notwithstanding No. 524 above, the Plenipotentiary Conference may decide that an amendment to this Convention is necessary for the proper implementation of an amendment to the Constitution. In that case, the amendment to this Convention shall not enter into force prior to the entry into force of the amendment to the Constitution.
- 526**  
**PP-98** 8 The Secretary-General shall notify all Member States of the deposit of each instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.
- 527** 9 After entry into force of any such amending instrument, ratification, acceptance, approval or accession in accordance with Articles 52 and 53 of the Constitution shall apply to this Convention as amended.

- 528** 10 After the entry into force of any such amending instrument, the Secretary-General shall register it with the Secretariat of the United Nations, in accordance with the provisions of Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations. No. 241 of the Constitution shall also apply to any such amending instrument.

## ANNEX

**Definition of Certain Terms Used in this Convention and  
the Administrative Regulations of the International  
Telecommunication Union**

For the purpose of the above instruments of the Union, the following terms shall have the meanings defined below:

**1001**            *Expert:* A person sent by either:

- a) the Government or the administration of his country, or
- b) an entity or an organization authorized in accordance with Article 19 of this Convention, or
- c) an international organization

to participate in tasks of the Union relevant to his area of professional competence.

**1002**            *Observer:* A person sent by a Member State, organization, agency  
PP-94 or entity to attend a conference, assembly or meeting of the Union or the  
PP-98 Council, without the right to vote and in accordance with the relevant  
PP-06 provisions of the basic texts of the Union.

**1003**            *Mobile Service:* A radiocommunication service between mobile  
and land stations, or between mobile stations.

**1004**            *Scientific or Industrial Organization:* Any organization, other  
than a governmental establishment or agency, which is engaged in the  
study of telecommunication problems or in the design or manufacture of  
equipment intended for telecommunication services.

**1005**            *Radiocommunication:* Telecommunication by means of radio waves.

*Note 1:* Radio waves are electromagnetic waves of frequencies arbitrarily lower than 3000 GHz, propagated in space without artificial guide.

*Note 2:* For the requirements of Nos. 149 to 154 of this Convention, the term “radiocommunication” also includes telecommunications using electromagnetic waves of frequencies above 3000 GHz, propagated in space without artificial guide.

**1006**            *Service Telecommunication:* A telecommunication that relates to public international telecommunications and that is exchanged among the following:

- administrations,
- recognized operating agencies, and
- the Chairman of the Council, the Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General, the Directors of the Bureaux, the members of the Radio Regulations Board, and other representatives or authorized officials of the Union, including those working on official matters outside the seat of the Union.



**GENERAL RULES OF CONFERENCES,  
ASSEMBLIES AND MEETINGS  
OF THE UNION**



**GENERAL RULES OF CONFERENCES,  
ASSEMBLIES AND MEETINGS OF THE UNION**

- 1**           1       These General Rules of conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union (hereinafter referred to as “these General Rules”) shall apply to conferences, assemblies and meetings of the International Telecommunication Union (hereinafter referred to as “the Union”). In the event of inconsistency between a provision of these General Rules and a provision of the Constitution or the Convention, the latter instruments shall prevail.
  
- 2**           2       Meetings of a Sector, other than conferences or assemblies, may adopt working procedures which are compatible with those adopted by the competent conference or assembly of the Sector in question. In the event of inconsistency between those working procedures and a provision of these General Rules, the latter shall prevail.
  
- 3**           3       These General Rules shall apply without prejudice to the amendment provisions contained in Article 55 of the Constitution and in Article 42 of the Convention.

## CHAPTER I

**General Provisions Regarding Conferences  
and Assemblies****1 Invitation to plenipotentiary conferences when  
there is an inviting government**

4           1       The precise place and the exact dates of the conference shall be  
fixed in accordance with the provisions of Article 1 of the Convention,  
following consultations with the inviting government.

5           2       1)     One year before the date of opening of the conference, the  
inviting government shall send an invitation to the government of each  
Member State.

6           2)     These invitations may be sent directly or through the  
Secretary-General or through another government.

7           3       The Secretary-General shall invite as observers the  
organizations, agencies and entities referred to in Article 23 of the  
Convention.

8           4       1)     The replies of the Member States must reach the inviting  
government at least one month before the date of opening of the  
conference and should include whenever possible full information on  
the composition of the delegation.

9           2)     These replies may be sent directly to the inviting  
government or through the Secretary-General or through another  
government.

10          3)     The replies of the organizations, agencies and entities  
referred to in Article 23 of the Convention must reach the  
Secretary-General one month before the opening date of the  
conference.

**2 Invitation to radiocommunication conferences  
when there is an inviting government**

11          1       The precise place and exact dates of the conference shall be  
fixed in accordance with the provisions of Article 3 of the Convention,  
following consultations with the inviting government.

- 12**                    2        1)    Subject to the relevant provisions of Article 24 of the  
**PP-06**                    Convention, the provisions of Nos. 5 to 10 above shall apply to  
                              radiocommunication conferences.
- 13**                                   2)    Member States should inform the Sector Members of the  
                              invitation they have received to participate in a radiocommunication  
                              conference.
- 14**                    3        1)    The inviting government, in agreement with or on a  
**PP-06**                    proposal by the Council, may notify the international organizations  
                              other than those referred to in Nos. 269A to 269D of the Convention  
                              which may be interested in sending observers to participate in the  
                              conference.
- 15**                                   2)    The interested international organizations referred to in  
                              No. 14 above shall send an application for admission to the inviting  
                              government within a period of two months from the date of  
                              notification.
- 16**                                   3)    The inviting government shall assemble the requests and  
                              the conference itself shall decide whether the organizations concerned  
                              are to be admitted.

### **3    Invitation to radiocommunication assemblies, world telecommunication standardization as- semblies and telecommunication development conferences when there is an inviting government**

- 17**                    1        The precise place and exact dates of each assembly or  
                              conference shall be fixed in accordance with the provisions of Article 3  
                              of the Convention, following consultations with the inviting  
                              government.
- 18**                    2        One year before the date of the opening of the assembly or  
                              conference, the Secretary-General, after consultation with the Director  
                              of the Bureau concerned, shall send an invitation to:
- 19**                    a)       the administration of each Member State;
- 20**                    b)       the Sector Members concerned;
- 21**                    c)       the organizations and agencies referred to in the relevant  
                              provisions of Article 25 of the Convention.

- 22           3       The replies must reach the Secretary-General at least one month before the date of opening of the assembly or conference and should, whenever possible, include full information on the composition of the delegation or representation.

#### **4       Procedure for convening or cancelling world conferences or assemblies at the request of Member States or on a proposal of the Council**

- 23           1       The procedures to be applied for convening a second world telecommunication standardization assembly in the interval between successive plenipotentiary conferences and fixing its precise place and exact dates or for cancelling the second world radiocommunication conference or the second radiocommunication assembly are set forth in the following provisions.

- 24           2       1)     Any Member State wishing to have a second world telecommunication standardization assembly convened shall so inform the Secretary-General, indicating the proposed place and dates of the assembly.

- 25                       2)     On receipt of similar requests from at least one-quarter of the Member States, the Secretary-General shall inform immediately all Member States thereof by the most appropriate means of telecommunication, asking them to indicate, within six weeks, whether or not they agree to the proposal.

- 26                       3)     If a majority of the Member States, determined in accordance with No. 47 of the Convention, agree to the proposal as a whole, that is to say, if they accept the proposed place and dates, the Secretary-General shall so inform immediately all Member States by the most appropriate means of telecommunication.

- 27                       4)     If the proposal accepted is for an assembly elsewhere than at the seat of the Union, the Secretary-General, with the assent of the government concerned, shall take the necessary steps to convene the assembly.

- 28**                   5) If the proposal as a whole (place and dates) is not accepted by the majority of the Member States determined in accordance with No. 47 of the Convention, the Secretary-General shall inform the Member States of the replies received, requesting them to give a final reply on the point or points under dispute within six weeks of receipt.
- 29**                   6) Such points shall be regarded as adopted when they have been approved by a majority of the Member States, determined in accordance with No. 47 of the Convention.
- 30**                   3     1) Any Member State wishing to have a second world radiocommunication conference or a second radiocommunication assembly cancelled shall so inform the Secretary-General. On receipt of similar requests from at least one-quarter of the Member States, the Secretary-General shall inform immediately all Member States thereof by the most appropriate means of telecommunication, asking them to indicate, within six weeks, whether or not they agree to the proposal.
- 31**                   2) If a majority of the Member States, determined in accordance with No. 47 of the Convention, agrees to the proposal, the Secretary-General shall so inform immediately all Member States by the most appropriate means of telecommunication and the conference or assembly shall be cancelled.
- 32**                   4     The procedures indicated in Nos. 25 to 31 above, with the exception of No. 30, shall also be applicable when the proposal to convene a second world telecommunication standardization assembly or to cancel a second world radiocommunication conference or a second radiocommunication assembly is initiated by the Council.
- 33**                   5     Any Member State wishing to have a world conference on international telecommunications convened shall propose it to the Plenipotentiary Conference; the agenda, precise place and exact dates of such a conference shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of Article 3 of the Convention.

## **5 Procedure for convening regional conferences at the request of Member States or on a proposal of the Council**

34 In the case of a regional conference, the procedure described in Nos. 24 to 29 above shall be applicable only to the Member States of the region concerned. If the conference is to be convened on the initiative of the Member States of the region, it will suffice for the Secretary-General to receive concordant requests from a quarter of the total number of Member States in that region. The procedure described in Nos. 25 to 29 above shall also be applicable when the proposal to convene such a conference is initiated by the Council.

## **6 Provisions for conferences and assemblies when there is no inviting government**

35 When a conference or an assembly is to be held without an inviting government, the provisions of Sections 1, 2 and 3 above shall apply. The Secretary-General shall take the necessary steps to convene and organize the conference or assembly at the seat of the Union, after agreement with the Government of the Swiss Confederation.

## **7 Change in the place or dates of a conference or an assembly**

36 1 The provisions of Sections 4 and 5 for convening a conference or assembly shall apply, by analogy, when a change in the precise place and/or exact dates of a conference or assembly is requested by Member States or is proposed by the Council. However, such changes shall only be made if a majority of the Member States concerned, determined in accordance with No. 47 of the Convention, have pronounced in favour.

37 2 It shall be the responsibility of any Member State proposing a change in the precise place or exact dates of a conference or assembly to obtain for its proposal the support of the requisite number of other Member States.



- 38           3       Where the issue arises, the Secretary-General shall indicate, in the communication referred to in No. 25 above, the probable financial consequences of a change in the place or dates, as, for example, when there has been an outlay of expenditure in preparing for the conference or assembly at the place initially chosen.

### **8       Time-limits and conditions for submission of proposals and reports to conferences**

- 39           1       The provisions of this section shall apply to the Plenipotentiary Conference, world and regional radiocommunication conferences and world conferences on international telecommunications.
- 40           2       Immediately after the invitations have been despatched, the Secretary-General shall ask Member States to submit, at least four months before the start of the conference, their proposals for the work of the conference.
- 41           3       All proposals the adoption of which will involve amendment of the text of the Constitution or the Convention or revision of the Administrative Regulations must carry references identifying by their marginal numbers those parts of the text which will require such amendment or revision. The reasons for the proposal must be given, as briefly as possible, in each case.
- 42           4       Each proposal received from a Member State shall be annotated by the Secretary-General to indicate its origin by means of the symbol established by the Union for that Member State. Where a proposal is made jointly by more than one Member State the proposal shall, to the extent practicable, be annotated with the symbol of each Member State.
- 43           5       The Secretary-General shall communicate the proposals to all Member States as they are received.
- 44           6       The Secretary-General shall assemble and coordinate the proposals received from Member States and shall communicate them to Member States as they are received, but in any case at least two months before the opening of the conference, making them available by electronic means. Elected officials and staff members of the Union, as well as those observers that may attend conferences in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Convention, shall not be entitled to submit proposals.
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- 45**        7        The Secretary-General shall also assemble reports received from Member States, the Council and the Sectors of the Union and recommendations by conferences and shall communicate them to Member States, along with any reports by the Secretary-General, at least four months before the opening of the conference. The reports shall also be made available by electronic means.
- 46**        8        Proposals received after the time-limit specified in No. 40 above shall be communicated to all Member States by the Secretary-General as soon as practicable, and made available by electronic means.
- 47**        9        The provisions of this chapter shall apply without prejudice to the amendment provisions contained in Article 55 of the Constitution and in Article 42 of the Convention.

## CHAPTER II

### **Rules of Procedure of Conferences, Assemblies and Meetings**

#### **9 Order of seating**

48 At meetings of the conference, delegations shall be seated in the alphabetical order of the French names of the Member States represented.

#### **10 Inauguration of the conference**

49 1) The inaugural meeting of the conference shall be preceded by a meeting of the heads of delegation in the course of which it shall prepare the agenda for the first plenary meeting and make proposals for the organization, chairmanships and vice-chairmanships of the conference and its committees, taking into account the principles of rotation, geographical distribution, the necessary competence and the provisions of No. 53 below.

50 2) The chairman of the meeting of heads of delegation shall be appointed in accordance with the provisions of Nos. 51 and 52 below.

51 2) 1) The conference shall be opened by a person appointed by the inviting government.

52 2) When there is no inviting government, it shall be opened by the oldest head of delegation.

53 3) 1) The chairman of the conference shall be elected at the first plenary meeting; generally, the chairman shall be a person nominated by the inviting government.

54 2) If there is no inviting government, the chairman shall be chosen, taking into account the proposal made by the heads of delegation at the meeting described in No. 49 above.

55 4) The first plenary meeting shall also:

56 a) elect the vice-chairmen of the conference;

- 57            *b)*     set up the conference committees and elect their respective chairmen and vice-chairmen;
- 58            *c)*     designate the conference secretariat, in accordance with No. 97 of the Convention; the secretariat may be reinforced, in case of need, by staff provided by the administration of the inviting government.

## **11    Powers of the chairman of the conference**

- 59            1        The chairman, in addition to the other prerogatives conferred upon the chairman under these Rules of Procedure, shall open and close the meetings of the Plenary Meeting, direct the deliberations, ensure that the Rules of Procedure are applied, give the floor to speakers, put questions to the vote, and announce the decisions adopted.
- 60            2        The chairman shall have the general direction of all the work of the conference, and shall ensure that order is maintained at plenary meetings. The chairman shall rule on motions of order and points of order and, in particular, shall be empowered to propose that discussion on a question be postponed or closed, or that a meeting be suspended or adjourned. The chairman, if finding it appropriate to do so, may also decide to postpone the convening of a plenary meeting.
- 61            3        It shall be the duty of the chairman to protect the right of each delegation to express its opinion freely and fully on the point at issue.
- 62            4        The chairman shall ensure that discussion is limited to the point at issue, and may interrupt any speaker who departs therefrom and request such speakers to confine their remarks to the subject under discussion.

## **12    Setting up of committees**

- 63            1        The Plenary Meeting may set up committees to consider matters referred to the conference. These committees may in turn set up subcommittees. Committees and subcommittees may set up working groups.
- 64            2        Subcommittees and working groups shall be set up when necessary.

- 65           3       Subject to the provisions of Nos. 63 and 64 above, the following committees shall be set up:

### 12.1 Steering Committee

- 66           *a)*       This committee shall normally be composed of the chairman of the conference or meeting, who shall be its chairman, the vice-chairmen of the conference and the chairmen and vice-chairmen of committees.
- 67           *b)*       The Steering Committee shall coordinate all matters connected with the smooth execution of work and shall plan the order and number of meetings, avoiding overlapping wherever possible in view of the limited number of members of some delegations.

### 12.2 Credentials Committee

- 68           A plenipotentiary conference, a radiocommunication conference or a world conference on international telecommunications shall appoint a credentials committee, the mandate of which shall be to verify the credentials of delegations to these conferences. This committee shall report on its conclusions to the Plenary Meeting within the time specified by the latter.

### 12.3 Editorial Committee

- 69           *a)*       The texts prepared in the various committees, which shall be worded as far as possible in their definitive form by these committees, taking account of the views expressed, shall be submitted to an editorial committee charged with perfecting their form without altering the sense and, where appropriate, with combining them with those parts of former texts which have not been altered.
- 70           *b)*       The texts shall be submitted by the Editorial Committee to the Plenary Meeting, which shall approve them, or refer them back to the appropriate committee for further examination.

## **12.4 Budget Control Committee**

- 71 a) At the opening of each conference, the Plenary Meeting shall appoint a budget control committee to determine the organization and the facilities available to the delegates, and to examine and approve the accounts for expenditure incurred throughout the duration of the conference. In addition to the members of delegations who wish to participate, this committee shall include a representative of the Secretary-General, of the Director of the Bureau concerned, and, where there is an inviting government, a representative of that government.
- 72 b) Before the budget approved by the Council for the conference is exhausted, the Budget Control Committee, in collaboration with the secretariat of the conference, shall present an interim statement of the expenditure to the Plenary Meeting. The Plenary Meeting shall take this statement into account in considering whether, in view of the progress being made, a prolongation of the conference after the date when the approved budget will be exhausted is justified.
- 73 c) At the end of each conference, the Budget Control Committee shall present a report to the Plenary Meeting showing, as accurately as possible, the estimated total expenditure of the conference, as well as an estimate of the costs that may be entailed by the execution of the decisions taken by such conference.
- 74 d) After consideration and approval by the Plenary Meeting, this report, together with the observations of the Plenary Meeting, shall be transmitted to the Secretary-General for submission to the Council at its next ordinary session.

## **13 Composition of committees**

### **13.1 Plenipotentiary conferences**

- 75  
PP-06 Subject to No. 66 of these General Rules, committees shall be composed of the delegates of Member States. Unless otherwise decided by the plenary meeting, the observers referred to in Nos. 269A to 269E of the Convention shall be authorized to attend such committees, with the exception of the steering, credentials, budget control and editorial committees.

### **13.2 Radiocommunication conferences and world conferences on international telecommunications**

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**PP-06** 1 Subject to No. 66 of these General Rules, committees of radiocommunication conferences shall be composed of the delegates of Member States. Unless otherwise decided by the plenary meeting, the observers referred to in Nos. 278, 279, 280 and, as appropriate, 282 of the Convention shall be authorized to attend such committees, with the exception of the steering, credentials, budget control and editorial committees.

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**PP-06** 2 Subject to No. 66 of these General Rules, committees of world conferences on international telecommunications shall be composed of the delegates of Member States. Unless otherwise decided by the plenary meeting, the observers referred to in Nos. 278 and 279 of the Convention and observers of Sector Members shall be authorized to attend such committees, with the exception of the steering, credentials, budget control and editorial committees.

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### **13.3 Radiocommunication assemblies, world telecommunication standardization assemblies and telecommunication development conferences**

**78**  
**PP-06** In addition to delegates of Member States and representatives of any entity or organization included in the relevant list referred to in No. 237 of the Convention, the committees of radiocommunication assemblies, of world telecommunication standardization assemblies and of telecommunication development conferences, with the exception of the steering, budget control and editorial committees, may be attended by the observers referred to in Article 25 of the Convention.

## **14 Chairmen and vice-chairmen of subcommittees**

**79** The chairman of each committee shall propose to the committee the choice of the chairmen and vice-chairmen of the subcommittees which may be set up.

**15 Summons to meetings**

- 80** Plenary meetings and meetings of committees, subcommittees and working groups shall be announced in good time in the meeting place of the conference.

**16 Proposals presented before the opening of the conference**

- 81** Proposals presented before the opening of the conference shall be allocated by the Plenary Meeting to the appropriate committees set up in accordance with Section 12 above. Nevertheless, the Plenary Meeting itself shall be entitled to deal with any proposal.

**17 Proposals or amendments presented during the conference**

- 82** 1 Proposals or amendments presented after the opening of the conference shall be delivered to the chairman of the conference, to the chairman of the appropriate committee or to the secretariat of the conference for publication and distribution as conference documents.

- 83** 2 No written proposal or amendment may be presented unless signed by the head or deputy head of the delegation concerned. In the absence of the head and deputy head of delegation, any delegate who is authorized by the head of the delegation to act on behalf of the head of the delegation shall be able to sign any proposal or amendment.

- 84** 3 The chairman of the conference or of a committee, a subcommittee or a working group may at any time submit proposals likely to accelerate the debates.



- 85           4       Every proposal or amendment shall give, in precise and exact terms, the text to be considered.
- 86           5       1)     The chairman of the conference or the chairman of the appropriate committee, subcommittee or working group shall decide in each case whether a proposal or amendment submitted during a meeting shall be made orally or presented in writing for publication and distribution in accordance with No. 82 above.
- 87                     2)     The texts of all major proposals to be put to the vote shall be distributed in good time in the working languages of the conference, in order that they may be studied before discussion.
- 88                     3)     In addition, the chairman of the conference, on receiving proposals or amendments referred to in No. 82 above, shall refer them to the appropriate committee or to the Plenary Meeting as the case may be.
- 89           6       Any authorized person may read, or may ask to have read, at a plenary meeting any proposal or amendment they have submitted during the conference, and shall be allowed to explain their reasons therefor.

### **18    Conditions required for discussion of or decision or vote on any proposal or amendment**

- 90           1       No proposal or amendment may be discussed unless it is supported by at least one other delegation when it comes to be considered.
- 91           2       Each proposal or amendment duly supported shall be submitted for discussion and thereafter for decision, if necessary by a vote.

### **19    Proposals or amendments passed over or postponed**

- 92                     When a proposal or an amendment has been passed over or when its examination has been postponed, the delegation sponsoring it shall be responsible for seeing that it is considered later.

## **20 Rules for debates in plenary meetings**

### **20.1 Quorum**

- 93 For a valid decision to be taken at a plenary meeting, more than half of the delegations accredited to the conference and having the right to vote must be present or represented at the meeting. This provision applies without prejudice to any provision in the Constitution or the Convention requiring a special majority for the adoption of any amendment thereto.

### **20.2 Order of debates**

- 94 1) Persons desiring to speak must first obtain the consent of the chairman. As a general rule, they shall begin by announcing in what capacity they speak.
- 95 2) Speakers must express themselves slowly and distinctly, separating their words and pausing as necessary in order that everybody may understand their meaning.

### **20.3 Motions of order and points of order**

- 96 1) During debates, any delegation may, when it thinks fit, submit a motion of order or raise a point of order, which shall at once be settled by the chairman in accordance with these Rules of Procedure. Any delegation may appeal against the chairman's ruling, which shall however stand unless a majority of the delegations present and voting are against it.
- 97 2) A delegation submitting a motion of order shall not, during its speech, discuss the substance of the matter in question.

### **20.4 Priority of motions of order and points of order**

- 98 The motions and points of order mentioned in No. 96 above shall be dealt with in the following order:
- 99 a) any point of order regarding the application of these Rules of Procedure, including voting procedures;
- 100 b) suspension of a meeting;

- 101 c) adjournment of a meeting;
- 102 d) postponement of debate on the matter under discussion;
- 103 e) closure of debate on the matter under discussion;
- 104 f) any other motions of order or points of order that may be submitted, in which case it shall be for the chairman to decide the relative order in which they shall be considered.

### **20.5 Motion for suspension or adjournment of a meeting**

- 105 During the discussion of a question, a delegation may move that the meeting be suspended or adjourned, giving reasons for its proposal. If the proposal is seconded, the floor shall be given to two speakers to oppose the suspension or adjournment and solely for that purpose, after which the motion shall be put to the vote.

### **20.6 Motion for postponement of debate**

- 106 During discussion of any question, a delegation may move that the debate be postponed for a stated period. Once such a proposal has been made, any discussion thereon shall be limited to no more than three speakers not counting the person submitting the proposal, one for the motion and two against, after which the motion shall be put to the vote.

### **20.7 Motion for closure of debate**

- 107 A delegation may at any time move that discussions on the point at issue be closed. In such cases the floor shall be given to not more than three speakers, one for the motion and two against, after which the motion shall be put to the vote. If the motion succeeds, the chairman will immediately call for a vote on the point at issue.

### **20.8 Limitation of speeches**

- 108 1) The Plenary Meeting may, if necessary, decide how many speeches any one delegation may make on any particular point, and how long they may last.
- 109 2) However, as regards questions of procedure, the chairman shall limit the speaking time allowed to a maximum of five minutes.

- 110 3) When a speaker has exceeded the time allowed, the chairman shall notify the meeting and request the speaker to conclude briefly.

### **20.9 Closing the list of speakers**

- 111 1) During the debate, the chairman may rule that the list of speakers wishing to take the floor be read. The chairman shall add the names of other delegations which indicate that they wish to speak and may then, with the assent of the meeting, rule that the list be closed. Nevertheless, as an exceptional measure, the chairman may if finding it appropriate to do so rule that a reply may be made to any previous statement, even after the list of speakers has been closed.

- 112 2) The list of speakers having been exhausted, the chairman shall declare discussion on the matter closed.

### **20.10 Questions of competence**

- 113 Any question of competence that may arise shall be settled before a vote is taken on the substance of the matter under discussion.

### **20.11 Withdrawal and resubmission of a motion**

- 114 The author of a motion may withdraw it before it is put to a vote. Any motion, whether amended or not, which has been withdrawn from debate may be resubmitted or taken up by the author of the amendment or by another delegation.

## **21 Voting**

### **21.1 Definition of a majority**

- 115 1) A majority shall consist of more than half the delegations present and voting.
- 116 2) In computing a majority, delegations abstaining shall not be taken into account.
- 117 3) In case of a tie, a proposal or amendment shall be considered rejected.
- 118 4) For the purpose of these Rules of Procedure, a “delegation present and voting” shall be a delegation voting for or against a proposal.

## 21.2 Non-participation in voting

- 119 Delegations which are present but do not take part in a particular vote or expressly state they do not wish to take part shall not be considered as absent, for the purpose of determining a quorum as defined in No. 93 above, nor as abstaining for the purpose of applying the provisions of No. 121 below.

## 21.3 Special majority

- 120 In cases concerning the admission of new Member States, the majority described in Article 2 of the Constitution shall apply.

## 21.4 Abstentions of more than fifty per cent

- 121 When the number of abstentions exceeds half the number of votes cast (for, against, abstentions), consideration of the matter under discussion shall be postponed to a later meeting, at which time abstentions shall not be taken into account.

## 21.5 Voting procedures

- 122 1) The voting procedures are as follows:
- 123 *a)* by a show of hands as a general rule unless a roll call under *b)* or secret ballot under *c)* has been requested;
- 124 *b)* by a roll call in the alphabetical order of the French names of the Member States present and entitled to vote:
- 125 1 if at least two delegations, present and entitled to vote, so request before the beginning of the vote and if a secret ballot under *c)* has not been requested, or
- 126 2 if the procedure under *a)* shows no clear majority;
- 127 *c)* by a secret ballot, if at least five of the delegations present and entitled to vote so request before the beginning of the vote.

128                   2)     The chairman shall, before commencing a vote, observe any request as to the manner in which the voting shall be conducted, and then shall formally announce the voting procedure to be applied and the issue to be submitted to the vote. The chairman shall then declare the beginning of the vote and, when the vote has been taken, shall announce the results.

129                   3)     In the case of a secret ballot, the secretariat shall at once take steps to ensure the secrecy of the vote.

130                   4)     Voting may be conducted by an electronic system if a suitable system is available and if the conference so decides.

### **21.6 Prohibition of interruptions once the vote has begun**

131                   No delegation may interrupt once a vote has begun, unless to raise a point of order in connection with the way in which the vote is being taken. The point of order cannot include any proposal entailing a change in the vote that is being taken or a change in the substance of the question put to the vote. Voting shall begin with the chairman's announcement that the voting has begun and shall end with the chairman's announcement of its results.

### **21.7 Reasons for votes**

132                   The chairman shall authorize any delegations which so request to give the reasons for their vote, after the vote has been taken.

### **21.8 Voting on parts of a proposal**

133                   1)     When the author of a proposal so requests, or when the meeting thinks fit, or when the chairman, with the approval of the author, so proposes, that proposal shall be sub-divided and its various sections put to the vote separately. The parts of the proposal which have been adopted shall then be put to the vote as a whole.

134                   2)     If all the sections of a proposal are rejected, the proposal shall be regarded as rejected as a whole.

### **21.9 Order of voting on concurrent proposals**

- 135           1)    When there are two or more proposals on any one matter, they shall be put to the vote in the order in which they were presented, unless the meeting decides to the contrary.
- 136           2)    After each vote, the meeting shall decide whether or not the following proposal shall be voted on.

### **21.10 Amendments**

- 137           1)    Any proposal for modification consisting only of a deletion from, an addition to, or a change in, a part of the original proposal shall be considered an amendment.
- 138           2)    Any amendment to a proposal accepted by the delegation submitting the proposal shall at once be embodied in the original proposal.
- 139           3)    No proposal for modification shall be regarded as an amendment if the meeting considers it to be incompatible with the original proposal.

### **21.11 Voting on amendments**

- 140           1)    When an amendment to a proposal is submitted, a vote shall first be taken on the amendment.
- 141           2)    When two or more amendments to a proposal are submitted, the amendment furthest from the original text shall be put to the vote first; if this amendment does not obtain the support of the majority, of the remaining amendments, that furthest from the proposal shall then be put to the vote and the same procedure shall be followed until a subsequent amendment gains the support of the majority; if all the amendments submitted have been considered and none has gained a majority, the unamended proposal shall be put to the vote.
- 142           3)    If one or more amendments are adopted, the proposal thus amended shall then be put to the vote.

**21.12 Repetition of a vote**

- 143           1) In the committees, subcommittees or working groups of a conference or a meeting, a proposal, a part of a proposal or an amendment which has already been decided by a vote within one of the committees, subcommittees or working groups may not be put to the vote again within the same committee, subcommittee or working group. This shall apply irrespective of the voting procedure chosen.
- 144           2) In plenary meetings, a proposal, a part of a proposal or an amendment shall not be put to the vote again unless:
- 145           a) the majority of the Member States entitled to vote so request, and
- 146           b) the request for a repetition of the vote is made at least one full day after the vote has been taken. This period shall not apply on the last day of a conference or other meeting.

**22 Rules for debates and voting procedures in committees and subcommittees**

- 147           1 The chairmen of all committees and subcommittees shall have powers similar to those conferred by Section 11 above on the chairman of the conference.
- 148           2 The provisions of Section 20 above for the conduct of debates in the Plenary Meeting shall also apply to the discussions in committees and subcommittees, except in the matter of the quorum.
- 149           3 The provisions of Section 21 above shall also apply to votes taken in committees and subcommittees.

**23 Minutes of plenary meetings of plenipotentiary conferences, radiocommunication conferences and world conferences on international telecommunications**

- 150           1 The minutes of plenary meetings of the above-mentioned conferences shall be drawn up by the secretariat of the conference, which shall ensure that they are distributed to delegations as early as possible, and in any event not later than five working days after each meeting.



**151**           2       After the minutes have been distributed, delegations may submit in writing to the secretariat of the conference any corrections they consider to be justified; this shall be done in the shortest possible time. This shall not prevent them from presenting amendments orally during the meeting at which the minutes are approved.

**152**           3       1)   As a general rule, the minutes shall contain only proposals and conclusions, together with the principal arguments on which they are based, presented in terms as concise as possible.

**153**                       2)   However, any delegation shall have the right to require the insertion in the minutes, either summarized or in full, of any statement it has made during the debates. In this case, the delegation should, as a general rule, announce this at the beginning of its statement in order to facilitate the work of the reporters and must itself hand in the text to the secretariat of the conference within two hours after the end of the meeting.

**154**           4       The right accorded in No. 153 above regarding the insertion of statements in the minutes shall in all cases be used with discretion.

**24   Reports of plenary meetings of radiocommunication assemblies, world telecommunication standardization assemblies, telecommunication development conferences, committees and sub-committees**

**155**           2       Plenary meetings of the above-mentioned assemblies and conferences and committees and subcommittees may prepare any interim reports they deem necessary and, if circumstances warrant, they may submit, at the end of their work, a final report recapitulating in concise terms the proposals and conclusions resulting from the studies entrusted to them.

## **25 Approval of minutes of plenary meetings of plenipotentiary conferences, radiocommunication conferences and world conferences on international telecommunications, and reports**

**156** 1) As a general rule, at the beginning of each plenary meeting of the above-mentioned conferences the chairman shall inquire whether there are any comments on the minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes shall be considered approved if no amendments have been handed in to the secretariat and no objection is made orally. Otherwise, the appropriate amendments shall be made in the minutes.

**157** 2) Any interim or final report must be approved by the Plenary Meeting, committee or subcommittee concerned.

**158** 1) The minutes of the last plenary meetings of the above-mentioned conferences shall be examined and approved by the chairman.

## **26 Numbering**

**159** 1) The numbers of the chapters, articles and paragraphs of the texts subjected to revision shall be preserved until the first reading in the Plenary Meeting. The passages added shall bear provisionally the number of the last preceding paragraph in the original text, with the addition of "A", "B", etc.

**160** 2) The final numbering of the chapters, articles and paragraphs shall normally be entrusted to the Editorial Committee after their adoption at the first reading but may, by a decision of the Plenary Meeting, be entrusted to the Secretary-General.

## **27 Final approval**

**161** The texts of the final acts of a plenipotentiary conference, a radiocommunication conference or a world conference on international telecommunications shall be considered final when they have been approved at the second reading in the Plenary Meeting.

## **28 Signature**

- 162** The texts of the final acts approved by the conferences referred to in No. 161 above shall be submitted for signature, in the alphabetical order of the Member States' names in French, to the delegates provided with the powers defined in Article 31 of the Convention.

## **29 Relations with the press and the public**

- 163** 1 Official releases to the press about the work of the conference shall be issued only as authorized by the chairman of the conference.
- 164** 2 The press and the public may, to the extent practicable, be present at conferences in accordance with the guidelines approved by the meeting of heads of delegations referred to in No. 49 above and with the practical arrangements made by the Secretary-General. The presence of the press and the public shall in no way disturb the normal conduct of the work of the meeting.
- 165** 3 Other meetings of the Union shall not be open to the press and the public, unless the meeting in question decides otherwise.

## **30 Franking privileges**

- 166** During the conference, members of delegations, representatives of Member States of the Council, members of the Radio Regulations Board, senior officials of the General Secretariat and of the Sectors of the Union attending the conference and the staff of the secretariat of the Union seconded to the conference shall be entitled to postal, telegram, telephone and telex franking privileges to the extent arranged by the host government in agreement with the other governments and recognized operating agencies concerned.

## CHAPTER III

### Election Procedures

**167** These election procedures shall apply to the election of the Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General and the Directors of the Bureaux of the Sectors, to the election of the members of the Radio Regulations Board, and to the election of the Member States which are to serve on the Council, in accordance with Articles 8 and 9 of the Constitution.

#### **31 General rules on election procedures**

**168** 1) At least six months prior to the opening of the conference, the Secretary-General shall invite Member States to submit candidatures.

**169** 2) Each candidature shall be accompanied by the curriculum vitae of the candidate, with the exception of candidatures for the election of Member States to the Council.

**170** 3) Candidatures must reach the Secretary-General not later than 23.59 hours (Geneva time) on the twenty-eighth day prior to the conference. That date shall be stated in the invitation sent by the Secretary-General.

**171** 4) Candidatures shall be published as conference documents as soon as they have been received by the Secretary-General.

**172** 5) Elections shall begin on the fourth calendar day of the conference.  
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**173** 6) Elections shall be held in the following order:  
1) Secretary-General, Deputy Secretary-General and Directors of the Bureaux of the Sectors, 2) members of the Radio Regulations Board and 3) Member States of the Council.

**174** 7) Elections shall be held by secret ballot.

**175** 8) Elections should preferably be held using an electronic system when a suitable system is available and if the conference does not decide otherwise.

176                   9) Whenever ballot papers are used, before proceeding to the vote, one teller for each region shall be designated by the chairman of the conference from among the delegations present. The chairman of the conference shall hand them the list of delegations entitled to vote and the list of candidates.

177                   10) Provisions relating to the right to vote and proxy votes are given in the Convention.

### **32 Specific rules of procedure for the election of the Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General and the Directors of the Bureaux of the Sectors**

178                   1) a) Elections shall be carried out in three stages, as follows: first, the election of the Secretary-General; second, the election of the Deputy Secretary-General; and third, the election of the Directors of the Bureaux of the Sectors. The election of the Deputy Secretary-General shall only start upon completion of the election of the Secretary-General. The election of the Directors of the Bureaux shall only start upon completion of the election of the Deputy Secretary-General.

179                   b) If there is only one candidate for the post of Secretary-General or for the post of Deputy Secretary-General, elections shall be carried out in two stages: first, the election of the Secretary-General and Deputy Secretary-General, and then the election of the Directors of the Bureaux of the Sectors. The second group of elections shall only start upon completion of the first group of elections.

180                   2) The same candidate may not stand for election to more than one post.

181                   3) Before proceeding to the elections pertaining to each stage, each delegation entitled to vote shall receive:

182                   a) a list of the posts included in the stage, bearing the names of all candidates in French alphabetical order, together with the names of the Member States which have nominated the candidates; or

- 183**        *b)*    when ballot papers are used to hold the elections, a separate ballot paper for each of the posts included in the stage, bearing the names of all candidates in French alphabetical order, together with the names of the Member States which have nominated the candidates.
- 184**        4)    Each delegation should indicate the candidate it supports:
- 185**        *a)*    by electronic means; or
- 186**        *b)*    when ballot papers are used to hold the elections, on its ballot paper by means of an “X” in the box against the name of that candidate.
- 187**        5)    Any candidate obtaining the majority (see No. 115 above) shall be elected.
- 188**        6)    Blank ballot papers shall be considered as abstentions. Ballot papers with more than one box marked, or bearing any mark other than an “X” inside a box, or bearing any mark whatsoever outside the boxes, shall be considered as invalid and shall not be counted. In computing the majority, delegations abstaining from voting shall not be taken into account.
- 189**        7)    When the number of abstentions exceeds half the number of votes cast, the provisions of No. 121 above shall apply.
- 190**        8)    When the counting of the votes is completed, the chairman of the conference shall announce the results of the ballot in the following order:
- number of delegations entitled to vote;
  - number of delegations absent;
  - number of abstentions;
  - number of invalid ballot papers;
  - number of votes recorded;
  - number of votes constituting the required majority;
  - number of votes secured by each of the candidates, in ascending order of the number of votes;
  - name of the elected candidate, if any.
- 191**        9)    When, in the first ballot, no candidate obtains the necessary majority of the votes, then one or – if required – two further ballots shall be held after successive intervals of at least six hours, unless the conference decides otherwise, from the announcement of the results.

- 192** 10) When, after the third ballot, no candidate has obtained the necessary majority of votes, then, after an interval of at least twelve hours, unless the conference decides otherwise, from the announcement of the results, a fourth ballot shall be held in which the two candidates having the largest number of votes at the third ballot shall be voted upon.
- 193** 11) If however, after the third ballot, there is a tie between several candidates so that the two candidates to be voted upon at the fourth ballot cannot be selected, then one or, if necessary, two additional ballots shall first be held, after successive intervals of at least six hours, unless the conference decides otherwise, from the announcement of the results, to decide between the candidates in question.
- 194** 12) When there is a tie in both the additional ballots mentioned in No. 193 above, then the eldest of the candidates still in contention shall be declared elected.

### **33 Specific rules of procedure for the election of the members of the Radio Regulations Board**

- 195**  
**PP-06** 1) The total number of members of the Radio Regulations Board and the number of seats per region of the world shall be decided in accordance with Nos. 63 and 93A of the Constitution.
- 196** 2) Before proceeding to the vote, each delegation entitled to vote shall receive:
- 197** a) a list bearing the names, in French alphabetical order, of the candidates, together with the names of the Member States which have nominated the candidates, grouped into the regions of the world; or
- 198** b) when ballot papers are used to hold the elections, a respective ballot paper bearing the names, in French alphabetical order, of the candidates, together with the names of the Member States which have nominated the candidates, grouped into the regions of the world.
- 199** 3) Each delegation shall indicate the names of the candidates it supports, up to a maximum of the number of candidates per region whose election is permitted according to No. 195 above:

- 200 a) by electronic means; or
- 201 b) when ballot papers are used to hold the elections, on its ballot paper by means of an “X” in the box against each of these names.
- 202 4) Ballot papers bearing more than the permitted number of “X” per region shall be considered invalid and shall not be counted for the region or regions concerned. Ballot papers bearing any mark other than an “X” inside a box, or bearing any mark whatsoever outside the boxes, shall be considered invalid and shall not be counted.
- 203 5) After the count, a list shall be drawn up by the secretariat of the candidates in each region in decreasing order of the number of votes obtained. This list shall be handed to the chairman of the conference, after verification by the tellers in the case that ballot papers were used to hold the elections.
- 204 6) The candidates per region receiving the largest number of votes within the limit of the number of seats to be filled shall be elected as members of the Radio Regulations Board.
- 205 7) When required, a special ballot shall be held to decide between candidates for the same region having received an equal number of votes after an interval of at least six hours, unless the conference decides otherwise, from the announcement of the results.
- 206 8) When there is still a tie between several candidates for the same region following the special ballot, the eldest of the candidates still in contention shall be declared elected.

### **34 Specific rules of procedure for the election of the Member States of the Council**

- 207 1) The total number of Member States to be elected and the number of seats per region of the world shall be decided in accordance with No. 61 of the Constitution and No. 50A of the Convention.
- 208 2) Before proceeding to the vote, each delegation entitled to vote shall receive:
- 209 a) a list bearing the names, in French alphabetical order, of the Member States which are candidates, grouped into the regions of the world; or



- 210**      *b)*      when ballot papers are used to hold the elections, a single ballot paper bearing the names, in French alphabetical order, of the Member States which are candidates, grouped into the regions of the world.
- 211**      3)      Each delegation shall indicate the names of the Member States it supports, but not more Member States per region than the number of countries whose election is permitted according to No. 207 above:
- 212**      *a)*      by electronic means; or
- 213**      *b)*      when ballot papers are used to hold the elections, on its ballot paper by means of an “X” in the box against each of these names.
- 214**      4)      Ballot papers bearing more than the maximum permitted number of “X” per region shall be considered as invalid and shall not be counted for the region or regions concerned. Ballot papers bearing any mark other than an “X” inside a box, or bearing any mark whatsoever outside the boxes, shall be considered invalid and shall not be counted.
- 215**      5)      After the count, a list shall be drawn up by the secretariat of candidate Member States in each region in decreasing order of the number of votes obtained. This list shall be handed to the chairman of the conference, after verification by the tellers in the case that ballot papers were used to hold the elections.
- 216**      6)      Those Member States which obtain the highest number of votes among the candidates from their region, within the limit of the number of seats to be filled for that region, shall be elected to the Council.
- 217**      7)      If, for any region, several Member States tie for the last seat or seats, then a special ballot shall be held, after an interval of at least six hours, unless the conference decides otherwise, from the announcement of the results, to decide between the candidates.
- 218**      8)      When there is a tie after the special ballot, the Chairman of the conference shall draw lots to determine the Member State(s) which shall be declared elected.

## CHAPTER IV

**Proposal, Adoption and Entry into Force of  
Amendments to These General Rules**

- 219** 1 Any Member State may propose, at a plenipotentiary conference, any amendment to these General Rules. Amendments proposed must be submitted in conformity with the relevant provisions of Chapter I above.
- 220** 2 The quorum required for the examination of any proposed amendment to these General Rules shall be as indicated in Section 20.1 above.
- 221** 3 In order to be adopted, any proposed amendment must be approved at a plenary meeting by more than half of the delegations accredited to the plenipotentiary conference which have the right to vote.
- 222** 4 Unless otherwise decided by the plenipotentiary conference itself by a decision adopted by a two-thirds majority of the delegations accredited to the plenipotentiary conference which have the right to vote, amendments to these General Rules adopted in accordance with the provisions of this chapter shall enter into force, for all conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union, on the date of signature of the final acts of the plenipotentiary conference which adopted them.

## **OPTIONAL PROTOCOL**

ON THE COMPULSORY SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES  
RELATING TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION,  
TO THE CONVENTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL  
TELECOMMUNICATION UNION AND TO THE  
ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS



## OPTIONAL PROTOCOL

### **on the Compulsory Settlement of Disputes Relating to the Constitution of the International Telecommunication Union, to the Convention of the International Telecommunication Union and to the Administrative Regulations**

At the time of signing the Constitution of the International Telecommunication Union and the Convention of the International Telecommunication Union (Geneva, 1992), the undersigned Plenipotentiaries have signed the present Optional Protocol on the Compulsory Settlement of Disputes.

The Members of the Union, parties to this Optional Protocol,

expressing the desire to resort to compulsory arbitration, so far as they are concerned, for the settlement of any disputes concerning the interpretation or application of the Constitution, the Convention or of the Administrative Regulations mentioned in Article 4 of the Constitution,

have agreed upon the following provisions:

### ARTICLE 1

Unless one of the methods of settlement listed in Article 56 of the Constitution has been chosen by common agreement, disputes concerning the interpretation or application of the Constitution, the Convention or the Administrative Regulations mentioned in Article 4 of the Constitution shall, at the request of one of the parties to the dispute, be submitted for compulsory arbitration. The procedure to be followed is laid down in Article 41 of the Convention, paragraph 5 (No. 511) of which shall be amplified as follows:

“5. Within three months from the date of receipt of the notification of the submission of the dispute to arbitration, each of the two parties to the dispute shall appoint an arbitrator. If one of the parties has not appointed an arbitrator within this time-limit, this appointment shall be made, at the request of the other party, by the Secretary-General who shall act in accordance with Nos. 509 and 510 of the Convention.”

## ARTICLE 2

This Protocol shall be open to signature by Members at the same time as they sign the Constitution and the Convention. It shall be ratified, accepted or approved by any Signatory Member in accordance with its constitutional rules. It may be acceded to by any Members parties to the Constitution and the Convention and by any States which become Members of the Union. The instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession shall be deposited with the Secretary-General.

## ARTICLE 3

This Protocol shall come into force for the Parties hereto, who have ratified, accepted, approved or acceded to it, on the same date as the Constitution and the Convention, provided that at least two instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession in its respect have been deposited on that date. Otherwise, it shall come into force on the thirtieth day after the date on which the second instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession is deposited.

## ARTICLE 4

This Protocol may be amended by the Parties hereto during a Plenipotentiary Conference of the Union.

## ARTICLE 5

Each Member party to this Protocol may denounce it by a notification addressed to the Secretary-General, such denunciation taking effect at the expiration of a period of one year from the date of receipt of its notification by the Secretary-General.

## ARTICLE 6

The Secretary-General shall notify all Members:

- a) of the signatures appended to this Protocol and of the deposit of each instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession;
- b) of the date on which this Protocol shall have come into force;
- c) of the date of entry into force of any amendment;
- d) of the effective date of any denunciation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the respective Plenipotentiaries have signed this Protocol in each of the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish languages, in a single copy within which, in case of discrepancy, the French text shall prevail, and which shall remain deposited in the archives of the International Telecommunication Union, which shall forward a copy to each of the signatory countries.

Done at Geneva, 22 December 1992





**DECISIONS**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RECOMMENDATIONS**



## DECISION 3 (Minneapolis, 1998)

**Treatment of decisions,  
resolutions and recommendations  
of plenipotentiary conferences**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Minneapolis, 1998),

*considering*

*a)* that the adoption of a permanent Constitution and Convention of the International Telecommunication Union by the Additional Plenipotentiary Conference (Geneva, 1992) has contributed to the efficiency of plenipotentiary conferences;

*b)* that, at past plenipotentiary conferences, all the decisions, resolutions and recommendations of the preceding conference have been examined and a new set adopted, even if it repeats, totally or partially, some of the previous output;

*c)* that the Plenipotentiary Conference (Kyoto, 1994) started a new numbering system for decisions, resolutions and recommendations, independent of the numbering system used in previous plenipotentiary conferences;

*d)* that these practices concerning decisions, resolutions and recommendations are not ideal, in that they have resulted in certain inefficiencies and potential for confusion;

*e)* that a new numbering system for decisions, resolutions and recommendations is required in order to avoid confusion,

*decides*

1 that resolutions of an ITU plenipotentiary conference remain in effect unless they are revised or abrogated by a subsequent plenipotentiary conference;

2 that the final acts of a plenipotentiary conference should also include:

- the full text of new and revised resolutions, together with a list of their titles and numbers;
- a list of abrogated resolutions showing their titles and numbers, but no text;

3 that resolutions should be identified as follows:

3.1 resolutions not amended:

- i) a resolution of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Kyoto, 1994) the text of which is not amended by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Minneapolis, 1998) should continue to be identified by its existing number, with the addition of “(Kyoto, 1994)” after the number, e.g. Resolution AAA (Kyoto, 1994);
- ii) resolutions not amended by plenipotentiary conferences subsequent to the Plenipotentiary Conference (Minneapolis, 1998) should retain their existing designation;

3.2 new resolutions:

new resolutions adopted by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Minneapolis, 1998) and subsequent plenipotentiary conferences should be numbered consecutively, starting from the next number to the last one adopted at the preceding plenipotentiary conference, together with the city and the year in parentheses, e.g. Resolution BBB (Minneapolis, 1998);

3.3 revised resolutions:

resolutions revised at the Plenipotentiary Conference (Minneapolis, 1998) and subsequent plenipotentiary conferences should retain the same number as before, together with the abbreviation “Rev.”, the city and the year in parentheses, e.g. Resolution CCC (Rev. Minneapolis, 1998);

4 that decisions and recommendations of plenipotentiary conferences should also be treated in the manner described in *decides* 1 to 3.3 above.

## DECISION 5 (Rev. Antalya, 2006)

**Income and expenditure for the Union  
for the period 2008-2011**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

*considering*

the strategic plans and goals established for the Union and its Sectors for the period 2008-2011, and the priorities identified therein,

*considering further*

*a)* Resolution 91 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) of this conference, on general principles for cost recovery;

*b)* that, in the consideration of the draft financial plan of the Union for 2008-2011, the gap between income and expenditure was substantial,

*noting*

that this conference has adopted Resolution 151 (Antalya, 2006) on the implementation of results-based management in ITU, an important component of which relates to planning, programming, budgeting, monitoring and evaluation, and which should lead, *inter alia*, to further strengthening of the financial management system of the Union,

*noting further*

that Resolution 48 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) of this conference stresses the importance of the human resources of the Union for the fulfilment of its goals and objectives,

*decides*

1 that the Council is authorized to draw up the two biennial budgets of the Union in such a way that the total expenditure of the General Secretariat and the three Sectors of the Union is balanced by the anticipated income, on the basis of Annex 1 to this decision, taking into account the following:

1.1 that the upper limit of the amount of the contributory unit of Member States for the years 2008-2011 shall be CHF 330 000;

1.2 that, for the years 2008-2009, the contributory unit of Member States shall not exceed CHF 318 000;

1.3 that expenditure on interpretation, translation and text processing in respect of the official languages of the Union shall not exceed CHF 85 million for the years 2008-2011;

1.4 that, when adopting the biennial budgets of the Union, the Council may decide to give the Secretary-General the possibility, in order to meet unanticipated demand, to increase the budget for products or services which are subject to cost recovery, within the limit of the income from cost recovery for that activity;

1.5 that the Council shall each year control the expenditure and income in the budget as well as the different activities and the related expenditure;

2 that, if no plenipotentiary conference is held in 2010, the Council shall establish the biennial budgets of the Union for 2012 and thereafter, having first obtained approval for the budgeted annual values of the contributory unit from a majority of the Member States of the Union;

3 that the Council may authorize expenditure in excess of the limits for conferences, meetings and seminars if such excess can be compensated by sums within the expenditure limits accrued from previous years or charged to the following year;

4 that the Council shall, during each budgetary period, assess the changes that have taken place and the changes likely to take place in the current and coming budgetary periods under the following items:

4.1 salary scales, pension contributions and allowances, including post adjustments, established by the United Nations common system and applicable to the staff employed by the Union;

4.2 the exchange rate between the Swiss franc and the United States dollar in so far as this affects the staff costs for those staff members on United Nations scales;

4.3 the purchasing power of the Swiss franc in respect of non-staff items of expenditure;

5 that the Council shall have the task of effecting every possible economy, in particular taking into account the options for reducing expenditure contained in Annex 2 to this decision, and considering the application of the concept of unfunded mandatory activities (UMACs)<sup>1</sup>, and, to this end, that it shall establish the lowest possible authorized level of expenditure commensurate with the needs of the Union, within the limits established by *decides* 1, if necessary taking into account the provisions of *decides* 7 below; a set of options for reducing expenditure is given in Annex 2 to this decision;

6 that the Council may exceed the limit set in *decides* 1.2 above for the years 2008-2009 by up to one per cent, in order to meet expenditure on unforeseen and urgent activities which are in the interests of the Union; within the upper limit established in *decides* 1.1 above, the Council may exceed the limit of CHF 318 000 by more than one per cent only with the approval of a majority of the Member States of the Union, after they have been duly consulted, within the upper limit of CHF 330 000; they shall be presented with a full statement of the facts justifying this step;

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<sup>1</sup> The concept of UMACs may be applied, where necessary, as a means of highlighting a number of activities within the overall programme of work mandated by the governing bodies of the Union, as well as those support activities which are deemed essential to implement the mandated activities, which could not be accommodated within the financial limits set by the Plenipotentiary Conference. The Secretary-General would be authorized to incur expenditure on these activities provided that savings are achieved or additional income is generated.

7 that, in determining the value of the contributory unit in any budgetary period, the Council shall take into account the future programme of conferences and meetings and the estimated related costs, as well as other sources of income, in order to avoid wide fluctuations from period to period;

8 that, in determining the value of the contributory unit, the Council should also take into account the budgetary impact of the introduction of new cost-recovery charges for activities that were previously funded from assessed contributions and should, to the greatest extent possible, reduce the value of the contributory unit by an appropriate amount;

9 that the following guidelines should be applied in relation to any expenditure reductions:

- a) the internal audit function of the Union should be maintained at a strong and effective level;
- b) there should be no expenditure reductions which would affect cost-recovery income;
- c) fixed costs such as those related to the reimbursement of loans or after-service health insurance should not be subject to expenditure reductions;
- d) there should be no expenditure reductions in regular maintenance costs for ITU buildings which would affect the security or the health of staff;
- e) the information services function in the Union should be maintained at an effective level;

10 that the Council, in determining the amount of withdrawals from or allocations to the Reserve Account, should aim under normal circumstances at keeping the Reserve Account (after integration of unused appropriations) at a level above three per cent of the total budget,

*instructs the Secretary-General, with the assistance of the Coordination Committee*

1 to prepare the draft biennial budgets for the years 2008-2009, as well as 2010-2011, on the basis of the associated guidelines in *decides* above, the annexes to this decision and all relevant documents submitted to the Plenipotentiary Conference;



2 to ensure that, in each biennial budget, income and expenditure are balanced;

3 to draw up and implement a programme of appropriate cost efficiencies and reductions across all ITU operations so as to ensure a balanced budget;

4 to implement the aforementioned programme as soon as possible,

*instructs the Secretary-General*

to provide to the Council, no less than seven weeks before its 2007 and 2009 ordinary sessions, complete and accurate data as needed for the development, consideration and establishment of the biennial budget,

*instructs the Council*

1 to review and approve the biennial budgets for 2008-2009 and 2010-2011, giving due consideration to the associated guidelines in *decides* above, the annexes to this decision and all documents submitted to the Plenipotentiary Conference;

2 to ensure that, in each biennial budget, income and expenditure are balanced;

3 to consider further appropriations in the event that additional sources of revenue are identified or savings achieved;

4 to examine the cost-efficiency and cost-reduction programme drawn up by the Secretary-General;

5 to take account of the impact of any cost-reduction programme on the staff of the Union, including the implementation of a voluntary retirement scheme.

## ANNEX 1 TO DECISION 5 (Rev. Antalya, 2006)

**Financial plan 2008-2011:  
Income and expenditure estimates**

		In thousands of Swiss francs
	Amount of the contributory unit	318 000
1	Income estimates	
2	Assessed contributions (402.08 full units)*	511 445
3	Cost-recovery income	105 369
4	Other income	10 800
5	Reduction due to free access to ITU-T Recommendations**	-7 000
6	Increase in the price of publications (10% on average)	4 000
<b>7</b>	<b>Income estimates</b>	<b>624 614</b>

\* Based on the number of contributory units as at 22 November 2006

\*\* Subject to Council 2007 decision

**Financial plan 2008-2011:  
Income and expenditure estimates (cont.)**

In thousands of Swiss francs

<b>7</b>	<b>Income estimates</b>	<b>624 614</b>
8	Expenditure estimates***	673 662
9	Estimated financial impact of PP-06 resolutions and decisions (Res. 143, 146; Dec. 9)	1 490
10	RRC-06 post-conference work	5 200
11	WTDC-06 Doha Action Plan	4 500
12	IPSAS implementation	2 500
13	Security projects	0
14	WSIS outcomes	0
15	WTSA-04 outcomes	0
16	WTDC-06 outcomes	0
17	Staff costs	-2 000
18	Travel on duty	-2 000
19	Fellowships	-1 000
20	External consultants	-1 000
21	Public services	-1 000
22	Documentation	-11 500
23	Advisory groups	-560
24	Council working groups	-490
25	WRC/RA/CPM	-600
26	Study group meetings	-2 000
27	Interpretation	-1 500
<b>28</b>	<b>Expenditure estimates</b>	<b>663 702</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>Income estimates less expenditure estimates****</b>	<b>-39 088</b>

\*\*\* Reference Document PP-06/57 (Annex 1)

\*\*\*\* Reduction of expenditure and/or increase of income to be identified

## ANNEX 2 TO DECISION 5 (Rev. Antalya, 2006)

**Options for reducing expenditure**

- 1) Identification of possible duplications (functions, activities, workshops, seminars) and centralization of finance and administrative tasks.
- 2) Coordination and harmonization of seminars and workshops in order to avoid duplication of the subjects covered and to optimize secretariat attendance.
- 3) Coordination with regional organizations with a view to sharing the available resources of the regional organizations and minimizing the costs of participation (workshops, seminars, preparatory meetings for world conferences).
- 4) Possible savings from natural attrition (opportunity for keeping vacant positions unfilled and for the redeployment of staff).
- 5) New activities are to be implemented through staff redeployment.
- 6) Reduction in the cost of documentation of conferences and meetings by:
  - a) requesting at the time of registration whether paper copies are required;
  - b) setting of a maximum number of copies by the Plenipotentiary Conference or by the Council;
  - c) setting of a maximum of three sets per delegation;
  - d) reducing the number of paper copies sent to administrations from the current five to a maximum of two or three.
- 7) Consideration of savings in languages (translation, interpretation) for study group meetings and publications.
- 8) Implementation of WSIS activities through staff redeployment within the existing resources.
- 9) Review of the costs of study groups, working parties, task groups.

- 10) Limitation of the number of study group meetings and in their duration.
- 11) Limitation of the number of days of meetings for the advisory groups to three days per year maximum. Additional meetings may be held on cost-recovery basis, i.e. costs are financed by the requesting Sectors.
- 12) Elimination as much as possible of physical meetings of working groups of the Council.
- 13) Reduction of two working days for WRC, one for RA and one for CPM. The scope and complexity of the agenda will have to be taken into consideration and adapted to the new durations of these events.
- 14) Identification of the level of achievement of the different programmes with a view to utilizing resources for other new activities.
- 15) For new programmes or those having additional financial resource implications, a “value-added impact statement” should justify how the proposed programmes differ from current and/or similar programmes in order to avoid overlap and duplication.
- 16) Sound consideration of the resources allocated to regional initiatives, programmes and assistance to members, to the regional presence both in the regions and at headquarters, as well as those resulting from the outcome of WTDC and the Doha Action Plan.
- 17) Reduction of the cost of travel on duty, by limiting time on mission as well as participation in meetings, and benefiting from reductions in air fares.
- 18) Radio Regulations Board – Reduction of the number of meetings in one calendar year from four to three.

DECISION 6 (Marrakesh, 2002)

**Financial Plan of the Union for the period 2004 to 2007**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Marrakesh, 2002),

*considering*

- a)* that, in the consideration of the draft Financial Plan of the Union for the period 2004-2007, the gap between income and expenditure was substantial;
- b)* that this conference has reviewed many options for reducing that gap,

*noting*

that this conference established the following guidelines in the application of the expenditure reductions outlined in the Financial Plan:

- a)* the internal audit function of the Union should be maintained at a strong and effective level;
- b)* there should be no expenditure reductions which would affect cost-recovery income;
- c)* fixed costs such as those related to the reimbursement of loans or after-service health insurance should not be subject to expenditure reductions;
- d)* there should be no expenditure reductions in regular maintenance costs for ITU buildings which would affect the security or the health of staff;
- e)* the information services function in the Union should be maintained at an effective level;

f) the Reserve Account should be maintained at a level not less than 3 per cent of the budget;

*noting further*

that this conference revised Resolution 48 (Rev. Minneapolis, 1998) and established guidelines for human resources management and development,

*decides*

to approve, pursuant to No. 161G of the ITU Constitution, the Financial Plan of the Union for the period 2004 to 2007 as outlined in the annex hereto,

*instructs the Secretary-General, with the assistance of the Coordination Committee*

1 to prepare the draft biennial budgets for the years 2004-2005, as well as 2006-2007, on the basis of the Financial Plan and the associated guidelines in *noting* above;

2 to elaborate a cost-reduction programme, including a possible staff reduction;

3 to implement the cost-reduction programme as soon as possible,

*instructs the Council*

1 to review and approve the biennial budgets for 2004-2005 and 2006-2007, giving due consideration to the Financial Plan and the associated guidelines in *noting* above;

2 to ensure that, in each biennial budget, the income and expenditure are balanced;

3 to consider further appropriations in the event that additional sources of revenue are identified or savings are achieved;

4 to examine the cost- and staff-reduction programme prepared by the Secretary-General;

5 in so doing, to take account of the social constraints that could result from the implementation of the Financial Plan for the staff of the Union.

**Annex: 1**

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*(Marrakesh, 2002)*

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## ANNEX TO DECISION 6 (Marrakesh, 2002)

**Financial Plan of the Union for the Period 2004-2007****Table A – Income estimates**

In thousands of Swiss francs

Source	Actual 2000-2001 plus Budget 2002-2003	Estimates 2004-2007
A Assessed contributions <sup>1)</sup>	544 963	531 923
A.1 Member States' contributions (335 13/16 units at CHF 315 000 per annum)	450 705	423 124
A.2 Sector Members' contributions (CHF 63 000 per annum)	93 046	88 484
– Radiocommunication Sector (127 units)	30 861	32 004
– Telecommunication Standardization Sector (191 ½ units)	53 342	48 258
– Telecommunication Development Sector (32 5/8 units)	8 843	8 222
A.3 Associates (CHF 10 500 per annum)	294	2 520
– Radiocommunication Sector (10 units)	36	420
– Telecommunication Standardization Sector (50 units)	258	2 100
– Telecommunication Development Sector (0 units)	–	
A.4 Member States' contributions to regional radiocommunication conferences	918	17 796
B Cost recovery	94 782	107 862
B.1 Project support cost income	13 748	11 400
B.2 Sales of publications	52 977	51 850
B.3 Products and services under cost recovery	28 057	44 612
– UIFN	3 252	3 480
– UIPRN/UISCN and AESA	417	600
– GMPCS-MoUs	1 409	1 410
– TELECOM <sup>2)</sup>	6 362	9 122
– Satellite network filing	16 206	30 000
– Other cost-recovery income	411	–

**Table A – Income estimates (cont.)**

In thousands of Swiss francs

Source	Actual 2000-2001 plus Budget 2002-2003	Estimates 2004-2007
C Income from interest	13 119	9 600
D Other income	5 498	4 000
Subtotal	658 363	653 385
Net withdrawals from the ITU Reserve Account for programme activities	14 977	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>673 340</b>	<b>653 385</b>

<sup>1)</sup> Number of contributory units known at 15 October 2002 (*Ref.* Article 28, No. 161G of the Constitution).

<sup>2)</sup> Income estimate based on methodology applied in 2002-2003 approved budget.

**Table B – Basis for the elaboration of the Financial Plan**

	In thousands of Swiss francs	
	<b>2000-2003 at 1.1.02 rates</b>	<b>2004-2007 Estimates</b>
<b>1 BASE ESTIMATES BY SECTOR AFTER REDUCTIONS</b>		
General Secretariat (agreed reductions and 5% cut) excluding RRC	361 618	331 983
Radiocommunication Sector (agreed changes and 2% cut) including one WRC and excluding RRC expenditure	139 587	137 208
Telecommunication Standardization Sector (1% cut)	55 575	55 019
Telecommunication Development Sector (1% cut)	133 724	132 387
<i>Subtotal 1</i>	690 504	656 597
<b>2 ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMES</b>		
<i>Document 71, Annex B</i>		
(item 3) WTDC resolutions (ITU-D)		5 000
(item 5) Additional Council working group (GS)		280
(item 7) Information and communication technology (GS)		3 500
(item 8) Buildings management (GS)		3 000
<i>Document 192, Res. 7</i>		
Languages increase (GS)		6 100
<i>Subtotal 2</i>		17 880
<b>3 SALARY INCREASE AND EXCHANGE RATE EFFECT</b>		
UN system salary increases and inflation (All)		30 204
Exchange rate effect (projected at USD = CHF 1.50) (All)		-13 859
<i>Subtotal 3</i>		16 345
<b>4 ADDITIONAL REDUCTIONS OVER ITEM 1 ABOVE</b>		
<i>Staffing</i>		
Across-the-board staff cost reduction by 5% in addition to the reduced base estimates above (excluding cost recovery activities) (All)		24 901
<i>Document 71, Annex C</i>		
(item 1) Reduction of PP length to 3 weeks (GS)		535
(item 5) Restrict Councillor travel costs: LDCs-ticket + DSA, developing countries – ticket only (GS)		1 300

**Table B – Basis for the elaboration of the Financial Plan** (*cont.*)

In thousands of Swiss francs		
	<b>2000-2003 at 1.1.02 rates</b>	<b>2004-2007 Estimates</b>
(item 9) 50% of reduction of all meetings by 1 day except for RRC (All)		659
(item 11) Abolish summary records (except for plenary meetings of treaty conferences and RRB) (All)		1 795
(item 12) Implementation of “print on demand” technique for Recommendations in paper format (GS)		1 829
(item 14) Apply standard UN practice on travel (9 hr. rule and business class for elected officials) (All)		1 080
(item 15) Reduce 20% of travel expenditure on HQ staff official missions (All)		1 140
<i>Other reductions decided by Committee 6</i>		
Policy Forum – no appropriation (GS)		491
Radio Regulations Board – reduction over the proposed 04-07 amount (ITU-R)		500
	<b><i>Subtotal 4</i></b>	<b>34 230</b>
<b>5 TOTAL EXPENDITURE EXCLUDING RRC = 1 + 2 + 3 – 4</b>	<b>690 504</b>	<b>656 592</b>
<b>6</b> Income estimates (Total under Table A <i>minus</i> income in respect of regional radiocommunication conference amounting to CHF 17 796 000)		635 589
<b>7</b> Balance <sup>3)</sup> (Item 5 – Item 6 above)		–21 003

<sup>3)</sup> Negative balance of CHF 21 million due to decrease in number of contributory units.

**Table C – Financial Plan (Expenditure) for the period 2004-2007**

	In thousands of Swiss francs	
	2000-2003 at 1.1.02 rates	2004-2007
<b>GENERAL SECRETARIAT</b>		
Plenipotentiary Conference	3 318	1 952
Policy Forum	491	0
World Summit on the Information Society	433	1 194
Council	4 043	3 763
Secretary-General's Office and departments	353 128	328 287
Publications	205	205
<i>Subtotal</i>		<u>335 401</u>
Additional reduction (21 million × 33.3%) in the SG's Office and departments		-7 000
<b>Total</b>	<u>361 618</u>	<b>328 401</b>
<b>RADIOCOMMUNICATION SECTOR</b>		
Expenditure for Sector		134 770
Additional reduction (21 million × 28.2%)		-5 922
<b>Total</b>	<u>139 587</u>	<b>128 848</b>
<b>TELECOMMUNICATION STANDARDIZATION SECTOR</b>		
Expenditure for Sector		53 374
Additional reduction (21 million × 11.3%)		-2 380
<b>Total</b>	<u>55 575</u>	<b>50 994</b>
<b>TELECOMMUNICATION DEVELOPMENT SECTOR</b>		
Expenditure for Sector		133 044
Additional reduction (21 million × 27.1%)		-5 698
<b>Total</b>	<u>133 724</u>	<b>127 346</b>
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>690 504</b>	<b>635 589</b>

## DECISION 7 (Marrakesh, 2002)

**Review of the management of the Union**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Marrakesh, 2002),

*considering*

- a)* that, in 1991, the High Level Committee recommended decentralization of the ITU budgets and greater delegation of responsibility;
- b)* that Resolution 39 (Kyoto, 1994) of the Plenipotentiary Conference endorsed the examination of options for strengthening the financial base of the Union, including reducing costs, and the more effective allocation of resources;
- c)* that, in 2001, the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit reviewed the management and administration of ITU and reported to the Council (Document C01/37);
- d)* that, also in 2001, with limited progress on the implementation of greater delegation of authority, the Council Working Group on ITU Reform, in its Recommendation R14, recommended that a study should be conducted on the feasibility of replacing ITU's current centralized financial management system with a system of budgets managed by the Sectors, with the involvement of the Sector advisory groups, and that the feasibility analysis should also include the implications of allocating a limited budget resource to the Sector advisory groups,

*considering further*

- a)* that, in 2002, given the constraints of the world economic situation, there will be a decline in the resources that Member States and Sector Members can commit to fund the activities of ITU in the financial period 2004-2007;
- b)* that the constraints of the world economic situation also serve to increase further the growing demands placed on the activities of the Union and to highlight the limited resources available to fund them;

c) that, in the resulting financial crisis facing ITU, there is an urgent need to seek innovative ways to rationalize internal costs, optimize resources and improve efficiency;

d) that a method for making more effective and efficient use of resources is to empower individuals to manage resources for the achievement of results by delegating to them authority for financial and human resources;

e) that the limited decentralization of appropriations to the Sectors in the budget structure of the Union has not achieved the objectives targeted under *considering a)*,

*recognizing*

a) that greater delegation of authority to managers will require appropriate accountability and control mechanisms;

b) that delegation of authority for the management of part of the Sector budgets to the Directors of the Bureaux will give them more effective control over the organization of the work of their Sectors and that therefore they will need to consult their Sector advisory groups in the application of this delegated authority,

*decides*

1 that, since significant benefits in terms of effectiveness and efficiency can be expected from carefully planned further decentralization of the Union's resources, this decentralization shall be implemented and reviewed by the Council based on the work of a group of experts;

2 that, in order to improve effectiveness and efficiency, the Secretary-General shall delegate authority to the Directors of the Bureaux for the management of their Sector budgets once the control mechanisms identified in the management review are in place,

*decides further*

that *decides 2* will give the Directors of the Bureaux much greater control over the Sector operational plans and that the delegation of authority for the Sector budgets should be exercised following advice from the Sector advisory groups,

*instructs the extraordinary session of the Council to be held during this conference*

1 to establish a group of specialists, one from each administrative region, to undertake as a matter of urgency the work described in the annex to this decision, in consultation with the Secretary-General, the Directors of the Bureaux and the Sector advisory groups;

2 to request the group of specialists to report to the 2003 session of the Council in order that this decision may be fully implemented by that time and may be used in conjunction with the examination of the draft budget 2004-2005,

*instructs the Council*

1 to review the proposed measures and take appropriate action to enforce implementation;

2 to monitor the implementation of this decision at each subsequent session of the Council and to report to the next plenipotentiary conference on the implementation of this decision and any consequential amendments that may be necessary to the ITU Constitution and the Convention,

*instructs the Secretary-General*

1 to identify, in consultation with the Coordination Committee, areas of the budget where further decentralization of appropriations can be implemented, including transfers between budget appropriations;



2 to make the annual report of the internal auditor of the Union available to the Council;

3 to make the minutes of Coordination Committee meetings available on the Council website, excluding confidential staff matters.

**Annex: 1**

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*(Marrakesh, 2002)*

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## ANNEX TO DECISION 7 (Marrakesh, 2002)

**Group of specialists to review the management of the Union**

The purpose of the Group of Specialists to review the management of the Union shall be to undertake, as a matter of urgency, studies on the overall management of the Union, in order that the results of the studies are implemented in time for the 2004-2005 biennial budget. The experts serving on the group shall be provided by administrations, at their own cost.

**Terms of reference**

To identify and evaluate options, with supporting pros and cons, relating to the effectiveness, efficiency and economy of the management and administration of the Union as a whole, considering all elements that would contribute to efficient and effective fulfilment of the functions and duties of ITU, and in particular to review:

- 1) the organization of the Union's financial management, including:
  - i) performing a thorough examination of ITU, including the system of budgets managed by the Sectors, so as to identify all opportunities for savings and ensure maximum economic use of the Union's resources;
  - ii) identifying the necessary control mechanisms to ensure appropriate accountability and control, including any role the Deputy Secretary-General might take in financial approval;
  - iii) recommending appropriate changes to the Financial Regulations;
- 2) various functions, to see how they could further support the activities of the Union and in the light of the changes in priorities of the membership (e.g. the library and the Strategy and Policy Unit (SPU));

- 3) the present distribution of tasks related to documentation and publications among the relevant departments of the General Secretariat and the Bureaux, identifying situations which give rise to problems of quality control, and clarifying the assignment of responsibilities and accountability;
- 4) interpretation and translation staffing and systems, including partial outsourcing (see Document PP02/115);
- 5) the provision of financial information to Member States;
- 6) better use of the centralized support services of the General Secretariat in order to achieve cost reduction in relation to TELECOM activities;
- 7) common administrative functions of each Sector, including their consolidation into the General Secretariat;
- 8) simplification of internal procedures.

## DECISION 9 (Antalya, 2006)

**Fourth World Telecommunication Policy Forum**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

*considering*

*a)* Resolution 2 (Rev. Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on maintaining the World Telecommunication Policy Forum (WTPF) in order to discuss and exchange views and information on telecommunication policy and regulatory matters, especially on global and cross-sectoral issues;

*b)* Resolution 146 (Antalya, 2006) of this conference, on review of the International Telecommunication Regulations,

*noting*

*a)* the relevant outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society;

*b)* that the purposes of the Union are, *inter alia*, to promote, at international level, the adoption of a broader approach to the issues of telecommunications in the global information economy and society, to promote the extension of the benefits of the new telecommunication technologies to all the world's inhabitants and to harmonize the actions of Member States and Sector Members in the attainment of those ends;

*c)* that ITU is uniquely positioned and has the necessary experience to provide a forum for the coordination of, exchange of information on, discussion of and harmonization of national, regional and international telecommunication strategies and policies;

*d)* that WTPF has provided a venue for discussion of global and cross-sectoral issues by high-level participants, thus contributing to the advance of world telecommunications,

*considering further*

- a) that convergence, including Internet-related public policy matters, is one of the topics of high current interest to ITU Member States and Sector Members;
- b) that the continued development of convergence, next-generation networks and Internet also has significant implications for several domains, particularly for capacity building, especially in developing countries;
- c) that a study of emerging telecommunication policy and regulatory issues is also amongst the topics of high current interest to ITU Member States and Sector Members;
- d) that a study of new and emerging issues as referred to in Resolution 146 (Antalya, 2006) is also among the topics of high current interest to ITU Member States and Sector Members,

*decides*

- 1 to convene the fourth WTPF in Geneva in the first quarter of 2009, in order to discuss and exchange views on the themes listed above, with the draft agenda shown in the annex to this decision;
- 2 that the fourth WTPF shall draw up a report and, if possible, opinions for consideration by ITU Member States and Sector Members and relevant ITU meetings;
- 3 that arrangements for the fourth WTPF shall be in accordance with applicable Council decisions for such forums.

ANNEX TO DECISION 9 (Antalya, 2006)

**Draft agenda**

**Fourth World Telecommunication Policy Forum**

- 1 Inauguration of the fourth World Telecommunication Policy Forum
- 2 Election of the chairman
- 3 Opening remarks and presentations
- 4 Organization of the work of the forum
- 5 Presentation of the Secretary-General's report
- 6 Presentation of comments by the membership on the report
- 7 Discussion
- 8 Consideration of draft opinions
- 9 Adoption of the chairman's report and opinions
- 10 Other business

## DECISION 10 (Antalya, 2006)

**Implementation of additional corrective measures relating to cost recovery for satellite network filings**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

*considering*

- a)* the revision of the methodology and scale of charges for cost recovery for the processing of satellite network filings established in Decision 482, as modified by the Council at its 2002 session;
- b)* that, in Decision 513, Council-03 agreed on the need to address this issue on a temporary basis, pending a review of the charging methodology by Council-04;
- c)* that the application of Decision 513 still resulted in some invoices having values significantly higher than CHF 100 000;
- d)* that Council-04 did not adopt a new charging methodology;
- e)* that Council-05 identified and corrected several anomalies regarding the cost-recovery fees for satellite network filings with invoices issued in the 2004-2005 biennium;
- f)* that corrective measures set forth in some Council-05 decisions for invoices issued for the 2002-2003 period were not implementable due to the closure of the accounts for 2002-2003,

*noting*

a) that Council-06 instructed the Secretary-General to transmit to the Plenipotentiary Conference (Antalya, 2006) the relevant matters relating to the implementation of cost recovery for satellite network filings (C-05 Decision 531, C-05 Decision 532, C-05 Decision 534) for which invoices were issued during the 2002-2003 period, and which were subject to actions by Council-05;

b) that the Radio Regulations Board (RRB), at its 41st meeting (Geneva, 4-8 September 2006), concluded that the publication of special sections pertaining to the coordination of some satellite networks was not correct, and therefore requested the cancellation of the relevant invoices issued during the 2002-2003 period,

*decides*

1 to implement the corrective measures set forth in Council-05 Decisions 531, 532 and 534 and in the RRB decision (41st meeting, Geneva, 4-8 September 2006) in respect of invoices issued for the 2002-2003 period, taking into account *considering f)* above;

2 that, in respect of those satellite network filings affected by *decides 1* above, and not nominated for the free entitlement, the Radiocommunication Bureau shall issue revised invoices and shall credit the responsible administration, as appropriate;

3 to withdraw the amount of CHF 6 204 956.40 from the Reserve Account, noting, however, that Decision 5 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) of this conference requires that in no circumstances should the Reserve Account be reduced below three per cent as a result of the present decision.



## RESOLUTION 2 (Rev. Marrakesh, 2002)

**World telecommunication policy forum**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Marrakesh, 2002),

*considering*

- a)* that the telecommunication environment is undergoing considerable changes under the combined influence of advances in technology, the globalization of markets and growing user demand for integrated cross-border services increasingly adapted to their needs;
- b)* that the forces shaping the telecommunication environment have led in many countries to a restructuring of the telecommunication sector, especially the separation of regulatory and operating functions, the gradual liberalization of services and the appearance of new players in this area;
- c)* that the need for a global framework to exchange information on telecommunication strategies and policies has been evident for many years;
- d)* that national telecommunication policies and regulations have to be recognized and understood, so as to allow the development of global markets which can support the harmonious development of telecommunication services;
- e)* the important contributions provided by Member States and Sector Members to previous world telecommunication policy forums,

*conscious*

a) that the purposes of the Union are, *inter alia*, to promote, at international level, the adoption of a broader approach to the issues of telecommunications in the global information economy and society, to promote the extension of the benefits of the new telecommunication technologies to all the world's inhabitants and to harmonize the actions of Member States and Sector Members in the attainment of those ends;

b) that ITU is uniquely positioned and has the necessary experience to provide a forum for the coordination of, exchange of information on, discussion of and harmonization of national, regional and international telecommunication strategies and policies;

c) that the world telecommunication policy forum, which was established by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Kyoto, 1994) and successfully convened in 1996, 1998 and 2001, has provided a venue for discussion of global and cross-sectoral issues by high-level participants, thus contributing to the advance of world telecommunications, as well as to the establishment of procedures for the conduct of the forum itself,

*emphasizing*

a) that Member States and Sector Members, realizing the need for constant review of their own telecommunication policies and legislation, and for coordination in the rapidly changing telecommunication environment, should also in the future be able to discuss strategies and policies;

b) that it is necessary for the Union, as an international organization playing a leading role in the field of telecommunications, to continue organizing the forum to facilitate the exchange of information by high-level participants on telecommunication policies;

c) that the purpose of the forum is to provide a venue for exchanging views and information and thereby creating a shared vision among policy-makers worldwide on the issues arising from the emergence of new telecommunication services and technologies, and to consider any other policy issue in telecommunications which would benefit from a global exchange of views;

- d) that the forum should continue to give special attention to the interests and needs of the developing countries, where modern technologies and services can contribute significantly to telecommunication infrastructure development;
- e) the need for allowing adequate preparation time for a forum;
- f) the importance of regional preparation and consultation,

*resolves*

- 1 that the world telecommunication policy forum as established by Resolution 2 (Kyoto, 1994) of the Plenipotentiary Conference shall be maintained, in order to discuss and exchange views and information on telecommunication policy and regulatory matters, especially on global and cross-sectoral issues;
- 2 that the world telecommunication policy forum shall neither produce prescriptive regulatory outcomes nor produce outputs with binding force; however it shall prepare reports and, where appropriate, opinions for consideration by Member States, Sector Members and relevant ITU meetings;
- 3 that the world telecommunication policy forum shall be open to all Member States and Sector Members; however, if appropriate, by decision of a majority of the representatives of Member States, a special session may be held for Member States only;
- 4 that the world telecommunication policy forum shall be convened on an ad hoc basis to respond quickly to emerging policy issues arising from the changing telecommunication environment;
- 5 that the world telecommunication policy forum should be convened within existing budgetary resources and as far as possible in conjunction with one of the conferences or meetings of the Union in order to minimize the impact on the budget of the Union;
- 6 that the Council shall decide on the duration and the date, allowing ample time for preparations, and on the venue, the agenda and the themes of the world telecommunication policy forum;

7 that the agenda and themes shall be based on a report by the Secretary-General, including input from any conference, assembly or meeting of the Union, and on contributions from Member States and Sector Members;

8 that, in order to ensure that they are well focused, discussions at the world telecommunication policy forum shall be based on a report by the Secretary-General prepared in accordance with a procedure adopted by the Council and based on the views of Member States and Sector Members;

9 that broad participation in the world telecommunication policy forum and operational efficiency during the forum shall be facilitated,

*instructs the Secretary-General*

to make the necessary preparations for convening the world telecommunication policy forum based on the *resolves* above,

*instructs the Council*

1 to decide on the duration, date, venue, agenda and themes of any future world telecommunication policy forum;

2 to adopt a procedure for preparation of the report by the Secretary-General referred to in *resolves* 7 above,

*further instructs the Council*

to submit to the next plenipotentiary conference a report on the world telecommunication policy forum for any necessary action.

## RESOLUTION 4 (Kyoto, 1994)

**Duration of plenipotentiary  
conferences of the Union**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Kyoto, 1994),

*noting*

*a)* that Article 8 of the Constitution of the International Telecommunication Union (Geneva, 1992) provides that Plenipotentiary Conferences of the Union shall be convened every four years and that this will enable them to be of shorter duration;

*b)* the increasing demands on the resources of the Union, on administrations and on delegates involved in international conferences on telecommunication subjects,

*resolves*

that future Plenipotentiary Conferences shall, unless there is a pressing need otherwise, be limited to a maximum duration of four weeks,

*instructs the Secretary-General*

to take appropriate measures to facilitate the most efficient use of time and resources during such conferences.

RESOLUTION 5 (Kyoto, 1994)

**Invitations to hold conferences  
or meetings away from Geneva**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Kyoto, 1994),

*considering*

that expenditure on conferences and meetings of the Union is distinctly lower when they are held in Geneva,

*considering, however*

that there are advantages in holding certain conferences and meetings in countries other than the headquarters country,

*bearing in mind*

that the United Nations General Assembly, in Resolution 1202 (XII), decided that meetings of organs of the United Nations should, as a general rule, be held at the headquarters of the organ concerned, but that a meeting could be held away from headquarters if an inviting government agreed to defray the additional expenditure involved,

*recommends*

that world conferences and assemblies of the Union should normally be held at the seat of the Union,

*resolves*

1 that invitations to hold conferences and assemblies of the Union away from Geneva should not be accepted unless the host government agrees to defray the additional expenditure involved;

2           that invitations to hold development conferences and meetings of the study groups of the Sectors away from Geneva should not be accepted unless the host government provides at least adequate premises and the necessary furniture and equipment free of charge, except that in the case of developing countries equipment need not necessarily be provided free of charge by the host government, if the government so requests.

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*(Kyoto, 1994)*

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RESOLUTION 6 (Kyoto, 1994)

**Attendance of liberation organizations  
recognized by the United Nations at  
conferences and meetings of the International  
Telecommunication Union as observers**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Kyoto, 1994),

*considering*

- a) Article 8 of the Constitution of the International Telecommunication Union (Geneva, 1992), vesting full powers in Plenipotentiary Conferences;
- b) Article 49 of that Constitution, defining the relations of the Union with the United Nations;
- c) Article 50 of that Constitution, defining the relations of the Union with other international organizations,

*having regard to*

relevant resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly dealing with the question of liberation movements,

*resolves*

that the liberation organizations recognized by the United Nations may attend at any time conferences, assemblies and meetings of the International Telecommunication Union as observers,

*instructs the Council*

to take the necessary action to implement this Resolution.



## RESOLUTION 7 (Kyoto, 1994)

**Procedure for defining a region for  
the purpose of convening a regional  
radiocommunication conference**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Kyoto, 1994),

*recognizing*

- a)* that certain provisions of the Constitution and the Convention of the International Telecommunication Union (Geneva, 1992) (in particular No. 43 of the Constitution and No. 138 of the Convention) relate to the convening of a regional radiocommunication conference;
- b)* that some regions and areas are defined in the Radio Regulations;
- c)* that a Plenipotentiary Conference and a world radiocommunication conference have the competence to define a region for a regional radiocommunication conference;
- d)* that, whereas a regional radiocommunication conference may be convened on a proposal by the Council, the Council has not been explicitly authorized to take a decision on the definition of a region,

*considering*

- a)* that it may be necessary to define a region for the purpose of convening a regional radiocommunication conference;
- b)* that the Council is the most appropriate body for defining a region, when such action is necessary in the interval between competent world radiocommunication conferences or Plenipotentiary Conferences,

*resolves*

1 that, if and when it becomes necessary to define a region for the purpose of convening a regional radiocommunication conference, the Council shall propose a definition of the region;

2 that all Members of the proposed region shall be consulted on and all Members of the Union informed of that proposal;

3 that the region shall be deemed to have been defined when two thirds of the Members of the proposed region have responded in the affirmative within a time period determined by the Council;

4 that the composition of the region shall be communicated to all Members,

*invites the Council*

1 to take note of this Resolution and to take any appropriate action;

2 where appropriate, to consider combining the consultation of Members on the definition of the region with the consultation on convening the regional radiocommunication conference.

## RESOLUTION 11 (Rev. Antalya, 2006)

**World and regional telecommunication/information and communication technology exhibitions and forums**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

*considering*

- a)* that telecommunication/information and communication technology (ICT) exhibitions and associated forums (ITU TELECOM) are of considerable assistance in keeping the membership of the Union and the wider telecommunication/ICT community informed of the latest advances in all fields of telecommunications/ICT and the possibilities of applying them for the benefit of all Member States and Sector Members, particularly the developing countries;
- b)* that world and regional ITU TELECOM events fulfil the mandate to keep Member States and Sector Members informed of, and offer a universal opportunity for the display of, state-of-the-art technology concerning all aspects of telecommunications/ICT and related fields of activity;
- c)* that some developing countries that have not had the opportunity to host world and regional ITU TELECOM events now have the capability, willingness and commitment to host such events;
- d)* that regional ITU TELECOM events bring the potential benefits of telecommunications/ICT closer to the people of all continents by emphasizing the specific problems of each region and indicating possible solutions to them;
- e)* that such regional exhibitions and forums organized on a regular basis by ITU, staged at the invitation of Member States, are an excellent means of catering for the needs of both developed and developing countries and facilitate the transfer of technology and of essential information to developing countries;

- f)* the commitments made by Switzerland towards ITU;
- g)* the commitments made by the countries which have signed the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies,

*noting*

- a)* that an ITU TELECOM Board has been established to assist the Secretary-General in the management of ITU TELECOM activities;
- b)* that many developing countries have moved significantly forward in the development of their telecommunication/ICT sector;
- c)* that some of these countries have already hosted regional ITU TELECOM events which have proved successful;
- d)* that ITU has been successfully organizing world and regional ITU TELECOM events for many years;
- e)* that the principles governing ITU's activities in this field have proved to be extraordinarily useful for the membership of the Union and the wider telecommunication/ICT community;
- f)* that the operational flexibility which the ITU TELECOM management needs in order to meet all the challenges in its field of activity and compete in its semi-commercial environment has proved to be useful,

*resolves*

- 1 that the Union should, in collaboration with its Member States and its Sector Members, continue to organize world and regional telecommunication/ICT exhibitions and forums on a regular basis, taking due account of the need to ensure the financial success of such exhibitions;
- 2 that the Union, in its venue selection process for ITU TELECOM exhibitions and forums, should, taking into account *resolves* 5 below, give due consideration to:

2.1 ensuring that such decisions are based on an open and transparent process, with objective criteria – including financial viability – as well as on the results of preliminary market and feasibility studies, including consultations with exhibitors from all regions, guaranteeing preferential or discounted hotel prices to participants and exhibitors;

2.2 balancing the need for generating surplus income with the capability and willingness of countries, and developing countries in particular, to host and stage world and regional ITU TELECOM events;

3 that the Secretary-General is fully accountable for ITU TELECOM activities (including planning, organization and finance), which are an integral part of the permanent activities of the Union;

4 that ITU TELECOM activities are subject to the ITU Staff Regulations and Staff Rules, publication practices and Financial Regulations and Rules, including internal control and internal audit;

5 that venue selection for world ITU TELECOM events be based on a fair and transparent process open to all interested parties and that, in the case when several countries have submitted competitive offers, taking into account *resolves* 2.1 above, the principle of rotation applies;

6 that the audit of ITU TELECOM accounts shall be carried out by the External Auditor of the Union;

7 that, once all the expenditures have been recovered, a significant part of any surplus income over expenditure derived from ITU TELECOM activities should be used as extrabudgetary income for the Telecommunication Development Bureau, for specific telecommunication development projects, primarily in the least developed countries,

*instructs the Secretary-General*

1 to ensure the appropriate management of all ITU TELECOM activities, in line with the regulations of the Union and in particular with this resolution;

2 to consider measures that will enable and assist Member States which are capable and willing to do so, particularly developing countries, to host and stage regional ITU TELECOM events;

3 in respect of these measures, to take into account the following:

- flexibility in implementing ITU requirements for regional telecommunication/ICT exhibitions and forums, i.e. space requirements, pricing regimes for exhibition, forum and office space;
- establishing a rotation system in deciding the venue of regional ITU TELECOM events which will give due consideration, on a neutral basis, to countries which have not had the opportunity to host such an event but are willing and capable of doing so;

4 to take advice from the ITU TELECOM Board, the mandate and the principles governing the composition of which are approved by the Council on the proposal of the Secretary-General, with due consideration to ensuring transparency and to appointing some individuals with experience in the organization of exhibitions and forums;

5 to ensure the transparency of ITU TELECOM activities and report on them in a separate annual report to the Council, including on:

- all ITU TELECOM business activities;
- all activities of the ITU TELECOM Board;
- the reasons for the selection of venues for future world and regional ITU TELECOM exhibitions and forums;
- future events and their financial implications, the future strategy and risks to be considered;
- action taken with respect to the use of surplus income;

6 to establish a mechanism to implement *resolves* 2.1 and *resolves* 5 above;

7 not to stage regional ITU TELECOM events in a year in which a world ITU TELECOM event will be organized;

8 that a world ITU TELECOM event be held every four years, provided that it does not coincide with one of the most important ITU conferences or assemblies, thus reverting to the previous cycle;

9 to ensure the internal control and internal and external audits of the accounts for the different ITU TELECOM activities,

*instructs the Council*

1 to review the annual report on ITU TELECOM activities as described under *instructs the Secretary-General 5* above and give guidance on future trends for those activities;

2 to review and approve the ITU TELECOM accounts, after having examined the reports of the External Auditor and of the internal auditor of the Union;

3 to review and approve the use of ITU TELECOM surplus funds and to decide annually on the amount to be transferred to the ICT Development Fund;

4 to review and approve proposals of the Secretary-General on the principles for a transparent decision-making process on the venues of world and regional ITU TELECOM events, including the criteria which serve as a basis for that process; such criteria shall include cost elements as well as the rotation system as referred to in *resolves 5* above and the additional costs which may result from holding the event outside the city of the seat of the Union;

5 to review and approve proposals of the Secretary-General on the mandate and on the composition of the ITU TELECOM Board, with due consideration to ensuring transparency and to appointing some individuals with experience in the organization of exhibitions and forums.

## RESOLUTION 14 (Rev. Antalya, 2006)

**Recognition of the rights and obligations  
of all Sector Members of the Union**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

*considering*

- a) that the rights and obligations of Member States and Sector Members of the Union are set out in Article 3 of the ITU Constitution;
- b) that Article 19 of the ITU Convention lists the types of entities and organizations which may be authorized to participate in the activities of the Sectors as Sector Members;
- c) that, except for the provisions of Nos 239 and 340C of the Convention, only Member States have the right to vote, particularly for the approval of recommendations and questions, in accordance with Article 3 of the Constitution,

*recognizing*

that Sector Members referred to in the lists established by the Secretary-General in accordance with No. 237 of the Convention may participate in all activities of the Sector concerned, with the exception of formal votes and some treaty-making conferences, and in this regard each Sector Member is entitled to:

- a) receive from the Bureau of that Sector all the documents which they have requested relating to the Sector's study groups, assemblies or conferences in which they may participate under the relevant provisions of the Convention and under the working methods and procedures of the Sector concerned;
- b) send contributions to study groups, notably those in which they have requested to participate in due time, in accordance with the Sector's working methods and procedures;



- c) send representatives to such meetings, after having announced their names to the Bureau in due time, in accordance with the Sector's working methods and procedures;
- d) propose items for inclusion in the agendas of such meetings, except in relation to the structure and functioning of the Union;
- e) take part in all discussions, and assume responsibilities such as chairmanship or vice-chairmanship of a study group, working party, expert group, rapporteur's group or any other ad hoc group, according to the competence and availability of its experts;
- f) take part in the drafting work and editorial work necessary prior to the adoption of recommendations,

*recognizing further*

that coordination between Member States and Sector Members at the national level has proved to increase the efficiency of the work,

*resolves*

to invite Sector Members to take part in any decision-finding procedure aimed at facilitating the achievement of a consensus in study groups, in particular in the field of standardization,

*invites the world telecommunication development conference, radio-communication assembly and world telecommunication standardization assembly*

to adopt respective provisions in the working methods and procedures of their Sectors,

*invites administrations of Member States*

to conduct, at the national level, broad coordination among all Sector Members from their countries.

RESOLUTION 16 (Rev. Minneapolis, 1998)

**Refinement of the Radiocommunication  
Sector and Telecommunication  
Standardization Sector**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Minneapolis, 1998),

*noting*

the report by the Council on the results of the implementation of Resolution 16 (Kyoto, 1994),

*considering*

*a)* that ITU should be the pre-eminent global standardization body in the telecommunication field, including radiocommunication;

*b)* that ITU is the pre-eminent body for efficient worldwide cooperation in the radio regulatory field;

*c)* that the Additional Plenipotentiary Conference (Geneva, 1992) recognized Nos. 78 and 104 of the Constitution as an initial allocation of work between the Radiocommunication (ITU-R) and Telecommunication Standardization (ITU-T) Sectors and outlined general principles and guidelines pertaining to the allocation of work between ITU-R and ITU-T;

*d)* that, in application of instructions handed down by the Additional Plenipotentiary Conference (Geneva, 1992), the World Telecommunication Standardization Conference (Helsinki, 1993) and the Radiocommunication Assembly (Geneva, 1993) adopted resolutions that establish procedures for ongoing review and, as appropriate, allocation of work, in order to achieve goals in terms of effectiveness and efficiency;

*e)* the need to involve all interested participants of ITU-R and ITU-T in this ongoing review;

f) that, when implementing this resolution, questions that may have implications for the International Telecommunication Regulations and the Radio Regulations require a more cautious approach,

*resolves*

1 that the current process, in conformity with the relevant resolutions of the world telecommunication standardization conference and the radio-communication assembly which provide for ongoing review of new and existing work and its allocation to ITU-R and ITU-T, shall be maintained;

2 that changes in the allocation of work between ITU-R and ITU-T on matters that may be related to the International Telecommunication Regulations or the Radio Regulations shall not be considered within that process.

## RESOLUTION 21 (Rev. Antalya, 2006)

**Special measures concerning alternative  
calling procedures on international  
telecommunication networks**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

*recognizing*

*a)* that each Member State has the sovereign right to allow or prohibit certain or all alternative calling procedures in order to avoid negative effects on or harm to its national telecommunication networks;

*b)* the interests of developing countries;

*c)* the interests of consumers and users of telecommunication services,

*considering*

*a)* that the use of some alternative calling procedures may adversely affect the economies of developing countries and may seriously hamper the efforts made by those countries to ensure the sound development of their telecommunication/information and communication technology networks and services;

*b)* that some forms of alternative calling procedures may have an impact on traffic management and network planning and degrade the quality and performance of the public switched telephone network (PSTN);

*c)* that the use of certain alternative calling procedures that are not harmful to networks may contribute to competition in the interests of consumers;

*d)* that a number of relevant Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T) recommendations specifically address, from several points of view, including technical and financial, the effects of alternative calling procedures (including call-back and refile) on the performance and development of telecommunication networks,

*recalling*

a) Resolution 21 (Rev. Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on alternative calling procedures on telecommunication networks, which:

- urged Member States to cooperate among themselves to resolve difficulties in order to ensure that national laws and regulations of ITU Member States are respected;
- instructed ITU-T to accelerate its studies with a view to developing appropriate solutions and recommendations;

b) Resolution 29 (Rev. Florianópolis, 2004) of the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA), which resolves that:

- administrations and recognized operating agencies (ROA) should take all reasonable measures, within the constraints of their national law, to suspend alternative calling procedures which seriously degrade the quality and performance of the PSTN;
- administrations and ROAs should take a cooperative and reasonable approach to respecting the national sovereignty of others;
- further studies are required to evaluate the economic effects of call-back on the effort of countries with economies in transition, developing countries, and especially least developed countries, for sound development of their local telecommunication networks and services, and to evaluate the effectiveness of the suggested guidelines for consultation on call-back;

c) Resolution 22 (Rev. Doha, 2006) of the World Telecommunication Development Conference, which is based on amendments to Resolutions 20 and 29 (Rev. Florianópolis, 2004) of WTSA,

*aware*

a) that, as at October 2006, 114 Member States had notified the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau that call-back is prohibited on their territory;

b) that ITU-T has concluded that certain alternative calling procedures such as constant calling (or bombardment or polling) and answer suppression seriously degrade the quality and the performance of the PSTN;

c) that appropriate ITU-T study groups are cooperating on issues related to alternative calling procedures, including refile, call-back, and telecommunication origin identification,

*resolves*

1 to encourage administrations and international telecommunication operators to implement the ITU-T recommendations referred to in *considering d)* in order to limit the negative effects that, in some cases, alternative calling procedures have on developing countries;

2 to request administrations and international operators which permit the use of alternative calling procedures on their territory in accordance with their national regulations to pay due regard to the decisions of other administrations and international operators whose regulations do not permit such services;

3 to request the appropriate ITU-T study groups, through contributions of Member States and Sector Members, to continue to study alternative calling procedures, such as refile and call-back, and issues related to identification of origin, in order to take into account the importance of these studies as they relate to next-generation networks and network degradation,

*instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau and the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau*

1 to collaborate in the effective implementation of this resolution;

2 to collaborate so as to avoid overlap and duplication of effort in studying issues related to refile, call-back and identification of origin.

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*(Kyoto, 1994) – (Rev. Minneapolis, 1998) – (Rev. Marrakesh, 2002) – (Rev. Antalya, 2006)*

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## RESOLUTION 22 (Rev. Antalya, 2006)

**Apportionment of revenues in providing international telecommunication services**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

*considering*

- a)* the importance of telecommunications/information and communication technology (ICT) for the social and economic development of all countries;
- b)* ITU's continued leading role in stimulating the universal development of telecommunications/ICT;
- c)* the increasing imbalance, under the current circumstances, between developed and developing countries, in terms of economic growth and technological progress;
- d)* that the Independent Commission for World-Wide Telecommunications Development, in its report "The Missing Link", recommended, *inter alia*, that Member States should consider setting aside a small portion of revenues from calls between developing and industrialized countries to be devoted to telecommunications in developing countries;
- e)* that Recommendation D.150 of the Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T), which provides for the apportionment of accounting revenues from international traffic between terminal countries, in principle on a 50/50 basis, has been amended to provide for sharing in a different proportion where there are differences in the costs of providing and operating telecommunication services, although ITU-T has not obtained any information on its implementation;
- f)* Resolution 3 (Melbourne, 1988) adopted by the World Administrative Telegraph and Telephone Conference;



*g)* that ITU, in pursuance of Resolution 23 (Nice, 1989) of the Plenipotentiary Conference and as a follow-up to the recommendation in “The Missing Link”, carried out a study of the costs of providing and operating international telecommunication services between developing and industrialized countries and established that the cost of providing telecommunication services is much higher in developing countries than in developed ones, and this remains the case;

*h)* that ITU-T has conducted the necessary studies for completion of Recommendation D.140 which establish the principles of cost-oriented accounting rates and accounting-rate shares in each relation,

*recognizing*

*a)* that the continuing social and economic underdevelopment of a large part of the world is one of the most serious problems affecting not only the countries concerned but also the international community as a whole;

*b)* that the development of telecommunication/ICT infrastructure and services is a precondition for social and economic development;

*c)* that inequalities in access to telecommunication facilities globally result in a widening of the gap between the developed and the developing world in terms of economic growth and technological progress;

*d)* that the trend is towards falling costs of international telecommunication transmission and switching, contributing towards a lowering of accounting-rate levels, especially between developed nations, but that the conditions for lowering rates are not uniformly present throughout the world;

*e)* that raising telecommunication network quality and telephone access levels to developed-country levels throughout the world would assist significantly in achieving economic equilibrium and in diminishing existing call and cost imbalances,

*recalling*

- a) the relevant resolutions of various development conferences, especially their declarations on the recognition of the need to pay special attention to the requirements of the least developed countries when devising development cooperation programmes;
- b) the recommendation in “The Missing Link” that Member States should consider a rearrangement of their international traffic accounting procedures in relations between developing and industrialized countries such that a small proportion of call revenue be used for development purposes;
- c) Recommendation 3 (Kyoto, 1994) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, which recommends that developed countries take into account requests for favourable treatment made by developing countries in service, commercial or other relations in telecommunications, thus helping to achieve the desired economic equilibrium conducive to a relaxation of present world tensions,

*noting*

- a) that the concept of network externalities may apply to international traffic between developing and developed countries;
- b) that information regarding the concept of network externalities and its possible application to international traffic may be found in an ITU-T Report;
- c) that if the concept of network externalities were found to apply, it might be appropriate, subject to certain conditions being fulfilled, for the apportionment of accounting revenues to be on a basis other than 50/50, with the higher proportion being payable by the developed country to take account of the value of the network externalities;
- d) that ITU-T is studying the applicability of network externalities to international traffic,

*resolves to urge the Telecommunication Standardization Sector*

- 1 to expedite its work on completing its study on the concept of network externalities for international traffic in relation to both fixed and mobile services;

2 to follow up its work on developing the appropriate costing methodologies for both fixed and mobile services;

3 to agree on transitional arrangements which may allow for some flexibility, taking into account the situation of the developing countries and the rapidly changing international telecommunication environment;

4 to take into consideration the interests of all users of telecommunications as a high priority,

*invites administrations of the Member States*

1 to make available to the General Secretariat all the information necessary for the implementation of this resolution;

2 to contribute to the work of ITU-T on network externalities, with a view to completing the required studies, taking due account of the legitimate interests of all involved parties,

*instructs the Secretary-General and the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau*

to monitor and report to the Council on progress achieved,

*instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau*

to submit a report to the Council on the implementation of this resolution,

*instructs the Council*

1 to review achieved results, and to take all necessary measures so as to contribute to the achievement of the objectives of this resolution;

2 to report to the next plenipotentiary conference on the progress made with respect to this resolution.

## RESOLUTION 25 (Rev. Antalya, 2006)

**Strengthening the regional presence**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

*recalling*

- a)* Resolution 25 (Rev. Minneapolis, 1998 ) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, which instructed the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT), in close consultation with the Secretary-General and the Directors of the Radiocommunication Bureau (BR) and the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau (TSB), to strengthen gradually the regional presence;
- b)* Resolution 25 (Rev. Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, which resolved that the regional presence should be further strengthened and kept under review in the interests of meeting the continually evolving requirements and priorities of each region;
- c)* Resolution 143 (Antalya, 2006) of this conference, which resolves that the provisions of all ITU documents relating to developing countries shall be extended adequately to apply to countries with economies in transition;
- d)* Resolutions 1143 and 1183 adopted by the Council at its 1999 and 2001 sessions, respectively, specifying a series of measures to be taken by the Director of BDT, aimed at strengthening the regional presence;
- e)* that, at its 2002 session, the Council approved a plan of action for the implementation of Resolution 1183;
- f)* resolutions adopted by the Council at its 2006 session, and resolutions of the World Telecommunication Development Conference (Doha, 2006);

g) that the ITU strategic plan for 2008-2011 recommends strengthening communication channels among BDT, the Member States and the Sector Members and Associates of the Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D), and ensuring effective and cooperative communication and coordination between BDT – both headquarters and the regional offices – and the General Secretariat, the Radiocommunication Sector (ITU-R) and the Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T);

h) the instruction given in the relevant Council resolutions to the Director of BDT, in collaboration with the Secretary-General and the Directors of TSB and BR, to seek new sources of financing for regional presence and investigate the possible arrangements for, and impact of, expanding the role of the regional presence to serve the needs of countries wishing to benefit from the full range of the Union's activities,

*reaffirming*

a) the importance of the regional presence in enabling ITU to work as closely as possible with its Member States and Sector Members, improve the dissemination of information on its activities and develop closer ties with regional and subregional organizations;

b) the importance of continuing to strengthen coordination between BDT, the other Bureaux and the General Secretariat,

*considering*

a) the outcomes of the Geneva (2003) and Tunis (2005) phases of the World Summit on the Information Society;

b) that many countries are coping with a complex array of issues, some of which are currently being addressed in all three Sectors of the Union;

c) that ITU should remain a leading intergovernmental organization in which the Member States, Sector Members and Associates work together to foster the growth and sustained development of telecommunication and information networks and facilitate universal access, so that everyone, everywhere may participate in and benefit from the world information economy and society;

*d)* that means must continue to be established to enable the regional presence to respond effectively and tangibly to the crucial needs of the developing countries, which in the end will benefit the developed world as well,

*recognizing*

*a)* the difficulty faced by many countries, particularly developing countries, least developed countries, countries with economies in transition and small island developing states, with stringent budgetary constraints, in participating in the activities of ITU, including the conferences and meetings of the three Sectors;

*b)* the urgent need to adapt the expertise and working methods of the regional presence towards partnerships in project implementation and activities, which would necessarily involve strengthening the relationship between ITU and regional telecommunication organizations, as foreseen in Resolution 58 (Kyoto, 1994) of the Plenipotentiary Conference;

*c)* the decision by the World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC), in its Resolution 72 (WRC-97), to instruct the Director of BR to consult regional telecommunication organizations on the means by which assistance can be given to their preparations for future WRCs, including the facilitation of regional and interregional preparatory meetings, and to report on those consultations;

*d)* that the regional offices facilitate participation in preparations under Resolution 112 (Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference;

*e)* the decision by the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC), through its Resolutions 21 (Rev. Doha, 2006) and 32 (Rev. Doha, 2006), to highlight the need for ITU-D to institute active coordination and collaboration and organize joint activities in areas of common interest with regional and subregional organizations and training institutions, and to consider the establishment of regional rapporteur groups, as a complement to the two ITU-D study groups, so as to permit wider participation by some countries, at lower cost, in addressing certain questions;

- f)* that WTDC, in Resolution 17 (Rev. Doha, 2006), called for equitable budget allotments for each region to implement regional initiatives;
- g)* that the regional offices enable ITU to be more aware of and more responsive to the specific needs of the regions;
- h)* that the regional offices provide important technical assistance to countries with development needs;
- i)* that resources are limited, and that efficiency and effectiveness are therefore key considerations for activities to be undertaken by ITU;
- j)* that, to be effective, the regional presence must have the necessary level of authority to meet the diverse requirements of the Member States;
- k)* that adequate online access between headquarters and the field offices would enhance technical cooperation activities significantly;
- l)* that all relevant electronic information available at headquarters should also be available to regional offices;
- m)* that strengthened regional presence will create efficiencies and greater convenience for Member States,

*noting*

- a)* that joint projects involving the collaborative efforts of the ITU regional offices and certain regional telecommunication organizations have already been very successfully implemented in some regions;
- b)* that both the Plenipotentiary Conference and the Council have endorsed the principle that regional offices should be entrusted with clear and specific functions;
- c)* that there should be greater cooperation among BDT, the other Bureaux and the General Secretariat in order to encourage participation by the regional offices in their respective spheres;

d) that the regional and area offices are inadequately staffed,

*noting also*

that it is essential to evaluate the outcomes of the work accomplished by the regional offices, draw conclusions, and, if appropriate, make, with a view to the future, such adjustments as may be required to ensure that they operate in accordance with the imperatives of efficiency and effectiveness, to optimize the use of resources and to avoid duplication of effort, so as to continue to take decisions that will strengthen the regional presence,

*resolves*

- 1 to undertake an evaluation of the ITU regional presence;
- 2 that, within the scarce existing resources of the Union, the regional presence shall be further strengthened and kept under review in the interests of meeting the continually evolving requirements and priorities of each region, the first objective being to maximize the benefits of the regional presence for the whole of the Union's membership;
- 3 that a broadening of the information dissemination functions of the regional presence is required in order to ensure that all of the activities and programmes of the Union are represented, while avoiding the duplication of such functions between headquarters and the regional offices;
- 4 that the regional offices shall be empowered to make decisions within their mandate, while the coordination functions and the balance between ITU headquarters and the regional offices should be facilitated and improved, in accordance with the strategic plan for 2008-2011, in order to achieve a better balance of work between headquarters and the regional offices;
- 5 that priority shall be given to implementing all elements of the ITU strategic plan 2008-2011 with a view to strengthening the regional presence, in particular:



- i) to expand and strengthen the regional offices by identifying functions which could be decentralized and implementing them as soon as possible;
- ii) to review the internal administrative procedures pertaining to the work of the regional offices, with a view to their simplification and transparency and enhancement of work efficiency;
- iii) to assist countries in implementing the projects defined in Resolution 17 (Rev. Doha, 2006);
- iv) to establish clear procedures for consulting Member States, giving Member States the opportunity to review the consolidated regional initiatives and provide feedback to help prioritize them and keeping them informed on project selection and funding;
- v) to provide the regional offices with greater autonomy in terms both of decision-making and of addressing the crucial needs of the Member States in the region, including, but not limited to:
  - functions relating to the dissemination of information, provision of expert advice and hosting of meetings, courses and seminars;
  - any functions and tasks that may be delegated to them relating to the preparation and implementation of their own budgets;
  - ensuring their effective participation in discussions on the future of Union and on strategic issues concerning the telecommunication/information and communication technology (ICT) sector;

6 that cooperation between the ITU regional offices, relevant regional organizations and other international organizations dealing with development and financial matters should continue to be improved, in the interests of optimizing the use of resources and avoiding duplication, and that Member States should be kept updated through BDT, where necessary, in order to ensure that their needs are being met in a coordinated and consultative fashion;

7 that regional meetings should be organized in the various regions by the relevant Sectors, particularly ITU-D, in collaboration with regional organizations, in order to improve the effectiveness of the corresponding global meetings and facilitate better participation;

8 that substantial resources have to be made available in order for BDT to be able to operate effectively in the interests of narrowing the telecommunication gap between the developing and developed countries, thereby supporting endeavours towards bridging the digital divide, and that, accordingly, the regional offices should, in coordination with ITU headquarters, take measures with a view to:

- supporting pilot projects for the implementation of e-services/applications, analysing and disseminating their results and managing their further adaptation and development within the region;
- creating a mechanism for the purpose of:
  - i) developing a suitable and sustainable business model that will result in private-sector participation (companies and academic communities);
  - ii) assisting in the determination of an appropriate and affordable technology to meet the needs and requirements of rural populations;
  - iii) formulating a rural deployment strategy that takes account of the ICT literacy of rural populations and is relevant to their conditions and needs;
- actively assisting Member States in the area of funds-in-trust projects or projects financed from the ICT Development Fund,

*instructs the Council*

1 to continue to include the regional presence as an item on the agenda of each session of the Council in order to examine its evolution and adopt decisions for its continuing structural adaptation and operation, with the aim of fully meeting the requirements of the Union's membership and giving effect to the decisions adopted at meetings of the Union, and of consolidating the coordination and complementary aspects of activities between ITU and regional and subregional telecommunication organizations;

2 to allocate the appropriate financial resources within the financial limits established by the Plenipotentiary Conference;

3 to report to the next plenipotentiary conference on the progress made in implementing this resolution,

*instructs the Secretary-General*

1 to facilitate the task of the Council by providing all necessary support for strengthening the regional presence as described in this resolution;

2 to adapt where necessary the agreements between ITU and the host countries of the regional and area offices to the changing environment in the host countries;

3 to submit each year to the Council for consideration a detailed report on the regional presence, covering its staffing, a financial overview and the evolution and development of its activities, including the extension of its activities to the three Sectors, and, if appropriate, proposing any changes that would be conducive to the better accomplishment of its mission, and to disseminate this report to all Member States and Sector Members,

*further instructs the Secretary-General*

to suggest including evaluation of the effectiveness of ITU's regional presence in the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit work programme, or to refer it to any other independent entity, if appropriate, taking into account the elements set out in the annex to this resolution,

*instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau, in close consultation with the Secretary-General and the Directors of the Radiocommunication Bureau and the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau*

1 to take the necessary measures for further strengthening of the regional presence, as described in this resolution;

2 to support the evaluation of the effectiveness of the ITU's regional presence, taking into account the elements set out in the annex to this resolution;

3 to develop specific operational and financial plans for the regional presence, in collaboration with the regional offices, to be included as part of ITU's annual operational and financial plans;

4 to review and determine the appropriate posts, including permanent posts, in regional and area offices, and provide specialized staff on an as-needed basis to meet particular needs;

5 to fill the vacant posts in the regional offices, where appropriate, giving due consideration to the regional distribution of staff positions;

6 to ensure that the regional offices are given sufficient priority among the activities and programmes of the Union as a whole, and that, to supervise the implementation of funds-in-trust projects and projects financed from the ICT Development Fund, they have the required autonomy, the decision-making authority and the appropriate means;

7 to take the necessary measures to improve the exchange of information between headquarters and field offices;

8 to strengthen the human resource capabilities and provide the regional and area offices with a measure of flexibility in terms of the recruitment of professional staff as well as support staff;

9 to take the necessary measures to ensure the effective incorporation of BR and TSB activities in the regional offices,

*instructs the Directors of the Radiocommunication Bureau and the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau*

to continue cooperating with the Director of BDT in enhancing the ability of the regional and area offices to provide information on their Sectors' activities, as well as the necessary expertise, to strengthen cooperation and coordination with the relevant regional organizations and to facilitate the participation of all Member States and Sector Members in the activities of the three Sectors of the Union.

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*(Kyoto, 1994) – (Rev. Minneapolis, 1998) – (Rev. Marrakesh, 2002) – (Rev. Antalya, 2006)*

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## ANNEX TO RESOLUTION 25 (Rev. Antalya, 2006)

**Elements for evaluation of the ITU regional presence**

The evaluation of ITU's regional presence should be based on the functions assigned to its regional offices under Annex A: "Generic activities expected of the regional presence" of Resolution 1143 adopted by the Council at its 1999 session, in *resolves* 2 to 8 of Resolution 25 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) and in other pertinent decisions.

The evaluation of the regional presence should take into account, but not be limited to, the following elements:

- a) the extent of fulfilment of the provisions of Resolution 25 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) by BDT, the General Secretariat and the other two Bureaux, as appropriate;
- b) how further decentralization could ensure greater efficiency at lower cost, taking into consideration accountability and transparency;
- c) a survey of the level of satisfaction of Member States, Sector Members and regional telecommunication organizations with ITU's regional presence, including the effectiveness of its regional programmes and offices;
- d) the extent of possible duplication between the functions of ITU headquarters and the regional offices;
- e) the degree of autonomy in decision-making currently accorded to regional offices, and whether greater autonomy could enhance their efficiency and effectiveness;
- f) the effectiveness of collaboration between the ITU regional offices, regional telecommunication organizations and other regional and international development and financial organizations;
- g) how regional presence and the organization of activities in the regions can enhance the effective participation of all countries in ITU work;
- h) the resources currently made available to the regional offices for reducing the digital divide;

- i) the identification of functions and powers that might be assigned to the regional presence in implementing the WSIS Plan of Action;
- j) the optimal structure of the ITU regional presence, including the location and number of regional and area offices.

In preparing this evaluation, input should be sought from Member States and Sector Members which benefit from ITU's regional presence, as well as from the regional offices, from regional and international organizations and from any other relevant entities.

A report on this evaluation exercise should be submitted by the Secretary-General to Council at its 2008 session. The Council should then consider the appropriate course of action to be taken, with a view to reporting to the 2010 plenipotentiary conference on the matter.

RESOLUTION 30 (Rev. Antalya, 2006)

**Special measures for the least developed countries and  
small island developing states**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

*considering*

United Nations resolutions on programmes of action for the least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing states (SIDS),

*recognizing*

the importance of telecommunications/information and communication technologies (ICTs) for the development of the countries concerned,

*having noted*

Resolution 49 (Doha, 2006) of the World Telecommunication Development Conference and the Doha Action Plan which provide for extending these measures to include SIDS,

*concerned*

that the number of LDCs has continued to rise and that it is necessary to address the situation of SIDS,

*instructs the Secretary-General and the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau*

1 to continue to review the state of telecommunication/ICT services in LDCs and SIDS so identified by the United Nations and needing special measures for the development and provision of telecommunications/ICTs, and to identify areas of critical weakness requiring priority action;



- 2 to propose to the Council concrete measures intended to bring about genuine improvements and provide effective assistance to these countries, from the Special Voluntary Programme for Technical Cooperation, the Union's own resources and other sources of finance;
- 3 within existing resources, to provide the necessary administrative and operational structure for proper administration of the resources appropriated for LDCs and SIDS;
- 4 to report annually on this matter to the Council,

*instructs the Council*

- 1 to consider the above-mentioned reports and take appropriate action so that the Union may continue to display its keen interest and cooperate actively in the development of telecommunication/ICT services in these countries;
- 2 to make appropriations for this purpose from the Special Voluntary Programme for Technical Cooperation, the Union's own resources and any other sources of finance;
- 3 to keep the situation under constant review and to report on this matter to the next plenipotentiary conference.

RESOLUTION 32 (Kyoto, 1994)

**Technical assistance to the Palestinian Authority  
for the development of telecommunications**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Kyoto, 1994),

*recalling*

- a) the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;
- b) the peace process now in progress in the Middle East and particularly the agreements signed by Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization,

*considering*

- a) that the peace process has fundamentally changed the situation in the Middle East;
- b) that the fundamental principles of the Constitution and Convention of the International Telecommunication Union (Geneva, 1992) are designed to strengthen peace and security in the world for the development of international cooperation and better understanding among peoples,

*considering further*

- a) that a reliable telecommunication network is essential for consolidation and enhancement of the common understanding among the peoples concerned;
- b) that it is essential for the international community, either jointly through international organizations or by individual action, to assist the Palestinian Authority in developing a modern and reliable telecommunication network infrastructure,

*noting*

a) the report of the Secretary-General submitted to the Plenipotentiary Conference (Kyoto, 1994) (Document 52);

b) that in a recent study the World Bank recognized that technical assistance in telecommunications for the Palestinian Authority would facilitate the development of a regulatory framework and the transfer of authority over public services from the Israelis to the Palestinians, and help the Palestinian Authority receive training to manage those services,

*resolves*

to explore and study the needs of the Palestinian Authority in order to improve the telecommunication infrastructure and identify where assistance is needed,

*instructs the Secretary-General*

to circulate among Members the results of that study, inviting them to contribute to the improvement of the Palestinian Authority's telecommunication networks,

*invites Members*

to offer assistance needed by the Palestinian Authority based upon that study report, as well as any other available assistance,

*instructs the Council*

1 to review that report and, together with the three Sectors of the ITU, to find the means of providing the assistance;

2 to cooperate with the World Bank in its projects concerning telecommunications for the Palestinian Authority.

## RESOLUTION 33 (Rev. Marrakesh, 2002)

**Assistance and support to Bosnia and Herzegovina  
for rebuilding its telecommunication network**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Marrakesh, 2002),

*recalling*

- a) the efforts of the United Nations to promote sustainable development and the relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions concerning the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- b) the purposes of the Union as enshrined in Article 1 of the ITU Constitution,

*noting*

- a) with appreciation the efforts deployed by the Secretary-General and the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) towards the implementation of previous versions of this resolution;
- b) that the key role played by ITU in the rebuilding of the country's telecommunication sector has been widely recognized;
- c) with appreciation that the mobile monitoring and direction-finding station offered by ITU using TELECOM surplus funds has been very useful for starting the implementation of a radiomonitoring system,

*recognizing*

- a) that considerable progress has been made in the implementation of previous versions of this resolution since its initial adoption in 1994;
- b) that, under the present conditions and in the foreseeable future, Bosnia and Herzegovina will not be able to bring its telecommunication system up to an acceptable level without help from the international community, provided bilaterally or through international organizations,

*resolves*

that the plan of action initiated after the Plenipotentiary Conferences (Kyoto, 1994 and Minneapolis, 1998) within the framework of the activities of the Telecommunication Development Sector of the Union, with specialized assistance from the Radiocommunication Sector and the Telecommunication Standardization Sector, should be continued in order to provide appropriate assistance and support to Bosnia and Herzegovina in rebuilding its telecommunication network and to its Telecommunication Regulatory Authority,

*calls upon Member States*

to offer all possible assistance and support to Bosnia and Herzegovina, either bilaterally or through, and at any rate in coordination with, the special action of the Union referred to above,

*instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau*

to ensure that ITU's action with regard to Bosnia and Herzegovina is as effective as possible and to report on the matter to the next plenipotentiary conference.

## RESOLUTION 34 (Rev. Antalya, 2006)

**Assistance and support to countries in special need for rebuilding their telecommunication sector**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

*recalling*

- a)* the noble principles, purpose and objectives enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, as well as in the Declaration of Principles adopted by the World Summit on the Information Society;
- b)* the efforts of the United Nations to promote sustainable development;
- c)* the purposes of the Union as enshrined in Article 1 of the ITU Constitution,

*recalling further*

- a)* Resolution 127 (Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference;
- b)* Resolution 25 (Rev. Doha, 2006), Resolution 26 (Rev. Doha, 2006), Resolution 51 (Doha, 2006) and Resolution 57 (Doha, 2006) of the World Telecommunication Development Conference,

*recognizing*

- a)* that reliable telecommunication systems are indispensable for promoting the socio-economic development of countries, in particular of countries in special need, which are those having suffered from natural disasters, domestic conflicts or war;
- b)* that, under the present conditions and in the foreseeable future, these countries will not be able to ensure effective operation of their telecommunication sector without help from the international community, provided bilaterally or through international organizations,

*noting*

that the conditions of order and security sought by United Nations resolutions have been only partially achieved and hence Resolution 34 (Rev. Minneapolis, 1998) of the Plenipotentiary Conference has only been partially implemented,

*resolves*

that the special action undertaken by the Secretary-General and the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau, with specialized assistance from the ITU Radiocommunication Sector and the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector, should be continued or initiated in order to provide appropriate assistance and support to countries in special need referred to in the annex to this resolution in rebuilding their telecommunication sector,

*calls upon Member States*

to offer all possible assistance and support to the countries in special need, either bilaterally or through the special action of the Union referred to above, and, in any case, in coordination with that action,

*instructs the Council*

to allocate the necessary funds to the aforesaid action, within the financial limits set by the Plenipotentiary Conference, and proceed with its implementation,

*instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau*

1 to carry out an assessment of the particular needs of each of these countries;

2 to ensure adequate resource mobilization, including under the internal budget and the ICT Development Fund, for the implementation of the proposed actions,

*instructs the Secretary-General*

1 to coordinate the activities carried out by the three Sectors of the Union in accordance with *resolves* above, to ensure that the Union's action in favour of the countries in special need is as effective as possible, and to report annually on the matter to the Council;

2 with the approval of the Council, upon request from the countries concerned, to update the annex to this resolution as needed.

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*(Kyoto, 1994) – (Rev. Minneapolis, 1998) – (Rev. Antalya, 2006)*

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## ANNEX TO RESOLUTION 34 (Rev. Antalya, 2006)

**Afghanistan**

As the result of the past 24 years of war in Afghanistan, the telecommunication system has been destroyed and needs urgent attention for its basic reconstruction.

Within the framework of Resolution 34 (Rev. Antalya, 2006), appropriate assistance and support shall be provided to the Government of Afghanistan in rebuilding its telecommunication system.

**Burundi, Timor Leste, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Rwanda, Sierra Leone**

Within the framework of Resolution 34 (Rev. Antalya, 2006), appropriate assistance and support shall be provided to these countries in rebuilding their telecommunication networks.

**Democratic Republic of the Congo**

The basic telecommunication infrastructure of the Democratic Republic of the Congo has been severely damaged by the conflicts and wars from which the country has suffered for more than a decade.

As part of the reform of the telecommunication sector undertaken by the Democratic Republic of the Congo, involving the separation of the operating and regulatory functions, two regulatory bodies have been instituted along with a basic telecommunication network, which requires adequate financial resources in order to be built.

Within the framework of Resolution 34 (Rev. Antalya, 2006), appropriate assistance and support shall be provided to the Democratic Republic of the Congo for rebuilding its basic telecommunication network.

**Iraq**

The telecommunication infrastructure in the Republic of Iraq has been destroyed by two and a half decades of war and the systems currently in use have become antiquated through long years of use.

Iraq has received no assistance from ITU for a long time due to the conditions of war it has experienced.

Within the framework of Resolution 34 (Rev. Antalya, 2006), the Republic of Iraq shall be supported in rebuilding and overhauling its telecommunication infrastructure, establishing institutions, developing human resources and establishing tariffs, through the provision of all forms of assistance, including technical assistance.

**Lebanon**

Lebanon's telecommunication facilities have been severely damaged due to wars in that country.

Within the framework of Resolution 34 (Rev. Antalya, 2006), Lebanon shall be provided with appropriate assistance and support in rebuilding its telecommunication network.

**Somalia**

The telecommunication infrastructure in Somalia has been completely destroyed by a decade and half of war and, in addition, the regulatory framework in the country needs to be re-established.

Somalia has not benefited adequately from the Union's assistance over a long period due to war in the country and lack of government.

Within the framework of Resolution 34 (Rev. Antalya, 2006), and using funds allocated to the programme of assistance for the least developed countries, a special initiative shall be launched, aimed at providing assistance and support to Somalia, in rebuilding and modernizing its telecommunication infrastructure, re-establishing a well-equipped ministry of telecommunications and establishing institutions, and developing telecommunication/ICT policy, legislation and regulation, including a numbering plan, spectrum management, tariff and human resource capacity building, and all other necessary forms of assistance.

## RESOLUTION 35 (Kyoto, 1994)

**Telecommunication support  
for the protection of the environment**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Kyoto, 1994),

*considering*

- a)* that telecommunication and information technologies have an important role to play in protecting the environment and in promoting development activities at low risk to the environment;
- b)* that application of the latest telecommunication and information technologies, especially those associated with space systems, can be extremely useful in implementing and conducting environment protection activities such as monitoring air, river, harbour and sea pollution, remote sensing, wildlife studies, forestry development, and others;
- c)* that the application of telecommunication technology can reduce paperwork, which ultimately saves forests;
- d)* that telecommunication and information technologies respect the environment, and that the related industries can be located in rural areas in order to reduce urban congestion;
- e)* that in many cases telecommunication and information technologies may facilitate, more economically than other means of communication, rapid decisions relating to the protection of the environment;
- f)* that there is a need to disseminate information on these aspects, as stated in the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, Agenda 21,

*resolves*

that the Union shall give every possible encouragement to an increasing role being played by telecommunication and information technologies in promoting environmental protection and sustainable development,

*instructs the Secretary-General*

1 to carry out a study, with the assistance of the Directors of the Bureaux, and in collaboration with competent international and regional organizations, on a policy for promoting the use of telecommunication, information and space technologies for applications devoted to the protection of the environment;

2 to prepare a report on this matter for dissemination following consideration by the Council,

*instructs the three Sectors*

to assist the Secretary-General in the application of this Resolution by providing him with all relevant information and by conducting studies in selected areas for evaluating and highlighting the advantages of telecommunication applications for the protection of the environment,

*instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau*

to organize seminars and training programmes to meet the objectives of this Resolution and to encourage participation in exhibitions and similar activities for the same purpose.

## RESOLUTION 36 (Rev. Antalya, 2006)

**Telecommunications/information and communication technology  
in the service of humanitarian assistance**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

*endorsing*

- a) Resolution 644 (Rev.WRC-2000) of the World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC), on telecommunication resources for disaster mitigation and relief operations;
- b) Resolution 646 (WRC-03) of WRC, on public protection and disaster relief;
- c) Resolution 34 (Rev. Doha, 2006) of the World Telecommunication Development Conference, on the role of telecommunications/information and communication technology (ICT) in early warning and mitigation of disasters and humanitarian assistance;
- d) § 91 of the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society adopted by the second phase of the World Summit on the Information Society,

*considering*

- a) that the Intergovernmental Conference on Emergency Telecommunications (Tampere, 1998) adopted the Tampere Convention on the provision of telecommunication resources for disaster mitigation and relief operations, which entered into force on 8 January 2005;
- b) that the second Tampere Conference on Disaster Communications (Tampere, 2001) invited ITU to study the use of public mobile networks for early warning and the dissemination of emergency information, and the operational aspects of emergency telecommunications such as call prioritization;

*c)* that the third Tampere Conference on Disaster Communications (Tampere, 2006) encouraged wider understanding and cooperation between governments on implementation of the Tampere Convention;

*d)* that the United Nations World Conference on Disaster Reduction (Kobe, Hyogo, 2005) encouraged all States, taking into account their domestic legal requirements, to consider, as appropriate, acceding to, approving or ratifying relevant international legal instruments relating to disaster reduction, such as the Tampere Convention,

*recognizing*

*a)* the seriousness and magnitude of potential disasters that may cause dramatic human suffering;

*b)* that the recent tragic events in the world clearly demonstrate the need for high-quality communications services to assist public-safety and disaster-relief agencies in minimizing risk to human life and to cover the necessary general public information and communication needs in such situations,

*convinced*

that the unhindered use of telecommunication/ICT equipment and services is indispensable for the provision of effective and appropriate humanitarian assistance,

*further convinced*

that the Tampere Convention provides the necessary framework for such use of telecommunication/ICT resources,

*resolves to instruct the Secretary-General and the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau*

1 to work closely with the United Nations Emergency Relief Coordinator to support Member States which so request in their work towards their national accession to the Tampere Convention;

2 to assist Member States which so request with the development of their practical arrangements for implementation of the Tampere Convention, in close collaboration with the United Nations Emergency Relief Coordinator,

*invites Member States*

to work towards their accession to the Tampere Convention as a matter of priority,

*urges Member States Parties to the Tampere Convention*

to take all practical steps for the application of the Tampere Convention and to work closely with the operational coordinator as provided for therein.

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*(Kyoto, 1994) – (Rev. Minneapolis, 1998) – (Rev. Marrakesh, 2002) – (Rev. Antalya, 2006)*

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RESOLUTION 37 (Kyoto, 1994)

**Training of refugees**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Kyoto, 1994),

*having noted*

United Nations General Assembly Resolution 36/68 on the implementation of the declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples and other resolutions relevant to assistance to refugees,

*instructs the Secretary-General*

1 to continue his efforts with a view to the application of the United Nations resolution;

2 to collaborate fully with the organizations concerned with the training of refugees, both within and outside the United Nations system;

3 to report to the next Plenipotentiary Conference on the implementation of this Resolution,

*invites the Members of the Union*

to do even more to receive certain selected refugees and to arrange for their training in telecommunications in professional centres or schools.



## RESOLUTION 38 (Kyoto, 1994)

**Contributory shares in Union expenditure**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Kyoto, 1994),

*considering*

- a) that No. 468 of the Convention of the International Telecommunication Union (Geneva, 1992) allows the least developed countries as listed by the United Nations to contribute to Union expenditure in the 1/8 or 1/16 unit class;
- b) that, under this provision, the 1/8 or 1/16 unit class may also be chosen by other countries determined by the Council;
- c) that some countries with a small population and a low per capita gross national product may encounter financial difficulties in contributing to Union expenditure in the 1/4 unit class;
- d) that it is in the interest of the Union that participation should be universal, that all countries should be encouraged to become Members of the Union and that all Members are able to pay their contributions,

*instructs the Council*

at each session to review, on request, the situation of countries not included in the United Nations list of the least developed countries in order to decide which of them may be considered as being entitled to contribute to Union expenditure in the 1/8 or 1/16 unit class.

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*(Kyoto, 1994)*

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RESOLUTION 41 (Rev. Antalya 2006)

**Arrears and special arrears accounts**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

*in view of*

the report of the Council to the Plenipotentiary Conference on the situation with regard to amounts owed to the Union by Member States, Sector Members and Associates,

*regretting*

the increasing level of arrears and slow settlement of special arrears accounts,

*considering*

that it is in the interest of all Member States, Sector Members and Associates to maintain the finances of the Union on a sound footing,

*having noted*

that a number of Member States and Sector Members for which special arrears accounts have been established, notwithstanding the provisions of No. 169 of the ITU Constitution, have up to now not complied with their obligation to submit a repayment schedule to the Secretary-General, and to agree on such a schedule with the Secretary-General, and that their special account has accordingly been cancelled,

*urges*

all Member States in arrears, especially those for which special arrears accounts have been cancelled, as well as Sector Members and Associates in arrears, to submit a repayment schedule to the Secretary-General, and to agree on such a schedule with the Secretary-General,

*confirms the decision*

to open any new special arrears account only after the conclusion of an agreement with the Secretary-General establishing a specific repayment schedule at the latest within one year of the receipt of the request for such a special arrears account,

*resolves*

that the amounts due shall not be taken into account when applying No. 169 of the Constitution provided that the Member States concerned have submitted their repayment schedules to the Secretary-General, and agreed on those schedules with the Secretary-General, and for as long as they strictly comply with them and with the associated conditions, and that failure to comply with the repayment schedule and associated conditions shall result in the cancellation of the special arrears account,

*resolves further*

that No. 480B of the ITU Convention adopted by this conference shall provisionally apply as from the date of signature of its Final Acts,

*instructs the Council*

1 to review the guidelines for repayment schedules, including a maximum duration, which would be up to five years for developed countries, up to ten years for developing countries and up to fifteen years for least developed countries, as well as up to five years for Sector Members and Associates;

2 to consider appropriate additional measures such as, for example, in exceptional circumstances, temporary reduction in class of contribution in conformity with No. 165A of the Constitution and No. 480B of the Convention, and the write-off of interest on overdue payments, subject to each Member State, Sector Member and Associate concerned complying strictly with the agreed repayment schedule for the settlement of the unpaid contributions;

3 to take additional measures in respect of non-compliance with the agreed terms of settlement and/or arrears in payment of annual contributory shares not included in repayment schedules, including, in particular, suspending the participation of Sector Members and Associates in the work of the Union,

*further instructs the Council*

to review the appropriate level of the Reserve for Debtors' Accounts, to provide appropriate coverage, and to report to the next plenipotentiary conference on the results obtained in pursuance of this resolution,

*authorizes the Secretary-General*

to negotiate and agree upon, with all Member States in arrears, especially those for which special arrears accounts have been cancelled, as well as with Sector Members and Associates in arrears, schedules for the repayment of their debts in accordance with the guidelines established by the Council, and, where appropriate, to submit for decision by the Council proposals for additional measures as indicated under *instructs the Council* above, including those related to non-compliance,

*instructs the Secretary-General*

to inform all Member States, Sector Members and Associates in arrears or having special arrears accounts or cancelled special arrears accounts of this resolution and to report to the Council on the measures taken and progress made towards the settlement of debts in respect of special arrears accounts or cancelled special arrears accounts, as well as on any non-compliance with the agreed terms of settlement,

*urges Member States, Sector Members and Associates*

to assist the Secretary-General and the Council in the application of this resolution.

## RESOLUTION 45 (Rev. Minneapolis, 1998)

**Assistance given by the Government of the  
Swiss Confederation in connection  
with the finances of the Union**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Minneapolis, 1998),

*considering*

that the Government of the Swiss Confederation, under the existing arrangements, places at the disposal of the Secretary-General, if necessary and if the Secretary-General so requests, funds to meet the temporary cash requirements of the Union,

*further considering*

the assistance provided and the financial arrangements put in place by the Government of the Swiss Confederation enabling the Union to erect the new Montbrillant building,

*resolves to express its appreciation*

to the Government of the Swiss Confederation for its generous assistance in financial matters and hopes that the existing arrangements in this connection may be continued,

*instructs the Secretary-General*

to bring this resolution to the notice of the Government of the Swiss Confederation.

## RESOLUTION 46 (Kyoto, 1994)

**Remuneration and representation allowances  
of elected officials**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Kyoto, 1994),

*having regard to*

Resolution 42 of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Nice, 1989),

*recognizing*

that the salaries of elected officials should be set at an adequate level above those paid to appointed staff in the United Nations common system,

*resolves*

1 that, subject to the measures which could be proposed by the Council to the Members of the Union in accordance with the instructions below, the Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General, the Directors of the Radiocommunication, Telecommunication Standardization and Telecommunication Development Bureaux shall be paid with effect from 1 January 1995 salaries fixed in relation to the maximum salary paid to appointed staff on the basis of the following percentages:

Secretary-General	134%
Deputy Secretary-General, Directors of the Radiocommunication, Telecommunication Standardization and Telecommunication Development Bureaux	123%

2 that the above percentages shall apply to the net base salary at the dependency rate; all other elements of the remuneration shall be derived therefrom by applying the methodology in force in the United Nations common system, provided that an appropriate percentage is applied to each individual element of the remuneration,

*instructs the Council*

1 if a relevant adjustment is made in common system salary scales, to approve any modification of the salaries of elected officials which might result from the application of the above-mentioned percentages;

2 in the event of overriding factors appearing to the Council to justify a change in the above-mentioned percentages, to propose to the Members of the Union for approval by a majority, revised percentages with appropriate justifications,

*further resolves*

that representation expenses will be reimbursed against vouchers within the following limits:

*Swiss francs per year*

Secretary-General	29,000
Deputy Secretary-General, Directors of the Radiocommunication, Telecommunication Standardization and Telecommunication Development Bureaux	14,500

RESOLUTION 47 (Rev. Minneapolis, 1998)

**Compensation matters**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Minneapolis, 1998),

*considering*

- a) the need to ensure the competitiveness of remuneration levels in the Professional and higher categories;
- b) the specific needs of the Union for attracting and retaining highly technical and specialized staff with knowledge of the most recent technological developments;
- c) that most civil services and organizations facing similar difficulties have been able to find suitable solutions,

*still concerned*

by the increasing number of ad hoc measures taken by some Member States to give additional compensation to their nationals working in the United Nations system in order to compensate for the lack of competitiveness of remuneration levels in the United Nations common system,

*recalling*

the decision taken by the United Nations General Assembly in resolution 47/216, reiterated in resolutions 50/208 and 51/216, endorsing in principle the use of special occupational rates in organizations with problems of recruitment and retention, and requesting that organizations collect data to substantiate the recruitment and retention problems they face in respect of certain specialized occupations,

*recognizing*

the efforts made by the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) in order to respond to requests submitted by organizations of the United Nations common system concerning recognition of performance,



*expressing its satisfaction*

at decisions taken by the Council in application of Resolution 47 of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Kyoto, 1994) in order to enhance staff motivation through the implementation of an incentive scheme,

*resolves to invite ICSC and the United Nations General Assembly*

1 to continue to monitor and to take steps to ensure the competitiveness of the common system compensation scheme for staff in the Professional and higher categories;

2 to continue to introduce the required flexibility in the United Nations common system to enable small highly technical agencies to be competitive in the labour market from which they draw their workforce,

*instructs the Council*

1 to continue monitoring with the greatest attention the question of protection of the purchasing power of pensions and the competitiveness of the compensation scheme for staff in all categories;

2 to continue monitoring the responsiveness of ICSC and the United Nations General Assembly and to take steps in order to ensure that the specific needs of ITU, as expressed in the present resolution, are met.

RESOLUTION 48 (Rev. Antalya, 2006)

**Human resources management and development**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

*recalling*

- a) Resolution 48 (Rev. Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on human resources management and development;
- b) No. 154 of the ITU Constitution,

*noting*

- a) the strategic plan for the Union as described in Resolution 71 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) of this conference;
- b) the report submitted to the 2002 session of the Council (Document C02/27), on effective human resources management in the Union;
- c) the Standards of Conduct for the International Civil Service established by the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) and implemented by ITU in July 2002;
- d) Decision 517, adopted by the Council at its 2004 session, on strengthening the dialogue between the Secretary-General and the ITU Staff Council;
- e) the report introduced to the 2006 session of the Council (Document C06/EP/3), on ITU human resources management;
- f) Resolution 1253, adopted by the Council at its 2006 session, establishing the Tripartite Group on Human Resources Management,

*recognizing*

- a) the value of the human resources of the Union to the fulfilment of its goals;

b) that the human resources strategy should emphasize the continued importance of maintaining a well-trained workforce and providing more training to serving staff members, while recognizing budget constraints,

*further recognizing*

a) the value, both to the Union and to the staff, of developing those resources to the fullest extent possible through various human resources development activities, including in-service training and training activities in accordance with staffing levels;

b) the impact on the Union and its staff of the continuing evolution of activities in the field of telecommunications and the need for the Union and its human resources to adapt to this evolution through training and staff development;

c) the importance of human resources management and development in support of ITU's strategic orientations and goals,

*considering*

a) the need to follow a recruitment policy appropriate to the requirements of the Union, including the redeployment of posts and recruitment of specialists at the start of their career;

b) the need to continue to improve the geographical distribution of appointed staff of the Union;

c) the need to encourage the recruitment of more women in the Professional and higher categories, especially at the senior levels;

d) the constant advances made in telecommunications and information and communication technology and operation and the corresponding need to recruit specialists of the highest standard of competence;

e) that it is likely that the definitive upper limit of the contributory unit approved by this conference for the years 2008-2011 will affect the amount spent on human resources in the Union;

f) that there are a number of factors that will affect the finances of the Union which cannot be accurately predicted up to the end of 2011, such as the fluctuations in the rate of exchange between the US dollar and the Swiss franc, and actual income that will be generated from cost recovery,

*resolves*

1 that the management and development of ITU's human resources should be compatible with the goals and activities of the Union and with the United Nations common system;

2 that ICSC recommendations approved by the United Nations General Assembly should continue to be implemented;

3 that, with immediate effect, within available financial resources, and to the extent practicable, vacancies should be filled through greater mobility of existing staff;

4 that internal mobility should, to the extent practicable, be coupled with training so that staff can be used where they are most needed;

5 that internal mobility should be applied, to the extent feasible, to cover needs when staff retire or leave ITU in order to reduce staffing levels without terminating contracts,

*resolves further*

1 that appointed staff in the Professional and higher categories shall continue to be recruited on an international basis and that posts identified for external recruitment shall be advertised as widely as possible and communicated to the administrations of all Member States of the Union; however, reasonable promotion possibilities must continue to be offered to existing staff;

2 that, when filling vacant posts by international recruitment, in choosing between candidates who meet the qualification requirements for a post, preference shall be given to candidates from regions of the world which are insufficiently represented in the staffing of the Union, taking into account the desirable balance between female and male staff;

3 that, when filling vacant posts by international recruitment and when no candidate fulfils all the qualification requirements, recruitment can take place at one grade below, on the understanding that since not all the requirements of the post are met, the candidate will have to fulfil certain conditions before being given the full responsibilities of the post and promotion to the grade of the post,

*instructs the Secretary-General*

1 to ensure that human resources management and development help ITU achieve its management goals;

2 to continue to prepare, with the assistance of the Coordination Committee, and implement medium-term and long-term human resources management and development plans to respond to the needs of the Union, its membership and its staff, including the establishment of benchmarks within these plans;

3 to study how best practices in human resources management might be applied within the Union, and report to the Council on the relationship between management and staff in the Union;

4 to fully develop a long-term recruitment policy designed to improve geographical and gender representation among appointed staff;

5 to recruit, as appropriate within the available financial resources, and taking into account geographical distribution and balance between female and male staff, specialists who are starting their careers at the P.1/ P.2 level;

6 with a view to further training in order to enhance professional competence in the Union, to examine and report to the Council how a programme of training for both managers and their staff could be implemented within the available financial resources throughout the Union;

7 to continue to submit to the Council annual reports on staff and recruitment matters in general, including the issues in the annex to this resolution, and on the measures adopted in pursuance of this resolution,

*instructs the Council*

1 to ensure, to the extent feasible within approved budget levels, that the necessary staff and financial resources are made available for addressing issues related to human resources management and development in ITU as they emerge;

2 to examine the Secretary-General's report on this matter and to decide on the actions to be taken;

3 to allocate the appropriate credits for in-service training in accordance with an established programme, representing, to the extent practicable, three per cent of the budget allocated to staff costs;

4 to follow with the greatest attention the question of recruitment and to adopt, within existing resources and consistent with the United Nations common system, the measures it deems necessary to secure an adequate number of qualified candidates for Union posts, particularly taking account of *considering b) and c)* above.

## ANNEX TO RESOLUTION 48 (Rev. Antalya, 2006)

**Matters for reporting to the Council on staff  
and recruitment issues**

- Geographical representation
- Staff career policy
- Staff morale
- Balance between external and internal recruitment
- Gender balance
- Contracts policy
- Implementation of human resources development plan
- Improvements to human resources services
- Alignment between the Union's strategic priorities and staff functions and posts
- In-service training
- Recruitment and promotion processes
- Voluntary separation and early-retirement programmes
- Short-term posts
- Flexibility of working conditions
- Relationship between management and staff
- Workplace diversity
- Harassment issues
- Occupational safety
- Compliance with United Nations common system policies/ recommendations
- Performance evaluation and appraisals

RESOLUTION 49 (Kyoto, 1994)

**Organizational structure and grading in ITU**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Kyoto, 1994),

*recalling*

- a) the High Level Committee recommendations concerning the need to increase delegation of authority within the ITU secretariat;
- b) the structural changes implemented following the decisions of the Additional Plenipotentiary Conference (Geneva, 1992) and the resulting reduction in the number of ITU elected officials;
- c) the obligation for the Union to apply the job classification system as approved by the United Nations General Assembly for application in all organizations of the United Nations common system,

*considering*

- a) that ITU should make full use of the United Nations common system grading structure (G.1 to D.2);
- b) that posts should be graded at the level resulting from the application of the United Nations common system job classification standards,

*instructs the Council*

- 1 to ensure the correct application of the United Nations common system job classification standards for senior management posts, taking into account the level of responsibilities and the delegation of authority;



2 to implement its decision of principle to use the D.2 level for these posts when justified by the United Nations common system standards;

3 to ensure, on the basis of a report by the Secretary-General, that relevant ITU rules and regulations and practices concerning appointments and promotions are applied.

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*(Kyoto, 1994)*

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RESOLUTION 51 (Rev. Minneapolis, 1998)

**ITU staff participation in conferences  
of the Union**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Minneapolis, 1998),

*considering*

- a) that staff are a key element in the achievement of the Union's objectives;
- b) the importance of good human resources management to the achievement of the Union's objectives;
- c) the importance of fruitful working relations between the staff and its employer and of staff participation in the management of the Union,
- d) that it is important for the Staff Council to be consulted by the Secretary-General before decisions of a general nature are taken concerning human resources management and working conditions at ITU, in accordance with Staff Rule 8.1.1.b),

*recognizing*

the rights of staff under Chapter VIII of the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules,

*noting*

the initiative of the Council in creating a consultative group comprising representatives of the secretariat of the Union, staff representatives and Council Members States,

*considering further*

that the participation of staff representatives is beneficial to the Plenipotentiary Conference,

*resolves*

- 1 that staff will be represented by a maximum of two persons who will attend sessions of the ITU Council and plenipotentiary conferences;
- 2 that the staff representatives will be entitled to state the staff's opinion concerning staff matters at the invitation of the Chairman of the meeting dealing with staff matters, or, as appropriate, at the request of a Member State of the Council, at Council sessions, or of a delegation at plenipotentiary conferences.

RESOLUTION 52 (Rev. Minneapolis, 1998)

**Rehabilitation of the Provident Fund of the ITU  
Staff Superannuation and Benevolent funds**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union  
(Minneapolis, 1998),

*considering*

the situation of the Provident Fund shown in the balance sheet at 31 December  
1997,

*taking into account*

that the support measures hitherto applied have been effective,

*aware*

that the Provident Fund continues to require support in the form of an annual  
contribution,

*instructs the Council*

to monitor carefully in coming years the situation of the ITU Staff Superannuation  
and Benevolent Funds, and in particular the Provident Fund, with a view to taking  
any measures it considers appropriate,

*resolves*

to reduce the annual contribution from the ordinary budget to the Provident Fund  
from 200 000 Swiss francs to 70 000 Swiss francs, and to maintain that  
contribution at the necessary level until the Fund is able to meet its obligations.

## RESOLUTION 53 (Kyoto, 1994)

**Measures to enable the United Nations  
to carry out fully any mandate under Article 75  
of the Charter of the United Nations**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Kyoto, 1994),

*conscious*

of the decision taken by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973) to abolish associate membership in the Union and of Additional Protocol III to the International Telecommunication Convention (Nairobi, 1982),

*taking into account*

that the Plenipotentiary Conference (Nice, 1989) decided not to continue the use of additional protocols and adopted its Resolution 47 on the matter which is also the subject of the present Resolution,

*mindful*

of the request recently reiterated by the Secretary-General of the United Nations to continue, as in the past, the application, if the need arises, of measures enabling the United Nations to carry out fully any mandate under Article 75 of the Charter of the United Nations,

*resolves*

1 that the possibility enjoyed by the United Nations, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the International Telecommunication Convention (Montreux, 1965) concerning associated membership, when carrying out any mandate in accordance with Article 75 of the Charter of the United Nations shall be continued under the Constitution and the Convention of the International Telecommunication Union (Geneva, 1992);

2 that each case related to *resolves* 1 shall be considered by the Council of the Union.

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(Kyoto, 1994)

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## RESOLUTION 55 (Kyoto, 1994)

**Use of the United Nations telecommunication network for the telecommunication traffic of the specialized agencies**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Kyoto, 1994),

*considering*

*a)* the Agreement between the United Nations and the International Telecommunication Union (Atlantic City, 1947), and in particular Article 16 thereof;

*b)* that, by its Resolution 50, the Plenipotentiary Conference (Nice, 1989) resolved that the United Nations telecommunication network may carry the traffic of the specialized agencies under specific conditions,

*noting*

*a)* that the Secretary-General of the United Nations has requested that the International Telecommunication Union take such action as would allow the use of the United Nations telecommunication network by the specialized agencies;

*b)* that, since 1989, ITU has been collaborating closely with the United Nations Telecommunication Service in the enhancement of the United Nations telecommunication network,

*resolves*

that the United Nations telecommunication network may carry the traffic of the specialized agencies which wish to use it, on condition that:

1 the specialized agencies pay for the telecommunication service on the basis of the cost of operation of the service by the United Nations and tariffs established by administrations within the framework of the Constitution and Convention (Geneva, 1992), Administrative Regulations and practices of the Union;

2 the use of the network is restricted to the principal organs of the United Nations, the United Nations offices and programmes, and the specialized agencies of the United Nations;

3 the transmissions are limited to information exchanges concerned with the conduct of the business of the United Nations system;

4 the network is operated in conformity with the Constitution and Convention (Geneva, 1992), Administrative Regulations and practices of the Union,

*instructs the Secretary-General*

to follow carefully the evolution of the United Nations telecommunication network, to continue cooperation with the United Nations Telecommunication Service and to provide guidance as appropriate,

*further instructs the Secretary-General*

to transmit the text of this Resolution to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

## RESOLUTION 56 (Kyoto, 1994)

**Possible revision of Article IV, Section 11,  
of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities  
of the Specialized Agencies**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Kyoto, 1994),

*in view of*

Resolution 28 of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Buenos Aires, 1952), Resolution 31 of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Geneva, 1959), Resolution 23 of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Montreux, 1965), Resolution 34 of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973), Resolution 40 of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Nairobi, 1982), and Resolution 53 of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Nice, 1989),

*considering*

*a)* the apparent conflict between the definition of Government Telecommunications contained in the Annex to the Constitution of the International Telecommunication Union (Geneva, 1992) and the provisions of Article IV, Section 11, of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies;

*b)* that the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies has not been amended in the manner requested by the Plenipotentiary Conferences of Buenos Aires (1952), Geneva (1959), Montreux (1965), Malaga-Torremolinos (1973), Nairobi (1982) and Nice (1989),

*resolves*

to confirm the decisions of the Plenipotentiary Conferences of Buenos Aires (1952), Geneva (1959), Montreux (1965), Malaga-Torremolinos (1973), Nairobi (1982) and Nice (1989) and of the Additional Plenipotentiary Conference (Geneva, 1992) not to include the Heads of the specialized agencies among the authorities listed in the Annex to the Constitution (Geneva, 1992) as entitled to send or reply to Government Telecommunications,



*expresses the hope*

that the United Nations will agree to reconsider the matter and, bearing in mind the above decision, will make the necessary amendment to Article IV, Section 11, of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies,

*instructs the Council*

to take the necessary steps with the appropriate organs of the United Nations with a view to reaching a satisfactory solution.

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*(Kyoto, 1994)*

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RESOLUTION 57 (Kyoto, 1994)

**Joint Inspection Unit**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Kyoto, 1994),

*recalling*

Resolution 52 of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Nice, 1989),

*having noted*

the relevant section of the report of the Council to the Plenipotentiary Conference (Kyoto, 1994),

*considering*

that it is appropriate that the International Telecommunication Union continue to benefit from the useful role played by the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) as an independent inspection and evaluation unit of the United Nations system,

*instructs the Secretary-General*

to continue to cooperate with the JIU and to submit to the Council reports of the JIU having a bearing on the Union, together with comments he considers appropriate,

*instructs the Council*

to consider the JIU reports submitted by the Secretary-General, and to take action thereon as it deems fit.

## RESOLUTION 58 (Kyoto, 1994)

**Strengthening of relations with regional telecommunication organizations**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Kyoto, 1994),

*acknowledging*

that Article 43 of the Constitution states that: “Members reserve the right to convene regional conferences, to make regional arrangements and to form regional organizations, for the purpose of settling telecommunication questions which are susceptible of being treated on a regional basis ...”,

*considering*

*a)* that the Union and regional organizations share a common belief that close cooperation can promote regional telecommunication development through, *inter alia*, organizational synergy;

*b)* that, at the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC) (Buenos Aires, 1994), some regional telecommunication organizations, such as Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT), European Conference of Posts and Telecommunications Administrations (CEPT), Inter-American Telecommunications Committee (CITEL), Caribbean Telecommunications Union (CTU), Panafrikan Telecommunications Union (PATU), Permanent Committee on Telecommunications of the League of Arab States (LAS), etc., expressed the need for the Union to cooperate more closely with regional telecommunication organizations;

*c)* that there is a continued need for the Union to cooperate more closely with regional telecommunication organizations, given the increasing importance of regional organizations concerned with regional issues;

*d)* that the Convention encourages the participation of the regional telecommunication organizations in the Union’s activities and provides for their attendance at conferences of the Union as observers;

e) that the WTDC (Buenos Aires, 1994) requested the Secretary-General to consider the thrust of its Resolution 6 in his report under Resolution 16 of the Additional Plenipotentiary Conference (APP) (Geneva, 1992),

*noting*

that the Secretary-General's report under Resolution 16 of the APP (Geneva, 1992), when available, should facilitate evaluation by the Council of the Union's own regional presence,

*resolves*

that the Union should develop stronger relations with regional telecommunication organizations,

*instructs the Secretary-General*

1 to consult with regional telecommunication organizations at an early date regarding cooperation on the basis envisaged in Resolution 16 of the APP (Geneva, 1992) and Resolution 6 of the WTDC (Buenos Aires, 1994);

2 to submit a report on the results of the consultation to the Council, for consideration at its 1995 session, and to report regularly to the Council thereafter,

*instructs the Council*

to consider the reports submitted and take appropriate measures, including arranging for dissemination of the findings in the reports and the Council's conclusions to non-Council Members and to regional telecommunication organizations.

## RESOLUTION 59 (Kyoto, 1994)

**Request to the International Court of Justice  
for advisory opinions**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Kyoto, 1994),

*in view of*

*a)* Article VII of the Agreement between the United Nations and the International Telecommunication Union which provides that requests for advisory opinions may be addressed to the International Court of Justice by the Plenipotentiary Conference, or by the Council acting in pursuance of an authorization by the Plenipotentiary Conference;

*b)* the decision of the Council “to affiliate the Union to the Administrative Tribunal of the International Labour Organisation”, and the declaration recognizing the jurisdiction of the Tribunal which was made by the Secretary-General pursuant to that decision;

*c)* the provisions in the Annex to the Statute of the Administrative Tribunal of the International Labour Organisation under which that Statute applies in its entirety to any intergovernmental organization which has recognized the jurisdiction of the Tribunal in accordance with paragraph 5 of Article II of the Statute of the Tribunal;

*d)* Article XII of the Statute of the Administrative Tribunal of the International Labour Organisation under which, in consequence of the above-mentioned declaration, the Council of the International Telecommunication Union may submit to the International Court of Justice the question of the validity of a decision given by the Tribunal,

*notes*

that the Council is authorized to request advisory opinions from the International Court of Justice as provided under Article XII of the Statute of the Administrative Tribunal of the International Labour Organisation.

RESOLUTION 60 (Kyoto, 1994)

**Juridical status**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Kyoto, 1994),

*in view of*

the agreement concluded on 22 July 1971 between the Swiss Federal Council and the International Telecommunication Union to define the legal status of this organization in Switzerland and the associated implementing arrangements,

*having noted with satisfaction*

the Council's remarks in section 2.2.7.1 of its report to the Plenipotentiary Conference (Document 20) concerning Resolution 56 of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Nice, 1989),

*instructs the Secretary-General*

to keep the agreement and the manner of its application under review in order to ensure that the privileges and immunities accorded to the ITU are equivalent to those obtained by other organizations of the United Nations family with their headquarters in Switzerland and report to the Council as necessary,

*requests the Council*

to report as necessary on this subject to the next Plenipotentiary Conference.

## RESOLUTION 64 (Rev. Antalya, 2006)

**Non-discriminatory access to modern  
telecommunication/information  
and communication technology  
facilities and services**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

*recalling*

*a)* the outcomes of the Geneva (2003) and Tunis (2005) phases of the World Summit on the Information Society, especially §§ 15, 18 and 19 of the Tunis Commitment, and §§ 90 and 107 of the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society;

*b)* the outcomes of the World Telecommunication Development Conference, especially Resolutions 15 (Rev. Doha, 2006), 20 (Rev. Doha, 2006) and 37 (Rev. Doha, 2006) thereof,

*taking into account*

the importance of telecommunications/information and communication technology (ICT) for political, economic, social and cultural progress,

*taking into account also*

*a)* that ITU plays an essential role in the promotion of global telecommunication/ICT development, specifically with respect to action lines C2 and C5 of the Tunis Agenda;

*b)* that, to this end, the Union coordinates efforts aimed at securing harmonious development of telecommunication/ICT facilities,

*taking into account further*

the need to draw up proposals on issues determining worldwide telecommunication/ICT development strategy, and to facilitate the mobilization of the necessary resources to that end,

*noting*

*a)* that modern telecommunication/ICT facilities and services are established, in the main, on the basis of recommendations of the Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T) and the Radiocommunication Sector (ITU-R);

*b)* that ITU-T and ITU-R recommendations are the result of the collective efforts of all those taking part in the standardization process within ITU and are adopted by consensus by the members of the Union;

*c)* that limitations on the access to telecommunication/ICT facilities and services on which national telecommunication development depends and which are established on the basis of ITU-T and ITU-R recommendations constitute an obstacle to the harmonious development and compatibility of telecommunications worldwide;

*d)* Resolutions 15 (Rev. Doha, 2006) and 20 (Rev. Doha, 2006), on applied research and transfer of technology and on non-discriminatory access to telecommunication and information technology facilities and services on mutually-agreed terms, respectively;

*e)* the strategic plan for the Union set out in Resolution 71 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) of this conference,

*recognizing*

that full harmonization of telecommunication networks is impossible unless all countries participating in the work of the Union, without exception, have non-discriminatory access to new telecommunication technologies and modern telecommunication/ICT facilities and services, without prejudice to national regulations and international commitments within the competence of other international organizations,



*resolves*

- 1 that there should be non-discriminatory access to telecommunication and information technologies, facilities and services established on the basis of ITU-T and ITU-R recommendations;
- 2 that ITU should facilitate non-discriminatory access to telecommunication and information technologies, facilities and services established on the basis of ITU-T and ITU-R recommendations;
- 3 that ITU should encourage to the greatest extent possible cooperation among the members of the Union on the question of non-discriminatory access to telecommunication and information technologies, facilities and services established on the basis of ITU-T and ITU-R recommendations with a view to satisfying user demand for modern telecommunication/ICT services,

*invites the governments of the Member States of the Union*

- 1 to help telecommunication/information and communication equipment manufacturers and service providers in ensuring that telecommunication/information and communication facilities and services established on the basis of ITU-T and ITU-R recommendations may be generally available to the public without any discrimination;
- 2 to cooperate with one another in the implementation of this resolution,

*instructs the Secretary-General*

to transmit the text of this resolution to the Secretary-General of the United Nations with a view to bringing to the attention of the world community the viewpoint of ITU, as a specialized agency of the United Nations, on the issue of non-discriminatory access to new telecommunication and information technologies and modern telecommunication/information and communication facilities and services as an important factor for world technological progress.

## RESOLUTION 66 (Rev. Minneapolis, 1998)

**Documents and publications of the Union**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Minneapolis, 1998),

*recalling*

Resolution 66 of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Kyoto, 1994),

*considering*

- a)* No. 484 of the Convention of the International Telecommunication Union (Geneva, 1992) and Resolution 1 of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Kyoto, 1994) concerning the effective utilization of information resources;
- b)* the need for efficient marketing and distribution of documentation and publications of the Union to promote increased use of ITU recommendations and other publications;
- c)* the evolution of electronic handling and transmission of information;
- d)* the continued development of new publishing technologies and methods of distribution;
- e)* the desirability of cooperation with bodies engaged in relevant standards development;
- f)* the continued importance of the Union's copyright in its publications;
- g)* the need to derive revenue from publications as a means of recovering costs of production, marketing and sales;
- h)* the need to provide a timely and efficient global standardization process;
- i)* the pricing policies of other relevant standardization bodies,

*considering further*

- a) that a primary purpose of the Union is to extend the benefits of new telecommunication technologies to all the world's inhabitants;
- b) the need to maintain a coherent financing and pricing policy which will ensure the continuity of publications, including the development of new products and the use of modern methods of distribution,

*resolves*

- 1 that documents intended to facilitate the timely development of recommendations of the Union shall, to the fullest extent possible, be made available also in electronic format and be accessible to any Member State or Sector Member;
- 2 that publications of the Union, including all recommendations of the Sectors, shall, where appropriate, also be made available to the Member States and Sector Members and to the public in electronic format and through electronic sale or distribution, with appropriate provision for payment to the Union for a particular publication or set of publications requested;
- 3 that a request for any publication of the Union, regardless of its format, obliges those who obtain or purchase the publication to respect the copyright of the Union set forth in that publication;
- 4 that a publication containing a recommendation of an ITU Sector obtained from ITU, regardless of its format, may be utilized by the receiving entity or purchaser for uses including furthering the work of the Union or any relevant standards body or forum that is developing related standards, providing guidance for product or service development and implementation and serving as support for documentation associated with a product or service;
- 5 that none of the above is intended to breach the copyright held by the Union, so that any person or entity wishing to reproduce or duplicate all or parts of ITU publications for resale must obtain a specific agreement for such purpose,

*instructs the Secretary-General*

- 1 to take the necessary steps to facilitate the implementation of this resolution;
- 2 to ensure that publications in paper format are made available as quickly as possible so as not to deprive Member States or Sector Members not possessing electronic facilities of access to publications of the Union;
- 3 to implement, within the financial constraints of the Union, strategies and mechanisms to enable all Member States and Sector Members to acquire and use the facilities required to access documents and publications of the Union in electronic format;
- 4 to ensure that prices for all forms of publications of the Union are reasonable in order to promote their wide distribution;
- 5 to seek consultation with the advisory groups of the three ITU Sectors to assist in developing and updating policies on documents and publications,

*instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau*

to implement, as a priority, in close coordination with the Directors of the Radio-communication and the Telecommunication Standardization Bureaux, strategies and mechanisms to encourage and facilitate the efficient use by the developing countries, and in particular least developed countries, of the Web-based documents and publications of the Union.

## RESOLUTION 67 (Kyoto, 1994)

**Updating of definitions**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Kyoto, 1994),

*considering*

*a)* that the Annexes to the Constitution and to the Convention of the International Telecommunication Union (Geneva, 1992) contain definitions of certain terms used in the Constitution, in the Convention and in the Administrative Regulations;

*b)* that, as a result of technical progress and the development of operating methods, it might be desirable to revise some of these definitions,

*instructs the Secretary-General*

to submit to the Council any changes accepted by a conference to definitions which are in the Annexes to the Constitution and Convention (Geneva, 1992), for subsequent transmission to the Plenipotentiary Conference for any action the latter may deem appropriate.

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*(Kyoto, 1994)*

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RESOLUTION 68 (Rev. Antalya, 2006)

**World Telecommunication and Information Society Day**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

*considering*

the value of the annual celebration of World Telecommunication Day and World Information Society Day in supporting the main strategic orientations of the Union,

*bearing in mind*

a) Resolution 46 (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, instituting a World Telecommunication Day celebrated annually on 17 May, date of the signature of the first International Telegraph Convention marking the founding of ITU;

b) United Nations General Assembly Resolution 60/252 of 27 March 2006, stipulating that World Information Society Day shall be celebrated every year on 17 May;

c) the Tunis Agenda on the Information Society adopted by the World Summit on the Information Society, in which it is acknowledged that there is a need to build more awareness of the Internet,

*resolves to invite Member States and Sector Members*

to celebrate the day annually by organizing appropriate national programmes with a view to:

- stimulating reflection and exchanges of ideas on the theme adopted by the Council;

- debating the various aspects of the theme with all partners in society;
- formulating a report reflecting national discussions on the issues underlying the theme, to be fed back to ITU and the rest of the membership,

*invites the Council*

to adopt, for each World Telecommunication and Information Society Day, a specific theme relating to the main challenges which the changing telecommunication and information and communication technology (ICT) environment poses for both developed and developing countries,

*invites Member States*

to make available to the Secretary-General reports which may be produced on the main issues discussed at the national level,

*instructs the Secretary-General*

- 1 to circulate to the entire membership a consolidated document based on the national reports submitted in accordance with this resolution for the purpose of fostering the exchange of information and views among and with the membership on a host of selected strategic issues;
- 2 to liaise with the United Nations and consult United Nations agencies.

RESOLUTION 69 (Kyoto, 1994)

**Provisional application of the Constitution and Convention  
of the International Telecommunication Union (Geneva, 1992)  
by Members of the Union which have not yet become  
States Parties to those instruments**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Kyoto, 1994),

*recalling*

Resolution 1 of the Additional Plenipotentiary Conference of the Union (Geneva, 1992) on the provisional application of certain parts of the Constitution and Convention of the International Telecommunication Union (Geneva, 1992) and Recommendation 1 of that Conference on the deposit of instruments and entry into force of the said Constitution and Convention,

*noting*

that, although the said Constitution and Convention entered into force on 1 July 1994 between Members having deposited their instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession before that date, only 56 out of the 184 Members of the Union have deposited with the Secretary-General their respective instruments of consent to be bound by the said treaties,

*mindful*

of its call for expeditious deposit of such instruments as contained in Recommendation 1 of this Conference,

*considering*

that it is indispensable, for the proper functioning of the Union as an intergovernmental organization, that it be governed by one single set of provisions and rules as contained in its basic instrument, the Constitution (Geneva, 1992), and in the Convention (Geneva, 1992), the provisions of which complement those of the said Constitution,



*resolves*

to appeal to all Members of the Union which have not yet become States Parties to the Constitution and Convention of the International Telecommunication Union (Geneva, 1992) provisionally to apply the provisions thereof, until such time as they have become States Parties thereto by depositing with the Secretary-General their respective instruments of consent to be bound by the two treaties, and to confirm that the provisions of No. 210 of the said Constitution shall continue to apply until such time of deposit.

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*(Kyoto, 1994)*

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## RESOLUTION 70 (Rev. Antalya, 2006)

**Gender mainstreaming in ITU and promotion of gender equality  
towards all-inclusive information societies**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

*recalling*

- a)* the initiative taken by the Telecommunication Development Sector at the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC) in adopting Resolution 7 (Valletta, 1998), transmitted to the Plenipotentiary Conference (Minneapolis, 1998), which resolved that a task force on gender issues be established;
- b)* the endorsement of that resolution by the Plenipotentiary Conference in its Resolution 70 (Minneapolis, 1998), in which the conference resolved, *inter alia*, to incorporate a gender perspective in the implementation of all programmes and plans of ITU;
- c)* Resolution 44 (Istanbul, 2002) of WTDC converting the task force on gender issues into a permanent Working Group on Gender Issues;
- d)* Resolution 1187 adopted by the Council at its 2001 session, on gender perspective<sup>1</sup> in ITU human resources management, policy and practice, in which the Council requested the Secretary-General to allocate appropriate resources, within existing budgetary limits, to establish a gender-perspective full-time dedicated staff;

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<sup>1</sup> “Gender perspective”: Mainstreaming a gender perspective is the process of assessing the implications for women and men of any planned action, including legislation, policies or programmes in all areas and at all levels. It is a strategy for making women’s as well as men’s concerns and experiences an integral dimension of design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation so that women and men benefit equally and inequality is not perpetuated. The ultimate goal is to achieve gender equality. (Source: Report of the Inter-Agency Committee on Women and Gender Equality, third session, New York, 25-27 February 1998).

e) Resolution 2001/41 adopted by the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) in July 2001, in which ECOSOC decided to establish, under the regular agenda item “Coordination, programme and other questions”, the regular sub-item “Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes of the United Nations system” in order to, *inter alia*, monitor and evaluate achievements made and obstacles encountered by the United Nations system, and to consider further measures to strengthen the implementation and monitoring of gender mainstreaming within the United Nations system;

f) Resolution 55 (Florianópolis, 2004) of the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly, which encourages gender mainstreaming in the activities of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector;

g) Resolution 55 (Doha, 2006) of WTDC endorsing a specific action plan for the promotion of gender equality towards all-inclusive information societies,

*recognizing*

a) that society as a whole, particularly in the context of the information and knowledge society, will benefit from equal participation of women and men in policy-making and decision-making and equal access to communication services for both women and men;

b) that information and communication technologies (ICTs) are tools through which gender equality can be advanced, and are integral to the creation of societies in which both women and men can substantively contribute and participate;

c) that the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), namely the Geneva Declaration of Principles, the Geneva Plan of Action, the Tunis Commitment and the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society, outlined the concept of the information society and that continued efforts must be undertaken in this context to bridge the gender digital divide,

*recognizing further*

- a) the progress achieved in raising awareness, both within ITU and among Member States, of the importance of integrating a gender perspective in all ITU work programmes and of increasing the number of women professionals in ITU, especially at senior management level, while at the same time working towards the equal access of women and men to posts in the General Service category;
- b) the considerable recognition given to the work of ITU in gender and ICT within the United Nations family of organizations,

*considering*

- a) the progress made by ITU, and in particular the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT), in the development and implementation of projects that target women and are gender-sensitive, as well as in increasing the awareness of the links between gender issues and ICTs within the Union and among Member States and Sector Members;
- b) the results achieved by the Working Group on Gender Issues in promoting gender equality,

*noting*

- a) that there is a need for ITU to investigate, analyse and further understand the impact of telecommunication technologies on women and men;
- b) that ITU should take the lead in establishing gender-relevant indicators for the telecommunication sector;
- c) that more work needs to be done to ensure that the gender perspective is included in all ITU policies, work programmes, information dissemination activities, publications, study groups, seminars, workshops and conferences,

*encourages Member States and Sector Members*

- 1 to review and revise, as appropriate, their respective policies and practices to ensure that recruitment, employment, training and advancement of women and men alike are undertaken on a fair and equitable basis;
- 2 to facilitate the employment of women and men equally in the telecommunication field, including at senior levels of responsibility in the telecommunication administrations, government and regulatory bodies and intergovernmental organizations and in the private sector;
- 3 to review their policies related to the information society so as to ensure the inclusion of a gender perspective in all activities,

*resolves*

- 1 to endorse Resolution 55 (Doha, 2006) on promoting gender equality towards all-inclusive information societies;
- 2 to continue the work being done at ITU, and particularly in BDT, to promote gender equality in ICTs by recommending measures at the international, regional and national level on policies and programmes that improve socio-economic conditions for women, particularly in developing countries;
- 3 to accord high priority to the incorporation of gender policies in the management, staffing and operation of ITU;
- 4 to incorporate the gender perspective in the implementation of the ITU strategic plan and financial plan for 2008-2011 as well as in the operational plans of the Bureaux and the General Secretariat,

*instructs the Council*

to continue and expand on the initiatives carried out over the past four years and to accelerate the gender mainstreaming process in ITU as a whole so as to ensure capacity building, continuity and sustainability,

*instructs the Secretary-General*

- 1 to continue to ensure that the gender perspective is incorporated in the work programmes, management approaches and human resource development activities of ITU, and to submit an annual written report to the Council on progress made on gender mainstreaming in ITU, including statistics on gender by grade of ITU staff and participation of women and men in ITU conferences and meetings;
- 2 to ensure the inclusion of a gender perspective in all ITU contributions to the implementation of WSIS action lines;
- 3 to give particular attention to gender balance for posts at the Professional category and particularly the higher levels in ITU and, when choosing between candidates who have equal qualifications for a post, taking into account geographical distribution (No. 154 of the ITU Constitution) and the balance between female and male staff, to give appropriate priority to gender balance;
- 4 to report to the next plenipotentiary conference on the results and progress made on the inclusion of a gender perspective in the work of ITU, and on the implementation of this resolution;
- 5 to make efforts to mobilize voluntary contributions from Member States, Sector Members and others for this purpose;
- 6 to encourage administrations to give equal opportunities to male and female candidatures for elected official posts and for membership of the Radio Regulations Board;
- 7 to bring this resolution and Resolution 55 (Doha, 2006) to the attention of the Secretary-General of the United Nations in an effort to promote increased coordination and cooperation for development policies, programmes and projects that link ICTs to the promotion of gender equality,

*invites Member States and Sector Members*

to make voluntary contributions to ITU to facilitate the implementation of this resolution to the fullest extent possible.

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RESOLUTION 71 (Rev. Antalya, 2006)

**Strategic plan for the Union for 2008-2011**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

*considering*

a) the provisions of the ITU Constitution and Convention relating to strategic policies and plans;

b) Article 19 of the Convention on the participation of Sector Members in the Union's activities,

*noting*

the challenges faced by the Union in achieving its purposes in the changing telecommunication/information and communication technology (ICT) environment, both in the period covered by this strategic plan for the Union for 2008-2011 and in the following period,

*resolves*

1 to adopt the strategic plan for 2008-2011, contained in Annex 1 to this resolution, based on the overall goals outlined in § 3.2 thereof;

2 to complement this strategic plan with the goals, strategies and priorities for the three Sectors and for the General Secretariat, in line with their overall missions set out in §§ 4.1, 5.1, 6.1 and 7.1 of the strategic plan,



*instructs the Secretary-General*

1 when reporting annually to the Council, to present progress reports on the strategic plan and on the goals, strategies and priorities for the General Secretariat and for the three Bureaux for 2008-2011, including recommendations to adjust the plan in the light of changes in the telecommunication/ICT environment, based on evaluations of key performance indicators, as well as proposals by the competent Sector advisory groups, decisions by conferences and by assemblies of the Sectors and changes in the Union's activities and its financial situation;

2 to distribute these reports to all Member States, after consideration by the Council, urging them to circulate them to Sector Members, as well as to those entities and organizations referred to in No. 235 of the Convention which have participated in these activities,

*instructs the Council*

1 to oversee further development and implementation of the strategic plan for 2008-2011 in Annex 1 to this resolution, on the basis of the Secretary-General's annual reports;

2 to present an assessment of the results of the strategic plan for 2008-2011 to the next plenipotentiary conference, along with a proposed strategic plan for the period 2012-2015,

*invites Member States*

to contribute national insights on policy, regulatory and operational matters to the strategic planning process undertaken by the Union in the period before the next plenipotentiary conference, in order to:

- strengthen the effectiveness of the Union in fulfilling its purposes as set out in the instruments of the Union by cooperating in the implementation of the strategic plan;
- assist the Union in meeting the changing expectations of all its constituents as national structures for the provision of telecommunication/ICT services continue to evolve,

*invites Sector Members*

to communicate their views on the strategic plan of the Union through their relevant Sectors.

**Annexes:** Strategic plan for the Union for 2008-2011  
Definitions of terms used in Resolution 71 (Rev. Antalya, 2006)

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## ANNEX 1 TO RESOLUTION 71 (Rev. Antalya, 2006)

**Strategic plan for the Union for 2008-2011****PART I – The Union and its membership****1 The mission and nature of the Union**

1.1 Article 2 of the ITU Constitution states that the International Telecommunication Union is an intergovernmental organization in which Member States and Sector Members, having well-defined rights and obligations, and having due regard to the principle of universality and the desirability of universal participation, shall cooperate for the fulfilment of the purposes of the Union, as set out in its Constitution.

1.2 Nos 70 and 70A (Article 10) of the Constitution task the ITU Council with preparing a report on the policy and strategic planning recommended for the Union, together with their financial implications, in keeping with the guidelines established by the Plenipotentiary Conference, to ensure that the Union's policies and strategies fully respond to the constantly changing telecommunication/information and communication technology (ICT) environment.

**2 The telecommunication/ICT environment and its implications for the Union**

2.1 Over the last four years, many developments have occurred in the telecommunication and broader ICT environment that have significant implications for ITU as a whole. These developments include (not listed in any special order):

2.1.1 the convergence of technological platforms for telecommunications, information delivery, broadcasting and computing and the deployment of common network infrastructures for multiple communication services and applications;

2.1.2 the continued growth, albeit uneven across countries, of the Internet and other IP-based platforms and related services, and the deployment of national and regional IP-based backbone networks;

2.1.3 the continuing rapid development of wireless and mobile radio-communications, and their convergence with both fixed telephony and broadcasting services;

2.1.4 the need for high-quality, demand-driven international standards, which are developed rapidly, in line with the principles of global connectivity, openness, affordability, reliability, interoperability and security;

2.1.5 the substantial investment of resources being made by service providers and equipment manufacturers for standards-making in next-generation networks (NGN);

2.1.6 the emergence of key technologies, including radio-frequency identification (RFID) and sensor-network technologies, which will be vehicles for creating new services and applications, enhancing efficiency in a revolutionary way and thereby promoting the building of the information society;

2.1.7 the conviction, as set out in § 15 of the Tunis Commitment, adopted by the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), recognizing the principles of universal and non-discriminatory access to ICTs for all nations and the need to take into account the level of social and economic development of each country, and respecting the development-oriented aspects of the information society, that ICTs are effective tools to promote peace, security and stability and to enhance democracy, social cohesion, good governance and the rule of law, at national, regional and international levels; that ICTs can be used to promote economic growth and enterprise development; that infrastructure development, human capacity building, information security and network security are critical to achieving these goals; and, further, that there is a need to effectively confront challenges and threats resulting from use of ICTs for purposes that are inconsistent with the objectives of maintaining international stability and security and may adversely affect the integrity of the infrastructure within States, to the detriment of their security; and that it is necessary to prevent the abuse of information resources and technologies for criminal and terrorist purposes, while respecting human rights;

2.1.8 the delivery of audiovisual services and applications over a wide variety of new platforms, including both fixed and mobile networks, resulting in increased competition for media distribution;

2.1.9 the continuing trend towards separation of operational and regulatory functions, and the creation of many new independent telecommunication regulatory bodies, in particular in developing countries and regional economic areas, as well as the growing role of regional organizations, in order to ensure the consistency and predictability of regulatory frameworks, and encourage capital investment;

2.1.10 continuing market liberalization, in particular in developing countries, including the opening of markets to competition, greater private-sector participation, and licensing of new market entrants;

2.1.11 the trend in a number of Member States to regulate telecommunications/ICTs with less reliance on sectoral regulation in competitive markets, generating different challenges for policy-makers and regulators;

2.1.12 encouraging the effective use of telecommunications/ICTs and modern technologies during critical emergencies, as a crucial part of disaster early warning, mitigation, management and relief strategies, in light of the accelerating pace of change in the global environment and of the action lines of WSIS;

2.1.13 ongoing challenges relating to capacity building, in particular for developing countries, in the light of rapid technological innovation and increased convergence;

2.1.14 significant differences and shortages, within and amongst Member States, both in deployment of telecommunication/ICT infrastructures and in the capability to use them to access information (i.e. digital divide), due to several factors and in particular the associated costs;

2.1.15 increased awareness of the role of ICTs as a tool for the overall development of society, the recognition that robust telecommunication/ICT infrastructures are fundamental to building the information society, and cognizance of the need to encourage the private sector to uphold its corporate social responsibility;

2.1.16 the important role of multilingualism in enabling all countries to participate fully in ITU's work, and in constructing a global information society that is open for all.

2.2 Drawing upon its experience, the Union should take into account the outputs of the two phases of WSIS, namely the Geneva Declaration, the Geneva Plan of Action, the Tunis Commitment and the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society. In particular, special attention should be given to those action lines where ITU has been named as moderator and facilitator (i.e. information and communication infrastructure (C2) and building confidence and security in the use of ICTs (C5)), in addition to those action lines in which it has been named as partner.

2.3 A continuing challenge facing the Union is to remain a pre-eminent intergovernmental organization where Member States, Sector Members and Associates work together to enable the growth and sustained development of telecommunications and information networks, and to facilitate universal access so that people everywhere can participate in, and benefit from, the emerging information society. In this context, the Union must consider the following factors:

2.3.1 the need to engage representatives of new actors, such as the relevant WSIS stakeholders, in the work of the Union, especially as it relates to the emerging information society;

2.3.2 the need to raise public awareness of the Union's mandate, role and activities as well as to afford broader access to the Union's resources for the general public and other actors involved in the emerging information society;

2.3.3 the need to make optimal use of the established scarce financial and human resources available for the Union's activities, and to make every effort to enhance these required resources, in order for ITU to meet its responsibilities and challenges for the benefit of its membership, particularly developing countries.

### **3 Strategic orientations and goals**

3.1 The general goals, strategies and priorities of the Union are achieved through the activities of the Plenipotentiary Conference, the Council, conferences, assemblies and its three Sectors. The General Secretariat supports these activities, in the interests of the membership, in particular through the provision of conference services, centralized common services, information services, legal services, financial planning and cost control, human resource management, publications, as well as services delivered directly to the membership such as ITU TELECOM events. One of the Union's more important activities is its role, as part of a multistakeholder process, in the follow-up and implementation of the relevant WSIS outcomes. The purposes of the Union, as set out in Article 1 of the Constitution, apply to the Union as a whole, so its organizational units share a number of strategic orientations and goals for the 2008-2011 period.

3.2 The main mission of ITU – as a pre-eminent intergovernmental organization where Member States, Sector Members and Associates work together – is to enable and foster the growth and sustained development of telecommunication networks and services, and to facilitate universal access so that people everywhere can participate in, and benefit from, the emerging information society. ITU can achieve this overall mission by:

**Goal 1:** Maintaining and extending international cooperation among all Member States and with relevant regional organizations for the improvement and rational use of information and communication infrastructure of all kinds, taking the appropriate leading role in United Nations system initiatives on ICTs, as called for by the relevant WSIS outcomes.

**Goal 2:** Assisting in bridging the national and international digital divides in ICTs, by facilitating interoperability, interconnection and global connectivity of networks and services, and by playing a leading role, within its mandate, in the multistakeholder process for the follow-up and implementation of the relevant WSIS goals and objectives.

**Goal 3:** Widening the Union's membership, extending participation and facilitating cooperation of an increasing number of administrations and organizations, as well as new actors, such as relevant WSIS stakeholders.

**Goal 4:** Developing tools, based on contributions from the membership, to promote end-user confidence, and to safeguard the efficiency, security, integrity and interoperability of networks<sup>1</sup>.

**Goal 5:** Continuing to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of ITU's structures and services and their relevance to the requirements of the membership and the wider global community.

**Goal 6:** Disseminating information and know-how to provide the membership and the wider community, particularly developing countries, with capabilities to leverage the benefits of, *inter alia*, private-sector participation, competition, globalization, network security and efficiency and technological change in their ICT sector, and enhancing the capacity of ITU Member States, in particular developing countries, for innovation in ICTs.

**Goal 7:** Promoting the development of an enabling environment that assists governments in fostering supportive, transparent, pro-competitive, harmonized and predictable policies, as well as legal and regulatory frameworks that provide appropriate incentives for investment in, and development of, the information society.

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<sup>1</sup> Information and communication network efficiency and security cover threats including, *inter alia*, spam, cybercrime, viruses, worms and denial-of-service attacks.



## PART II – Sectoral objectives and outputs<sup>2</sup>

### 4 Radiocommunication Sector

4.1 The mission of the ITU Radiocommunication Sector (ITU-R) is to ensure, *inter alia*, consistent with application of Articles 1 and 12 of the Constitution, the rational, equitable, efficient and economical use of the radio-frequency spectrum by all radiocommunication services, including those using satellite orbits, and to carry out studies and approve recommendations on radiocommunication matters.

4.2 ITU-R has five main objectives (not listed in any special order):

4.2.1 **Objective 1:** To promote, foster and ensure cooperation and coordination among all Member States in decision-making on radiocommunication issues, with participation of Sector Members and Associates, as appropriate.

4.2.2 **Objective 2:** To meet the requirements of the membership for spectrum, orbit access and operations in application of the Constitution, in the light, *inter alia*, of the accelerating convergence of radiocommunication services.

4.2.3 **Objective 3:** To produce recommendations on radiocommunication services in order to achieve connectivity and interoperability in applying modern ICTs.

4.2.4 **Objective 4:** To respond to the needs of the membership by disseminating information and know-how on radiocommunication issues, by publishing and distributing relevant materials (e.g. reports and handbooks), in coordination and collaboration, as appropriate, with the other Bureaux and the General Secretariat.

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<sup>2</sup> When a conference, assembly, study group or workshop is listed as an output, this encompasses more than the convening of the event. It includes such things as final acts, recommendations, etc.

4.2.5 **Objective 5:** To provide support and assistance to the membership, mainly to developing countries, in relation to radiocommunication matters, information and communication network infrastructure and applications, and in particular with respect to (a) bridging the digital divide; (b) gaining equitable access to the radio-frequency spectrum and to satellite orbits; and (c) providing training and producing relevant training materials for capacity building.

4.3 In line with the results-based budgeting approach, these objectives are linked to ITU-R outputs as set out in Table 4.1 below. The five high-priority outputs for ITU-R have been identified as the following (without associating any order of priority to their appearance in Table 4.1 below): world and regional radiocommunication conferences (WRCs and RRCs); processing of space and terrestrial notices; ITU-R study groups; publications; and assistance to the membership.

TABLE 4.1

## ITU-R objectives and outputs

	<b>Objective 1</b> Promote coordination and collaboration among members	<b>Objective 2</b> Meet requirements relating to spectrum and orbit access	<b>Objective 3</b> Produce recommendations to achieve connectivity and interoperability	<b>Objective 4</b> Disseminate information and know-how	<b>Objective 5</b> Support and assist membership, in particular developing countries
WRC	x				
RRC	x				
Processing of space notices & other related activities		x			
Processing of terrestrial notices & other related activities		x			
Study groups, working parties, task and joint groups			x		
ITU-R publications				x	
Assistance to the membership, in particular developing countries and LDCs					x
Radio Regulations Board	x				
Radiocomm. Assemblies	x				
Radiocomm. Advisory Group	x				
Liaison/support for development activities					x
Seminars					x

## 5 Telecommunication Standardization Sector

5.1 The mission of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T) is to provide a unique worldwide venue for industry and government to work together to foster the development and use of interoperable, non-discriminatory and demand-driven international standards that are based on openness and take into account the needs of users, in order to create an environment where users can access affordable services worldwide regardless of underlying technology, particularly in developing countries, while at the same time establishing links between the activities of ITU-T and the relevant WSIS outcomes.

5.2 ITU-T has seven main objectives (not listed in any special order):

5.2.1 **Objective 1:** To develop and publish the required global standards in a timely fashion.

5.2.2 **Objective 2:** To identify relevant areas for future standardization projects to be initiated within ITU-T, while remaining aware of the ongoing work in other standards bodies, and cooperating and collaborating with them as appropriate in order to, *inter alia*, reduce duplication, avoid inconsistencies, and ensure that work of ITU-T creates added value.

5.2.3 **Objective 3:** To provide the most efficient, attractive and effective forum for the development of international standards that are well adapted to the changing telecommunication/ICT environment, as well as the implementation of relevant WSIS outcomes, consistent with ITU's mandate and the needs and interests of the membership.

5.2.4 **Objective 4:** To promote the value of ITU-T in order to attract increased membership, recognizing that members and non-members have a choice in committing their resources to ITU-T and other standards bodies.

5.2.5 **Objective 5:** To respond to the needs of the membership and others by disseminating information and know-how through the publication and distribution of relevant materials (e.g. manuals), in coordination and collaboration, as appropriate, with the other Bureaux and the General Secretariat.

5.2.6 **Objective 6:** To cooperate and collaborate with other ITU Sectors, standardization bodies and relevant entities.

5.2.7 **Objective 7:** To provide support and assistance to the membership, mainly to developing countries, in relation to standardization matters, information and communication network infrastructure and applications, and in particular with respect to (a) bridging the digital divide and (b) providing training and producing relevant training materials for capacity building.

5.3 In line with the results-based budgeting approach, these objectives are linked to ITU-T outputs as set out in Table 5.1 below. The six high-priority outputs for ITU-T have been identified as the following (without associating any order of priority to their appearance in Table 5.1 below): World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA); Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group (TSAG); ITU-T study groups; workshops; ITU-T publications; and promotion.

TABLE 5.1

## ITU-T objectives and outputs

	<b>Objective 1</b> Develop and publish timely global standards	<b>Objective 2</b> Identify relevant areas for future standardization projects	<b>Objective 3</b> Provide the most attractive forum for standardization in the interest of the membership	<b>Objective 4</b> Promote value of ITU-T to attract increased membership	<b>Objective 5</b> Disseminate information and know-how	<b>Objective 6</b> Cooperate and collaborate with other Sectors and other entities	<b>Objective 7</b> Provide support and assistance to the membership, in particular developing countries
WTSA	X	X	X				X
WTSA regional consultation		X		X	X		X
TSAG	X	X	X	X		X	
Study groups	X	X		X	X	X	X
Workshops	X	X		X	X	X	X
ITU-T publications	X		X	X	X		X
Promotion		X		X	X		X
ITU operational bulletin					X		
Database publications			X		X	X	
UIFN registrar					X		
UIPRN/UISCN registrar					X		
ITU-T general assistance and cooperation				X	X	X	X

## 6 Telecommunication Development Sector

6.1 The mission of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D) is to be the pre-eminent promoter and catalyst for telecommunication/ICT development and the bridge between relevant partners involved in ICTs, with a view to fostering equitable and sustainable access to innovative and affordable services, especially in developing and least developed countries, and harnessing the potential of the major world populations living in underserved areas to enter the information society, while at the same time developing synergies between relevant WSIS outcomes and ITU-D programmes and activities.

6.2 ITU-D has seven main objectives (not listed in any special order):

6.2.1 **Objective 1:** To organize and strengthen cooperation among ITU-D members and between ITU-D and other stakeholders, reflecting the relevant WSIS outcomes.

6.2.2 **Objective 2:** To foster an environment that promotes the development of telecommunication/ICT networks and services, in particular in the policy, legal and regulatory domains, taking into account a rapidly developing ICT environment and technology.

6.2.3 **Objective 3:** To support the identification of relevant projects, promote investment in these projects from related telecommunication/ICT ventures, and nurture public/private partnerships, where appropriate.

6.2.4 **Objective 4:** To respond to the needs of the ITU-D membership by providing and disseminating relevant information (e.g. reports and handbooks) and know-how, including information relating to the implementation of WSIS outcomes, in coordination and collaboration, as appropriate, with the other ITU Bureaux and the General Secretariat.

6.2.5 **Objective 5:** To support the implementation of global, regional and other relevant initiatives and projects, including those relating to underserved areas, indigenous communities and small island developing states, least developed countries, landlocked developing countries, highly indebted poor countries, countries recovering from conflicts, countries and territories under occupation, regions with special needs as well as conditions that pose severe threats to the environment such as natural disasters, which will facilitate the deployment and operation of telecommunication/ICT networks and services with a view to fostering their secure, sustainable and affordable access and use at national, regional and global levels.

6.2.6 **Objective 6:** To assist developing countries, particularly least developed countries, countries with economies in transition and small island developing states, in building human, institutional and organizational capacity through human resource development and dissemination of pertinent information for ICT development.

6.2.7 **Objective 7:** To undertake economic, financial and technical studies on questions related to the development of telecommunications/ICTs, in conformity with the terms of reference of the ITU-D study groups, and communicate the results, as appropriate, ensuring close coordination and cooperation within ITU as a whole.

6.3 In line with the results-based budgeting approach, these objectives are linked to ITU-D outputs as set out in Table 6.1 below. The four high-priority outputs for ITU-D have been identified as the following (in order of priority): international cooperation (world and regional telecommunication development conferences, WTDCs and RTDCs); study groups; programmes and assistance to the membership; and global and regional initiatives.



TABLE 6.1

## ITU-D objectives and outputs

	<b>Objective 1</b> Organize and strengthen cooperation reflecting the relevant outcomes of WSIS	<b>Objective 2</b> Foster an environment for developing ICT networks, in particular the policy, legal and regulatory domains	<b>Objective 3</b> Identification of relevant projects to promote investment in ICTs, and promotion of public/private partnerships	<b>Objective 4</b> Respond to needs of membership by disseminating information and know-how	<b>Objective 5</b> Support projects facilitating deployment of networks and services to foster secure, sustainable, affordable access	<b>Objective 6</b> Assist developing countries, in particular LDCs, in building human, institutional and organizational capacity	<b>Objective 7</b> Undertake studies on questions related to the development of ICTs, and communicate results
WTDC and RTDC	X	X		X	X	X	
Study groups	X	X		X	X	X	X
Special programme for LDCs	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Global and regional initiatives	X		X	X	X	X	
Telecommunication Development Advisory Group	X			X			
GSR and regulatory reform	X	X	X	X		X	
Info. and comm. infrastructure and network development	X		X	X	X	X	X
E-strategies, e-services, e-applications	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Economics and finance	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Human capacity building	X			X		X	
Statistics and ICT information	X			X		X	
Partnership and promotion	X		X	X			
Assistance to the membership	X		X	X	X	X	

### **PART III – Intersectoral objectives and outputs of the General Secretariat**

7.1 The mission of the ITU General Secretariat, in accordance with Article 11 of the Constitution and Article 5 of the Convention, is to provide accurate, timely and efficient services to the membership of the Union and to serve and coordinate the activities of the Sectors of the Union in undertaking intersectoral activities, as well as to support the activities of the Sectors.

7.2 The General Secretariat has five main intersectoral objectives (listed in no particular order):

7.2.1 **Objective 1:** To provide the membership, the Plenipotentiary Conference and the Council, Sector conferences and assemblies, and study groups/working parties with the necessary modern IT-infrastructure and other services for their work as well as with accurate, timely, coherent and transparent information on the ITU budget, programmes and activities and their financial implications, including the thorough application of the principles of cost recovery and the identification of new sources of funding, and with interpretation and translation services, documentation and publications, as required.

7.2.2 **Objective 2:** To progressively improve the efficiency of the operation and management of the Union, by proposing to the Council a sound and balanced budget, by ensuring financial accountability, including the implementation of a results-based approach with appropriate feedback mechanisms, effective and efficient management of conferences and meetings, cost-effective provision of information services, enhanced security, infrastructure and facilities, effective management of human resources and, where appropriate, outsourcing.

7.2.3 **Objective 3:** To facilitate the internal coordination of activities among the three Sectors in their external relations and corporate communications and where work programmes are overlapping or are related, so as to assist the membership in ensuring that it benefits from the full complement of expertise available within the Union.

7.2.4 **Objective 4:** To further enhance international cooperation and, where agreed by the membership, to develop innovative mechanisms for such cooperation, and to act as the depository of international treaties and agreements, consistent with the purposes of ITU.

7.2.5 **Objective 5:** To improve the exchange of information among the membership and to promote the activities of the Union in order to increase membership, encourage the use of ITU products and services, and raise the overall visibility of the Union within the ICT industry and the international community as whole.

7.3 In line with the results-based budgeting approach, these objectives are linked to the intersectoral outputs of the Union as set out in Table 7.1 below. The four high-priority intersectoral outputs have been identified as (without associating any order of priority to their appearance in Table 7.1 below): ITU Plenipotentiary Conference; the Council and its working groups; budget; corporate governance and communication; and implementation of the relevant WSIS outcomes.

**TABLE 7.1****Intersectoral objectives and outputs**

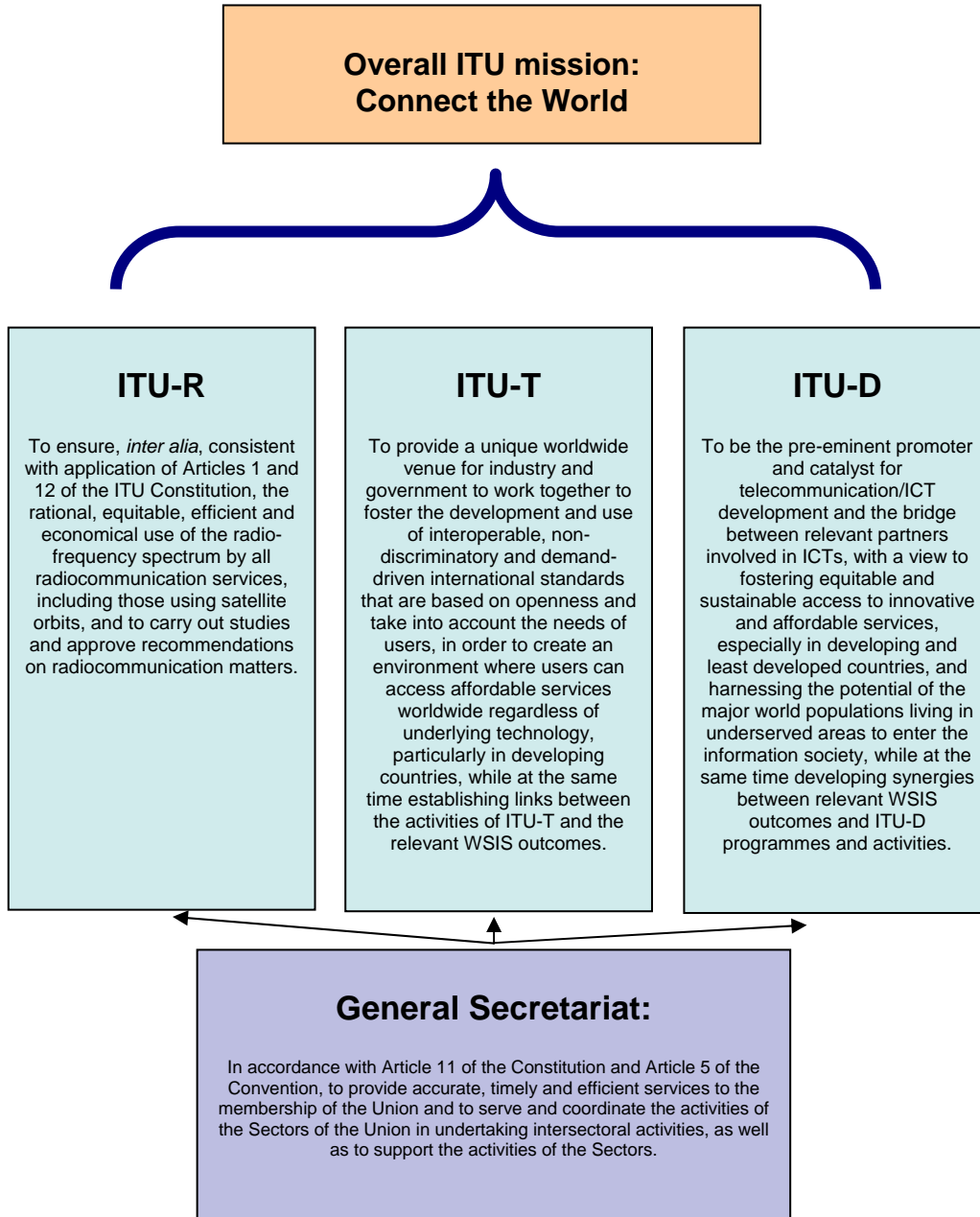
	<b>Objective 1</b> Information to membership on activities and financial status	<b>Objective 2</b> Effective management of the Union	<b>Objective 3</b> Intersectoral coordination of activities	<b>Objective 4</b> International cooperation and agreements	<b>Objective 5</b> Information exchange and ITU promotion
Plenipotentiary Conference	x	x	x	x	
Council and working groups	x	x	x		
Budget, corporate governance and communication	x	x	x		x
WSIS outcomes	x	x	x	x	x
ITU TELECOM			x	x	x
WTPF			x	x	
WCIT			x	x	
Intersectoral coordination	x	x	x	x	x

## **PART IV – Linking sectoral and intersectoral objectives with the overall goals of the Union**

8.1 The overall mission of ITU is to connect the world by extending to all of its inhabitants the benefits of telecommunications and new ICTs. In the pursuit of this goal, the Union's three Sectors are tasked with ensuring the efficient use of the radio-frequency spectrum, with developing non-discriminatory standards, based on openness, and with promoting equitable and sustainable access to ICTs for developing countries. The Sectors are supported in their mission by the work of the respective Bureaux and the General Secretariat. The relationship between the mission of ITU and the missions of its constituent parts is represented schematically below in Fig. 8.1.

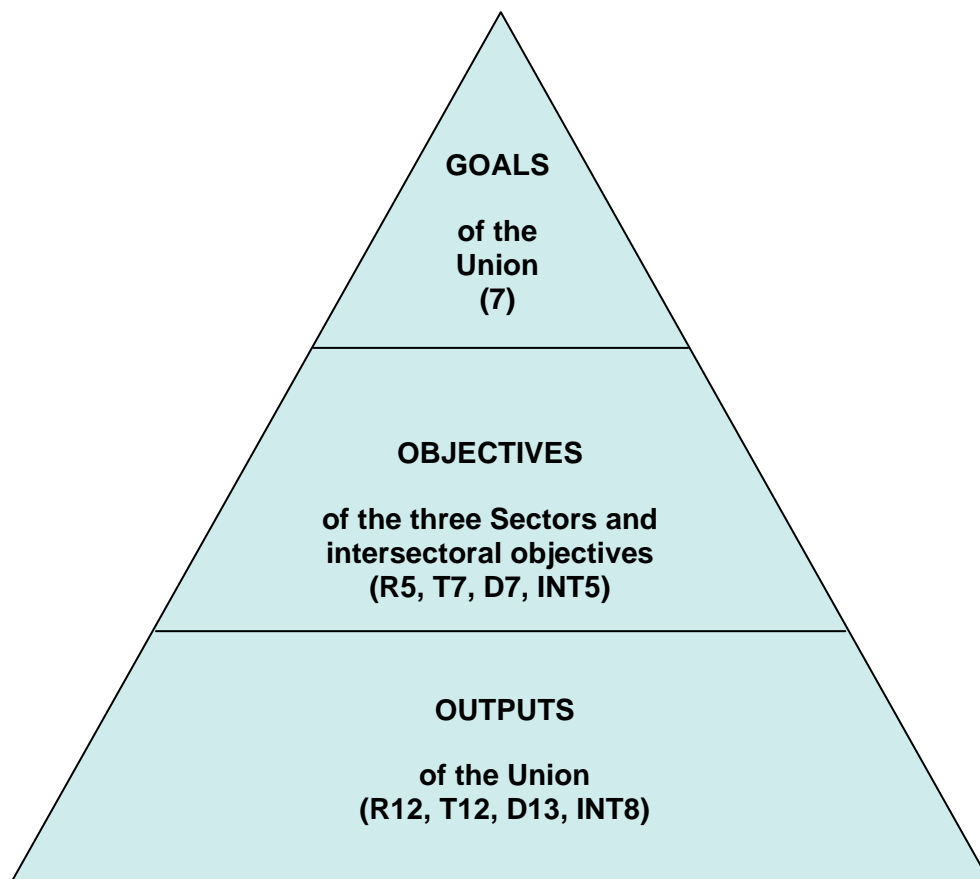
FIGURE 8.1

## Overview of the mission of ITU and its constituent parts



8.2 The Union has a total of 45 outputs, as defined in the results-based budgeting approach. As such, these outputs are closely aligned with the sectoral and intersectoral objectives, which in turn serve to fulfil the overall goals of the Union, as set out in Fig. 8.2 and Table 8.1 below.

**FIGURE 8.2**  
**ITU goals, objectives and outputs**



**TABLE 8.1****Matching specific objectives to the overall goals of the Union**

	<b>Goal 1</b> Maintain and extend international cooperation	<b>Goal 2</b> Assist in bridging the digital divide, promote global connectivity through WSIS, etc.	<b>Goal 3</b> Widen the Union's membership	<b>Goal 4</b> Develop tools to safeguard networks	<b>Goal 5</b> Continue to improve efficiency and effectiveness	<b>Goal 6</b> Disseminate information and know-how	<b>Goal 7</b> Promote the development of an enabling environment
<b>ITU-R</b>							
Objective 1	x		x				
Objective 2	x	x		x			
Objective 3		x		x			x
Objective 4						x	
Objective 5		x	x				
<b>ITU-T</b>							
Objective 1	x	x		x		x	
Objective 2	x	x	x	x			
Objective 3	x	x	x		x	x	x
Objective 4		x	x			x	x
Objective 5		x			x	x	x
Objective 6	x	x	x				
Objective 7	x	x				x	x
<b>ITU-D</b>							
Objective 1	x	x	x				
Objective 2		x					x
Objective 3		x	x		x		x
Objective 4	x	x		x			x
Objective 5		x				x	
Objective 6		x				x	
Objective 7		x				x	x

**TABLE 8.1****Matching specific objectives to the overall goals of the Union (cont.)**

	<b>Goal 1</b> Maintain and extend international cooperation	<b>Goal 2</b> Assist in bridging the digital divide, promote global connectivity through WSIS, etc.	<b>Goal 3</b> Widen the Union's membership	<b>Goal 4</b> Develop tools to safeguard networks	<b>Goal 5</b> Continue to improve efficiency and effectiveness	<b>Goal 6</b> Disseminate information and know-how	<b>Goal 7</b> Promote the development of an enabling environment
<b>Intersectoral Objectives (INT)</b>							
Objective 1	x		x		x		
Objective 2	x				x	x	
Objective 3	x	x		x	x	x	x
Objective 4	x		x				x
Objective 5		x	x		x	x	



## ANNEX 2 TO RESOLUTION 71 (Rev. Antalya, 2006)

**Definitions of terms used in Resolution 71 (Rev. Antalya, 2006)****Goals**

Goals refer to the Union's high-level targets to which the objectives of the Sectors and General Secretariat contribute, directly or indirectly. These relate to the whole of ITU.

**Mission**

The mission of a Sector or of the General Secretariat describes its main overall function, as set out in the ITU Constitution and Convention.

**Objectives**

Objectives refer to the specific purposes and aims of individual Sectors and of the General Secretariat. They describe the expected results to be achieved in a given period.

**Outputs**

Outputs refer to the final products or services delivered by ITU (e.g. deliverables of a programme). They correspond to the outputs as defined in the 2006-2007 budget of the Union. Outputs can be those of individual Sectors or Union-wide intersectoral products and services. Outputs are cost objects and are represented in the cost-accounting system currently used in ITU by internal orders.

**Key performance indicators**

Key performance indicators (KPIs) are the criteria or features used to measure the achievement of outputs, which in turn serve to fulfil the various objectives defined in the strategic planning process. These indicators can be qualitative, quantitative, or both. They are designed to provide a scale against which to measure and, *inter alia*, show progress towards producing outputs and achieving objectives.

## RESOLUTION 72 (Rev. Antalya, 2006)

**Linking strategic, financial and operational planning in ITU**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

*considering*

*a)* the adoption of Recommendation 11 (Valletta, 1998) by the World Telecommunication Development Conference, highlighting the need for financial and operational planning to be considered for implementation on an ITU-wide basis by the Plenipotentiary Conference;

*b)* that, in the strategic plan for the Union for 2004-2007, as one of the priorities of ITU, operational planning was extended to the three Sectors and the General Secretariat as a mechanism for increasing accountability and transparency and enhancing the linkage between this management tool and the strategic planning and budgeting process,

*recognizing*

*a)* that the process by which progress in achieving the objectives of ITU can be measured could be considerably enhanced through the linkage of strategic, financial and operational plans which set out the activities planned to be undertaken during any given four-year period;

*b)* that operational and financial plans for ITU should set out the activities of the Union, the objectives of those activities and the associated resources, and could be effectively utilized, *inter alia*:

- to monitor progress in the implementation of the programmes of the Union;
- to enhance the capacity of the membership to evaluate, using performance indicators, progress in the achievement of programme activities;
- to improve the efficiency of these activities;

- to ensure transparency, particularly in the application of cost recovery;
  - to promote complementarity between the activities of ITU and those of other relevant international and regional telecommunication organizations;
- c)* that the introduction of operational planning and its effective linkage to strategic and financial planning may make changes in the Financial Regulations necessary in order to elaborate the relationships between the corresponding documents and to harmonize presentation of the information they contain;
- d)* that an effective and specific oversight mechanism is required in order to enable the Council adequately to audit progress in linking the strategic, operational and financial functions and to assess the implementation of operational plans,

*resolves to instruct the Secretary-General and the Directors of the three Bureaux*

- 1 to identify particular measures and elements, which should be considered indicative and not exclusive, to be included in the operational plan, that will assist the Union in implementing the strategic and financial plans and enable the Council to review their implementation;
- 2 to review the Financial Regulations of the Union, taking into account the views of Member States and the advice of the Sector advisory groups, and to make appropriate proposals for consideration by the Council in the light of *recognizing c) and d) above*;
- 3 to each prepare their consolidated plans reflecting the linkages between strategic, financial and operational planning, for annual review by the Council;
- 4 to provide to conferences and assemblies the necessary information from the full range of new financial and planning mechanisms available in order to allow a reasonable estimate of the financial implications of their decisions to be made, taking into account the provisions of Article 34 of the ITU Convention,

*instructs the Council*

1 to evaluate progress in linking the strategic, financial and operational functions and in implementing operational planning, and to take steps as appropriate to achieve the objectives of this resolution;

2 to take the necessary action to ensure that the future strategic, financial and operational plans will be prepared in line with this resolution;

3 to prepare a report, with any appropriate recommendations, for consideration by the 2010 plenipotentiary conference.

## RESOLUTION 75 (Minneapolis, 1998)

**Publication of the ITU Constitution and Convention,  
decisions, resolutions and recommendations and the Optional  
Protocol on the Compulsory Settlement of Disputes**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Minneapolis, 1998),

*noting*

- a) that the instruments of the Union are the Constitution, the Convention and the Administrative Regulations;
- b) that this conference has adopted a new instrument containing the Rules of Procedure of conferences and other meetings of the International Telecommunication Union;
- c) that an Optional Protocol on the compulsory settlement of disputes relating to the Constitution, the Convention and the Administrative Regulations is open for ratification, acceptance, approval or accession by Member States of ITU,

*considering*

- a) that revisions of the Radio Regulations are published in a reference publication containing an updated version of the Radio Regulations and of the resolutions and recommendations adopted by world radiocommunication conferences;
- b) that, despite their permanent nature, the ITU Constitution and Convention have been amended by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Kyoto, 1994) and by this conference;
- c) that this conference has adopted Decision 3 relating to the treatment of decisions, resolutions and recommendations of plenipotentiary conferences,

*resolves to instruct the Secretary-General*

to publish a reference document containing:

- the Constitution and the Convention as amended by plenipotentiary conferences, indicating, for amended provisions, the conference having adopted those amendments;
- the full text of all decisions, resolutions and recommendations in force;
- a list of abrogated decisions, resolutions and recommendations including the year in which they were abrogated;
- the full text of the Optional Protocol on the compulsory settlement of disputes relating to the Constitution, the Convention and the Administrative Regulations.

## RESOLUTION 77 (Rev. Antalya, 2006)

**Future conferences, assemblies and  
forums of the Union (2008-2011)**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

*having considered*

- a) Document PP-06/22 submitted by the Secretary-General, on planned conferences and assemblies;
- b) the proposals submitted by several Member States,

*bearing in mind*

the necessary preparatory work to be carried out by Member States, Sector Members, the General Secretariat and the Sectors of the Union before each session of a conference or assembly,

*noting*

that the dates for the next Radiocommunication Assembly (RA) have been set for 15-19 October 2007, Geneva, and those for the next World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC) for 22 October-16 November 2007, Geneva,

*resolves*

1 that the schedule of future conferences, assemblies and forums for the years 2008-2011 shall be as follows:

1.1 World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA): between May and November 2008;

1.2 World Telecommunication Policy Forum (WTPF): first quarter 2009;

1.3 World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC):  
March 2010;

1.4 Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-10): October/November 2010;

1.5 RA and WRC: February/March 2011;

2 that the agendas of world and regional conferences shall be established in accordance with the relevant provisions of the ITU Convention and the agendas of assemblies shall be considered, as appropriate, taking into account the resolutions and recommendations of the relevant conferences and assemblies;

3 (i) that the dates and durations given in *noting* above for the RA-07 and WRC-07, for which the agendas have already been established, must not be modified;

(ii) that the conferences, the assemblies and the forum mentioned in *resolves* 1 shall be held within the periods indicated there, that the precise dates and places, where not already decided, will be set by the Council after consultation of the Member States, leaving sufficient time between the various conferences, and that the precise duration shall be decided by the Council after their agendas have been established.



## RESOLUTION 80 (Rev. Marrakesh, 2002)

**World radiocommunication conference process**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Marrakesh, 2002),

*considering*

- a) that the agenda for the 2003 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-03) was amended and approved by the Council at its 2001 session;
- b) that the radiocommunication sector has experienced rapid technological growth, and demand for new services is increasing rapidly in an environment that requires timely and efficient action,

*considering further*

- a) that, for the World Radiocommunication Conference (Geneva, 1997) (WRC-97) and the World Radiocommunication Conference (Istanbul, 2000) (WRC-2000), many administrations submitted common regional proposals, which greatly assisted in the efficiency of the conference proceedings;
- b) that informal groups and general liaison between regions played an important role in smoothing the work of those conferences;
- c) that, by Resolution 72 (Rev. WRC-2000), WRC-2000 encourages both formal and informal collaboration in order to resolve differences,

*noting*

- a) that this conference has adopted many of the recommendations of the Working Group on ITU Reform aimed at increasing the effectiveness of ITU in a rapidly changing environment;

b) that, in accordance with Nos. 118 and 126 of the ITU Convention, the general scope of a world radiocommunication conference (WRC) cycle is based on a period covering two conferences, whereby agenda items requiring long periods of study can be foreseen for a future conference, while those that may be studied within two to three years can be placed on the agenda for the first conference in the cycle;

c) that the strategic plan highlights a strategy aimed at more efficient world radiocommunication conferences;

d) that No. 126 of the Convention requires a WRC to estimate the financial implications of its proposed agenda,

*resolves*

1 that world radiocommunication conference preparations and administration, including budgetary appropriations, should be planned on the basis of two consecutive world radiocommunication conferences: a WRC shall propose the draft agenda of the next WRC and a provisional agenda for the second WRC;

2 to support the regional harmonization of common proposals, as stated in Resolution 72 (Rev. WRC-2000), for submission to world radiocommunication conferences;

3 to encourage both formal and informal collaboration in the interval between conferences with a view to resolving differences on items already on the agenda of a conference or new items;

4 that administrations, when proposing specific agenda items for WRC, should to the extent possible include some indication of the possible financial and resource implications (preparatory studies and decision implementation), to which effect they may request the assistance of the Radiocommunication Bureau,

*instructs the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau*

to study, with advice from the Radiocommunication Advisory Group, ways of improving the preparations for, and the structure and organization of, world radiocommunication conferences, for consideration by WRC,

*further instructs the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau*

1 to consult with Member States and regional and subregional telecommunication organizations on the means by which assistance can be provided in support of their preparations for future WRCs;

2 on the basis of such consultations and in collaboration with the Telecommunication Development Bureau, to assist Member States and regional and subregional telecommunication organizations in the organization of information sessions, and of formal and informal regional and interregional preparatory meetings in their respective regions and at conference venues;

3 to submit to the Council a report on the application of *further instructs the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau* 2 above,

*instructs the Secretary-General*

to encourage the participation of all Member States and Sector Members in addressing this issue.

## RESOLUTION 86 (Rev. Marrakesh, 2002)

**Advance publication, coordination, notification and recording procedures for frequency assignments pertaining to satellite networks**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Marrakesh, 2002),

*considering*

- a)* that the Voluntary Group of Experts (VGE) created to study allocation and improved use of the radio-frequency spectrum and the simplification of the Radio Regulations proposed changes to the Radio Regulations, including the coordination and notification procedures for satellite networks, with the aim of simplifying the procedures;
- b)* that Resolution 18 (Kyoto, 1994) of the Plenipotentiary Conference instructed the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau (BR) to initiate a review of some issues concerning international satellite network coordination;
- c)* that the World Radiocommunication Conference (Geneva, 1997) adopted changes to the Radio Regulations that entered into force 1 January 1999;
- d)* that the coordination and notification procedures for satellite networks are the foundation for discharging the ITU's role and mandate in space telecommunication matters;
- e)* that the scope of application of this resolution has already been extended beyond its intended objectives;
- f)* that there are no criteria for how this resolution is to be applied in order to properly achieve the objectives set forth therein,

*considering further*

that it is important that these procedures be kept as current and simple as possible in order to reduce the cost for administrations and BR,

*noting*

*a)* that all matters relating to administrative due diligence are covered in Resolution 85 (Minneapolis, 1998) of the Plenipotentiary Conference and Resolution 49 (Rev. WRC-2000) of the World Radiocommunication Conference;

*b)* Resolution 80 (Rev. WRC-2000) of the World Radiocommunication Conference, regarding due diligence in applying the principles embodied in the ITU Constitution,

*resolves to request the 2003 and subsequent world radiocommunication conferences*

to review and update the advance publication, coordination, notification and recording procedures for frequency assignments pertaining to satellite networks, including the associated technical characteristics, and the related appendices of the Radio Regulations, so as to:

- i)* facilitate, in accordance with Article 44 of the Constitution, the rational, efficient, and economical use of radio frequencies and any associated orbits, including the geostationary-satellite orbit, in conformity with the provisions of the Radio Regulations, so that countries or groups of countries may have equitable access to those orbits and frequencies, taking into account the special needs of the developing countries and the geographical situation of particular countries;
- ii)* ensure that these procedures, characteristics and appendices reflect the latest technologies;
- iii)* achieve simplification and cost savings for BR and administrations,

*further resolves to request the 2003 World Radiocommunication Conference*

to determine the scope and the criteria to be used for the implementation of this resolution.

## RESOLUTION 88 (Rev. Marrakesh, 2002)

**Processing charges for satellite network filings and administrative procedures**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Marrakesh, 2002),

*considering*

- a)* that the Plenipotentiary Conference adopted Resolution 88 (Minneapolis, 1998) dealing with processing charges for satellite network filings, requesting the Council to adopt the methodology and schedule of charges at its 1999 session;
- b)* that, at its 1999 session, the Council adopted Decision 482 setting out the methodology and schedule of fees, based on a flat-fee component and a variable-fee component (depending on the number of pages of the publication), with payment falling due after the publication of the filing;
- c)* that the World Radiocommunication Conference (Istanbul, 2000) (WRC-2000) dealt with the consequences of non-payment of such processing fees with the adoption of provisions in the Radio Regulations, and adopted Resolution 83 (WRC-2000) recommending that this conference consider the extent to which the provisions identified by WRC-2000 satisfy the purpose of Resolution 88 (Minneapolis, 1998) of the Plenipotentiary Conference and consider the date at which they shall enter into force;
- d)* that, at its 2001 session, the Council modified Decision 482 so that, for filings submitted after 1 January 2002, the flat-fee component would be invoiced upon receipt of the filing;
- e)* that, by Decision 510 adopted at its 2002 session, the Council established in an ad hoc group to consider an alternative basis for charges that does not depend on the number of pages, as well as the practical implications of applying cost attribution to activities associated with the processing of satellite network filings towards the application of full cost recovery,

*considering further*

a) that any delay in the application of satellite network cost recovery could result in a significant increase in the processing delay within the Radiocommunication Bureau (BR) and may have financial implications;

b) that any decision in this matter must ensure the protection of the rights acquired by Member States in applying the relevant procedures of the Radio Regulations,

*recognizing*

a) that the provisions adopted by WRC-2000 and referred to in *considering c)* above established a linkage between the rights acquired by Member States in applying the relevant procedures of the Radio Regulations after 7 November 1998 and the payment of the fees for cost recovery for satellite network filings, and that this linkage satisfies the requirement referred to in *considering further b)* above;

b) that the decisions taken by WRC-2000 satisfy the intent in the instruction given to WRC-2000 by Resolution 88 (Minneapolis, 1998) of the Plenipotentiary Conference for consequences in case of non-payment,

*resolves*

1 that cost recovery for satellite network filings shall be implemented as soon as possible consistent with the general principles for cost recovery adopted in Resolution 91 (Minneapolis, 1998) of the Plenipotentiary Conference;

2 that all filings in accordance with Council Decision 482, as modified, for the production of the special sections of the BR IFIC for space radiocommunication services concerning advance publication, and their associated requests for coordination or agreement (former Articles 11 and 14, plus Resolution 33 (Rev. WRC-97) and former Resolution 46 (WRC-97), or Article 9 of the Radio Regulations) and requests for modification of the space service plans and lists contained in Appendices 30/S30, 30A/S30A and 30B/S30B to the Radio Regulations received by BR after 7 November 1998 shall be subject to the application of cost recovery;



3 that the date of entry into force of the provisions of the Radio Regulations referred to in *considering c)* shall be 1 August 2003,

*instructs the extraordinary session of the Council to be held during this conference*

to establish a group, open to all Member States and Sector Members, in order to make recommendations to the 2003 session of the Council on:

- i) modifications to Decision 482 to give effect to *resolves* 1 and 2 above;
- ii) extension of the implementation of processing charges for satellite filings, received by BR as of a date to be set by the Council and not already covered in *resolves* 2 above, to include identifiable and auditable costs incurred directly in the processing of satellite network filings;
- iii) clarification of the meaning of the term “actual costs” referred to in *resolves* 4 i) of Resolution 91 (Minneapolis, 1998) of the Plenipotentiary Conference;

*further instructs the Council at its 2003 session*

taking into account the recommendations of the group, as appropriate, to consider further modification of Decision 482,

*instructs the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau*

to send a reminder 60 days before the date referred to in *resolves* 3 above,

*recommends the 2003 World Radiocommunication Conference*

to implement *resolves* 3 above,

*instructs the Secretary-General*

to submit a report to the next plenipotentiary conference on the implementation of this resolution and on the operation of cost recovery for processing charges for satellite network filings.

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*(Minneapolis, 1998) – (Rev. Marrakesh, 2002)*

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## RESOLUTION 89 (Minneapolis, 1998)

**Coping with the decreased use  
of international telex service**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Minneapolis, 1998),

*considering*

- a) that the number of subscribers to the international telex service is decreasing due to the introduction of more convenient means, such as Internet, facsimile and SWIFT, made possible by technological advancements;
- b) that the World Telecommunication Development Report issued by ITU in 1998 shows that the number of telex subscribers worldwide has decreased by about 15% (compound annual rate) over the period 1990-1996,

*noting*

- a) that measures need to be taken to cope with the decrease in the use of the international telex service, which was once the only worldwide text service available;
- b) that countries may have different schedules for suspending the use of international telex services,

*resolves to instruct the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau*

- 1 to conduct a survey, to be updated regularly, on the decrease in the use of the international telex service and assess when it may become possible for the international telex service to be replaced by new means of telecommunication;
- 2 to study measures, in collaboration with the Telecommunication Development Bureau, to assist developing countries in expediting the changeover from the international telex service to more modern means of telecommunication;

3 to also study practical steps – for example work to encourage interoperability between telex networks and IP networks, which could be of particular value to those countries which have inherited extensive telex networks – and the application of other low-bandwidth data technology;

4 to submit a report to the Council for review and action.

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*(Minneapolis, 1998)*

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## RESOLUTION 91 (Rev. Antalya, 2006)

**Cost recovery for some ITU products and services**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

*considering*

*a)* that Resolution 39 (Kyoto, 1994) of the Plenipotentiary Conference endorsed the examination of options for strengthening the financial base of the Union, including reducing costs, more effective allocation of resources, ranking of activities according to the objectives of the strategic plan, wider participation of entities other than Member States and, where appropriate, charging fees for ITU services, particularly where these services are sought on a discretionary basis or to a greater extent than the level of facilities generally provided;

*b)* that Council Resolution 1210 instructed the Secretary-General to establish a cost-accounting process that results in the cost of individual ITU projects and activities being identifiable and auditable, such a process being essential for the development of an accurate activities-based budget and for implementing cost recovery;

*c)* that solidarity among Member States and Sector Members in sharing equitably in the defrayal of financial obligations should continue to be an important principle for the financial base of the Union;

*d)* that the Union has developed a contributory system in which some Member States have voluntarily assumed a large share of financial support for the Union's core activities, from which all Member States benefit, although the importance of those activities may be weighted differently by different Member States,

*noting*

*a)* the results-based budgeting concept that has been developed and implemented in connection with the 2006-2007 budget of the Union, in line with Council Resolution 1216;

*b)* that the Plenipotentiary Conference (Minneapolis, 1998) decided to implement operational planning in the three Sectors and the General Secretariat, in order to link financial planning and the strategic plan, by adopting Resolution 72 (Minneapolis, 1998), which was subsequently amended by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Marrakesh, 2002) and by this conference;

*c)* the adoption, by Council Decision 535, of a cost-allocation methodology which provides accuracy in the cost-accounting process and in the allocation of costs to outputs, through the design and implementation of a time-tracking system, and enables the full costs of activities and outputs to be identified;

*d)* the role of the Council in establishing safeguards and controls on income and expenditure when adopting biennial budgets and when reviewing annual operational plans and financial operating reports,

*recognizing*

*a)* that cost-recovery charges for products and services are segregated to the specific product or service, covering only the exact cost of providing the product or service to which they relate, and should not be considered as generating revenue or profit;

*b)* that cost recovery can be a means of promoting efficiency by discouraging unnecessary or wasteful use of products and services;

*c)* that non-payment of invoices issued for products and services subject to cost recovery has a negative impact on the financial state of the Union,

*resolves*

1 to endorse the use of cost recovery on a prepaid basis, to the maximum extent possible, as a means of funding the products and services of the Union for which the cost-recovery approach is adopted;

2 that further application of cost recovery should be considered by the Council, and, if appropriate, implemented:

- i) for new ITU products and services;
- ii) for products and services recommended by a conference or assembly of a Sector;
- iii) in such other cases as the Council will consider appropriate;

3 that when the Council is addressing the application of cost recovery for a particular product or service, the following factors shall continue to be taken into account:

- i) when a product or service is provided for the benefit of a limited number of Member States or Sector Members;
- ii) when a product or service is requested to a significantly greater extent by a small number of users;
- iii) when products or services are requested on a discretionary basis;

4 that cost recovery should be implemented by the Council in a way which:

- i) ensures that no more than the actual costs of providing products and services are recovered;
- ii) allows for open and transparent accounting for costs and receipts;
- iii) provides a means of adjusting the charge for the product or service based on actual expenditure in accordance with the cost-allocation methodology referred to in *noting c)* above;
- iv) takes account of the special needs of developing countries, particularly the least developed countries and small island developing states, to ensure that cost recovery is not an impediment to the development of telecommunication services or networks in those countries;
- v) allows all Member States an adequate level of the product or service free of charge, where appropriate;
- vi) ensures that charges are not applied to products or services requested prior to the date of the decision by the Council or the Plenipotentiary Conference to apply cost recovery;

- vii) allows for relevant products and services to be delivered in the most efficient and cost-effective manner, taking into account best practices from other relevant organizations where appropriate,

*instructs the Secretary-General*

in consultation with the Directors of the Bureaux, Member States and Sector Members,

1 to continue considering and recommending a set of criteria for the application of cost recovery, consistent with, but not limited to, *resolves* 1, 2, 3 and 4 above;

2 to propose as soon as possible additional products and services to which the cost-recovery approach may be applied, either fully or partially;

3 to establish procedures and mechanisms for implementing prepayment for products and services subject to cost recovery, including invoicing, to be considered and approved by the Council;

4 to prepare a report for consideration at each annual session of the Council, including further actions which may be required for the implementation of cost recovery,

*instructs the Council*

1 to continue considering the report and the proposals of the Secretary-General and adopt new criteria or modifications to the previous criteria for the application of cost recovery in a manner consistent with *resolves* 1, 2, 3 and 4 above;

2 to continue considering, on a case by case basis, products and services which meet the criteria referred to above, and decide which products and services should be subject to cost recovery;

3 to continue developing appropriate charges based on full attribution of the costs of providing the service;



- 4 to continue implementing appropriate arrangements to meet the needs of developing countries, particularly the least developed countries;
- 5 to continue promoting efficiency in the delivery of and payment for products and services which are subject to cost-recovery charges;
- 6 to ensure that any shortfall in income is properly managed, by reviewing annually the actual performance of activities subject to cost recovery, so that timely corrective measures can be taken, as appropriate;
- 7 to improve the forecasting of cost-recovery income by using the results-based budgeting framework, time-tracking system and cost-allocation methodology;
- 8 to continue amending the Financial Regulations as required in order to enable the implementation of cost recovery and ensure accountability and accuracy;
- 9 to report to the subsequent plenipotentiary conference on action taken to implement this resolution.

RESOLUTION 93 (Minneapolis, 1998)

**Special arrears accounts**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Minneapolis, 1998),

*in view of*

a) the report of the Council to the Plenipotentiary Conference on the situation with regard to amounts owed to the Union by Member States and Sector Members;

b) Resolution 10 of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Malaga-Torremolinos, 1973), Resolution 53 of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Nairobi, 1982), Resolution 38 of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Nice, 1989) and Resolution 42 of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Kyoto, 1994),

*regretting*

the increasing level of arrears and the slow settlement of special arrears accounts,

*considering*

that it is in the interests of all Member States and Sector Members to maintain the finances of the Union on a sound footing,

*resolves*

1 that

a) the amount of 509 458.45 Swiss francs owed by the Islamic Republic of Mauritania in respect of 1982-1991 contributions;

b) 721 572.65 Swiss francs of the total amount of 801 747.40 Swiss francs owed by Grenada in respect of 1982-1996 contributions and interest on overdue payments;

- c) the amount of 1 225 814.65 Swiss francs owed by Nicaragua in respect of 1983-1996 contributions;
- d) the amount of 458 998.25 Swiss francs owed by the Azerbaijani Republic in respect of 1993-1998 contributions;
- e) the amount of 928 646.30 Swiss francs owed by Sierra Leone in respect of 1976-1998 contributions and publications;
- f) the amount of 1 266 128.65 Swiss francs owed by the Democratic Republic of the Congo in respect of 1991-1998 contributions and publications;
- g) the amount of 547 219.90 Swiss francs owed by Costa Rica in respect of 1991-1997 contributions

shall be transferred to a special arrears account bearing no interest under the conditions laid down in Resolution 41 (Rev. Minneapolis, 1998);

2 that the transfer to a special arrears account shall not release the Member States concerned from the obligation to settle their arrears;

3 that this resolution shall not in any circumstances be invoked as a precedent,

*authorizes the Council*

to write off the amount of 809 352.10 Swiss francs owed by the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, the amount of 851 657.90 Swiss francs owed by Nicaragua, the amount of 70 966.80 Swiss francs owed by the Azerbaijani Republic, the amount of 1 121 266.15 Swiss francs owed by Sierra Leone, the amount of 261 621.60 Swiss francs owed by the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the amount of 150 339.70 Swiss francs owed by Costa Rica for interest on overdue payments, subject to each Member State concerned complying strictly with the agreed repayment schedule for the settlement of the unpaid contributions,

*instructs the Secretary-General*

1 to inform the competent authorities of the Member States concerned of this resolution and of Resolution 41 (Rev. Minneapolis, 1998);

2 to report annually to the Council on the progress made by these Member States towards repaying their debts and on the action taken under Resolution 41 (Rev. Minneapolis, 1998),

*instructs the Council*

1 to take appropriate measures for the application of this resolution;

2 to report to the next plenipotentiary conference on the results obtained in pursuance of this resolution.

## RESOLUTION 94 (Rev. Antalya, 2006)

**Auditing of the accounts of the Union**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

*considering*

that the External Auditor appointed by the Government of the Confederation of Switzerland audited the Union's accounts for the years 2002-2005 most carefully, competently and accurately,

*resolves to express*

its warmest thanks and deepest gratitude to the Government of the Confederation of Switzerland and its hope that the existing arrangements for the auditing of the Union's accounts may be renewed,

*instructs the Secretary-General*

to bring this resolution to the notice of the Government of the Confederation of Switzerland.

RESOLUTION 96 (Minneapolis, 1998)

**Introduction of a long-term care insurance  
scheme in the Union**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Minneapolis, 1998),

*recalling*

- a)* Article 20 of the Headquarters Agreement of 22 July 1971 between the Swiss Federal Council and the Union under which ITU has to provide its staff with a social protection coverage equivalent to the one in force in the host country;
- b)* that the current health provisions of the United Nations organizations do not allow for payments for long-term care;
- c)* its commitment to the welfare of the Union's staff;
- d)* the study by the Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions (CCAQ) – (Personnel and General Administrative Questions) and the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC) on the possibility of introducing an affordable long-term care insurance in the United Nations common system,

*considering*

- a)* that, before and after retirement, some international civil servants may be excluded from their national social security arrangements;
- b)* that life expectancy is increasing rapidly and most of those surviving into old age will have some degree of handicap,

*resolves to instruct the Secretary-General*

1 to consult the executive heads of other United Nations common system organizations regarding their interest in the possible introduction of a long-term care insurance in their organizations, comprising a mandatory low-premium component and a voluntary component, as proposed by CCAQ and ACC;

2 to compile and prepare appropriate data regarding the possible introduction of a long-term care insurance, comprising a mandatory low-premium component and a voluntary component, as proposed by CCAQ and ACC, and in particular, regarding the cost of such an insurance for the Union and for the participant staff members;

3 to report to the next Council session on the outcome of deliberations in ACC on the above-mentioned proposal and other progress made with respect to this resolution.

RESOLUTION 98 (Minneapolis, 1998)

**The use of telecommunications for the safety and security of humanitarian personnel in the field**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Minneapolis, 1998),

*recognizing*

that, in fulfilling their duties, humanitarian personnel are frequently exposed to a high degree of risk,

*gravely concerned*

about the increasing number of tragic incidents of injury or loss of life involving humanitarian personnel in the field,

*noting*

*a)* the provisions of Nos. 9, 17 and 191 of the Constitution of the International Telecommunication Union which state, respectively, that the Union is to promote, at the international level, the adoption of a broader approach to the issues of telecommunications in the global information economy and society by cooperating with other organizations; that the Union shall in particular promote the adoption of measures for ensuring the safety of life through the cooperation of telecommunication services; and that international telecommunication services must give absolute priority to all telecommunications concerning safety of life;

*b)* the Tampere Convention on the Provision of Telecommunication Resources for Disaster Mitigation and Relief Operations which recalls the essential role of telecommunication resources in facilitating the safety of humanitarian relief and assistance personnel;



c) the Convention on the Safety and Security of United Nations and Associated Personnel, adopted by the 49th session of the United Nations General Assembly, laying down principles and duties to ensure the safety and security of United Nations and associated personnel,

*convinced*

that the unhindered use of telecommunication equipment and services can greatly improve the safety and security of humanitarian personnel in the field,

*recalling*

a) Resolution 644 of the World Radiocommunication Conference (Geneva, 1997) which recognizes the vital role of telecommunications for the safety and security of relief workers in the field;

b) Resolution 19 of the World Telecommunication Development Conference (Valletta, 1998) which recognizes the vital role of telecommunications for the safety and security of relief workers in the field,

*desiring*

to ensure the full application of telecommunication technology and services for the safety and security of humanitarian personnel,

*resolves to instruct the Secretary-General*

to study the possibilities for increased use of telecommunications for the safety and security of humanitarian personnel in the field and to report to the Council at its 1999 session,

*instructs the Council*

to address the issue of the use of telecommunications for the safety and security of humanitarian personnel in the field and to take appropriate actions to improve that use,

*urges Member States*

to ensure that humanitarian personnel have unhindered and uninterrupted use of telecommunication resources required for their safety and security in accordance with the national rules and regulations of the States concerned.

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*(Minneapolis, 1998)*

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## RESOLUTION 99 (Rev. Antalya, 2006)

**Status of Palestine in ITU**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

*recalling*

- a) the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;
- b) Resolution 52/250 of the United Nations General Assembly, on the participation of Palestine in the work of the United Nations;
- c) Resolutions 6 (Kyoto, 1994), 32 (Kyoto, 1994) and 125 (Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference;
- d) Resolution 18 (Rev. Doha, 2006) of the World Telecommunication Development Conference;
- e) that Nos 6 and 7 of Article 1 of the ITU Constitution provide “to promote the extension of the benefits of the new telecommunication technologies to all the world’s inhabitants” and “to promote the use of telecommunication services with the objective of facilitating peaceful relations”;

*considering*

- a) that the basic instruments of the Union have as a purpose to strengthen peace and security in the world by means of international cooperation and better understanding among peoples;
- b) that, to achieve the above purpose, ITU needs to have a universal character,

*considering further*

- a) the outcomes of both the Geneva (2003) and Tunis (2005) phases of the World Summit on the Information Society;
- b) the participation of Palestine in the Regional Radiocommunication Conference (Geneva, 2006), and the acceptance of Palestinian requirements in the digital broadcasting plan, subject to its notifying the ITU Secretary-General that it accepts the rights and commits to observe the obligations arising therefrom;
- c) successive developments and changes in the information and communication technology sector under the responsibility of the Palestinian Authority, towards restructuring and liberalization of the sector and competition;
- d) that many, but not all, ITU Member States recognize Palestine as a State,

*bearing in mind*

the basic principles in the preamble to the ITU Constitution,

*resolves*

that, pending any further change in the status of Palestine in ITU, the following shall apply:

1 the provisions of the Administrative Regulations, and related resolutions and recommendations, shall be applied to the Palestinian Authority in the same manner as they are applied to administrations as defined in No. 1002 of the Constitution, and the General Secretariat and the three Bureaux shall act accordingly, in particular in relation to international access code, call signs and the processing of frequency assignment notifications;

2 Palestine may participate in all ITU conferences, assemblies and meetings as an observer, with the rights that are attributed to an observer as defined in No. 1002 of the Convention, and in treaty-making conferences with the following additional rights:

- the right to raise points of order related to the proceedings on Palestinian and Middle East issues, provided that the right to raise such a point of order shall not include the right to challenge the decision of the presiding officer;
- the right to co-sponsor draft resolutions\* and decisions on Palestinian and Middle East issues; such draft resolutions and decisions shall only be put to vote upon request from a Member State;
- the right to participate in debates;
- without prejudice to the priority of Member States, Palestine shall have the right to be included on the list of speakers under agenda items other than Palestinian and Middle East issues at any plenary or committee meeting of the above conferences, assemblies and meetings, after the last Member State on the list of speakers for that meeting;
- the right of reply;

3 the Palestinian delegation shall be seated immediately after Member States;

4 Palestinian operating agencies, scientific or industrial organizations and financial and development institutions dealing with telecommunication matters may apply directly to the Secretary-General to participate in the activities of the Union as Sector Members or Associates, and said requests will be duly acted upon; notwithstanding the above, the provisions of Nos 28B and 28C of the Constitution (to the extent the provisions of the latter pertain to the adoption of questions and recommendations having policy or regulatory implications, and decisions relating to the working methods and procedures of the Sector concerned) shall not apply,

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\* The current practice of ITU in this respect is maintained.

*instructs the Secretary-General*

1 to ensure the implementation of this resolution and all other resolutions adopted by plenipotentiary conferences on Palestine, particularly decisions relating to international access code and processing of frequency assignment notifications, and to report periodically to the Council on progress in these matters;

2 to coordinate activities of the three Sectors of the Union in accordance with *resolves* above in order to ensure maximum effectiveness of actions taken by the Union in favour of the Palestinian Authority and to report progress in these matters to the next session of the Council and the next plenipotentiary conference.

## RESOLUTION 100 (Minneapolis, 1998)

**Role of the Secretary-General of ITU as depositary  
for memoranda of understanding**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Minneapolis, 1998),

*considering*

*a)* that one of the purposes of the Union as set out in Article 1 of the Constitution is to maintain and extend international cooperation between all its Member States for the improvement and rational use of telecommunications of all kinds;

*b)* that another purpose of the Union is to promote, at the international level, the adoption of a broader approach to the issues of telecommunications in the global information economy and society, by cooperating with other world and regional intergovernmental organizations and those non-governmental organizations concerned with telecommunications,

*noting*

that cooperative multilateral action in the field of telecommunications is increasingly being achieved through the conclusion of memoranda of understanding ("MoUs"), which are generally non-binding instruments used to reflect international consensus on a matter, and in which both Member States and Sector Members may participate,

*appreciating*

the successful implementation of the MoU on global mobile personal communications by satellite (GMPCS), which is open to Member States, Sector Members and other telecommunication entities to sign, and the role of the Secretary-General as depositary for that MoU, as approved by Council,

*observing*

that the Secretary-General has recently received a number of requests to serve as depositary for other MoUs that relate to telecommunications,

*believing*

that the Secretary-General's role as depositary for any MoU must follow established criteria and guidelines and must be in line with the general practices of the United Nations system,

*instructs the Council*

1 to formulate criteria and guidelines for the Secretary-General to respond to requests to serve as depositary for MoUs, based on the following principles:

- a) that any involvement of the Secretary-General in this capacity should contribute to and be within the purposes of the Union as set forth in Article 1 of the Constitution;
- b) that such involvement be on the basis of cost recovery;
- c) that interested Member States and Sector Members will be kept informed of the activities of the Secretary-General in serving as depositary of the MoUs and will not be restricted from joining relevant MoUs;
- d) that the sovereignty and rights of ITU Member States are fully respected and preserved;

2 to implement a mechanism to review the Secretary-General's activities in these matters;

3 to report on the application of this resolution to the next plenipotentiary conference,



*resolves*

that in keeping with the criteria and guidelines to be established by the Council, the Secretary-General may, with the approval of the Council, serve as depositary for MoUs that relate to telecommunications and that are in the overall interest of the Union.

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*(Minneapolis, 1998)*

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RESOLUTION 101 (Rev. Antalya, 2006)

**Internet Protocol-based networks**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

*aware*

- a) that one of the purposes of the Union is to promote the extension of new telecommunication technologies to all the world's inhabitants;
- b) that, in order to fulfil its purposes, the Union should, among other things, facilitate the worldwide standardization of telecommunications, with a satisfactory quality of service,

*recalling*

- a) the outcomes of the Geneva (2003) and Tunis (2005) phases of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), especially §§ 27 c) and 50 d) of the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society, relating to international Internet connectivity;
- b) No. 196 of the ITU Convention, which stipulates that telecommunication standardization study groups shall pay due attention to the study of questions and to the formulation of recommendations directly connected with the establishment, development and improvement of telecommunications in developing countries at both the regional and international levels,

*considering*

- a) that advances in the global information infrastructure, including the development of Internet Protocol (IP)-based networks and especially the Internet, continue to be an issue of crucial importance, as an important engine for growth in the world economy in the twenty-first century;

b) that the increased use of the Internet introduces new additional applications in telecommunication services based on its highly advanced technology: the utilization of e-mail has become commonplace, and voice over Internet is being developed rapidly even though there are challenges regarding quality of service, uncertainty of origin, and the high cost of international connectivity;

c) that current and future IP-based networks will continue to introduce dramatic changes in the way we acquire, produce, circulate and consume information,

*considering further*

a) that the Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D) has made significant progress and carried out several studies on the promotion of infrastructure and the use of the Internet in developing countries under its 2002 Istanbul Action Plan, through human capacity building efforts such as its Internet Training Centre initiative, and that the outcomes of the World Telecommunication Development Conference (Doha, 2006), which endorsed the continuation of these studies, and called on ITU-D to give assistance to developing countries, least developed countries and small island developing states to set up high-speed backbone networks for the Internet, as well as national, subregional and regional access points for the Internet;

b) that studies are ongoing in the Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T) on IP-based network issues, including service interoperability with other telecommunication networks, numbering, signalling requirements and protocol aspects, security and infrastructure component costs, and issues associated with the evolution to next-generation networks (NGN), including the migration from existing networks to NGNs;

c) that a general cooperation agreement exists between ITU-T and the Internet Society (ISOC) and its Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF),

*recognizing*

*a)* that IP-based networks have evolved to a widely accessible medium used for global commerce and communication, and there is therefore a need to identify the global activities related to IP-based networks with respect to, for example:

- i)* infrastructure, interoperability and standardization;
- ii)* Internet naming and addressing;
- iii)* dissemination of information about IP-based networks and the implications of their development for ITU Member States, particularly the developing countries;

*b)* that significant work on IP-related issues is being conducted within ITU and many other international bodies;

*c)* that the quality of service of IP-based networks should be consistent with ITU-T recommendations and other recognized international standards;

*d)* that it is in the public interest that IP-based networks and other telecommunication networks should be both interoperable and provide, at a minimum, the level of quality of service provided by traditional networks, consistent with ITU-T recommendations and other recognized international standards,

*urges*

*a)* ITU-T to continue its collaborative activities on IP-based networks with ISOC/IETF and other relevant recognized organizations, in respect of interconnectivity with existing telecommunication networks and migration to NGN;

*b)* the three Sectors to continue to consider their future work programmes on IP-based networks and on migration to NGN,

*resolves*

1 that ITU shall fully embrace the opportunities for telecommunication/information and communication technology development that arise from the growth of IP-based services, in conformity with the ITU purposes and the outcomes of the Geneva (2003) and Tunis (2005) phases of WSIS, taking into account the quality and security of services;

2 that ITU shall clearly identify, for its Member States and Sector Members and for the general public, the range of Internet-related issues that fall within the responsibilities incumbent on the Union under its basic texts and the activities in the WSIS outcome documents where ITU has a role;

3 that ITU shall collaborate with other relevant organizations to ensure that growth in IP-based networks, along with and taking into consideration traditional networks, delivers maximum benefits to the global community, and participate as appropriate in any directly related international initiatives;

4 to continue the study of international Internet connectivity as an urgent matter, as called for in § 50 d) of the Tunis Agenda, and to call upon ITU-T to complete as soon as possible its studies that have been ongoing since the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (Montreal, 2000),

*instructs the Secretary-General*

1 to prepare an annual report to the Council with the appropriate input from Member States, Sector Members, the three Sectors and the General Secretariat, that provides a comprehensive summary both of the activities that ITU is already undertaking in regard to IP-based networks, including the development of NGNs, and of the roles and activities of other relevant international organizations, describing their involvement in IP-based network issues; the report shall indicate the degree of cooperation between ITU and these organizations, drawing the required information wherever possible from existing sources, and containing concrete proposals on improving ITU activities and such cooperation, and shall be distributed widely among the Member States and Sector Members, the advisory groups of the three Sectors and other groups involved;

2 based on this report, to continue collaborative activities related to IP-based networks, especially those related to the implementation of the relevant outcomes of the two phases of WSIS,

*invites the Council*

to consider the above-mentioned report and take into account comments, if any, made by the advisory groups of the three Sectors through their respective Bureau Directors and, when appropriate, undertake further steps,

*invites Member States and Sector Members*

1 to participate in, and follow the progress of, the current work of the Sectors of the Union;

2 to increase awareness at national level among all interested non-governmental parties and to encourage their participation in relevant ITU activities, and in any other relevant activities emanating from the Geneva (2003) and Tunis (2005) phases of WSIS.

## RESOLUTION 102 (Rev. Antalya, 2006)

**ITU's role with regard to international public policy issues  
pertaining to the Internet and the management of Internet  
resources, including domain names and addresses**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union  
(Antalya, 2006),

*considering*

- a)* that the purposes of the Union are, *inter alia*, to promote, at the international level, the adoption of a broad approach to the issues of telecommunications/information and communication technologies (ICTs) in the global information economy and society, to promote the extension of the benefits of new telecommunication technologies to all the world's inhabitants and to harmonize the efforts of Member States and Sector Members in the attainment of those ends;
- b)* that advances in the global information infrastructure, including the development of Internet Protocol (IP)-based networks and the Internet, taking into account the requirements, features and interoperability of next-generation networks (NGN), are of crucial importance as an important engine for growth in the world economy in the twenty-first century;
- c)* that the development of the Internet is essentially market-led and driven by private and government initiatives;
- d)* that the private sector is playing a very important role in the expansion and development of the Internet, for example through investments in infrastructures and services;
- e)* that management of the registration and allocation of Internet domain names and addresses must fully reflect the geographical nature of the Internet, taking into account an equitable balance of interests of all stakeholders;

*f)* the role played by ITU in the successful organization of the two phases of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), and that the Geneva Declaration of Principles and the Geneva Plan of Action, adopted in 2003, and the Tunis Commitment and the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society, adopted in 2005, have been endorsed by the United Nations General Assembly;

*g)* that the management of the Internet is a subject of valid international interest and must flow from full international and multistakeholder cooperation on the basis of the outcomes of the two phases of WSIS;

*h)* that, as stated in the WSIS outcomes, all governments should have an equal role and responsibility for international Internet governance and for ensuring the stability, security and continuity of the Internet, and that the need for development of public policy by governments in consultation with all stakeholders is also recognized,

*recognizing*

*a)* that ITU is dealing with technical and policy issues related to IP-based networks including the Internet and evolution to NGN;

*b)* that ITU performs worldwide coordination of a number of radiocommunications-related and telecommunications-related resource allocation systems and acts as a forum for policy discussion in this area;

*c)* that significant effort has been put in by ITU on ENUM, “.int”, internationalized domain name (IDN), and country code top-level domain (ccTLD) issues through workshops and standardization activities;

*d)* that ITU has published a comprehensive and useful Handbook on Internet Protocol (IP)-Based Networks and Related Topics and Issues;

*e)* §§ 71 and 78a) of the Tunis Agenda with regard to the establishment of enhanced cooperation on Internet governance and the establishment of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF);



- f)* the relevant WSIS outcomes in §§ 29-82 of the Tunis Agenda concerning Internet governance;
- g)* that Member States represent the interests of the population of the country or territory for which a ccTLD has been delegated;
- h)* that countries should not be involved in decisions regarding another country's ccTLD,

*emphasizing*

- a)* that the management of the Internet encompasses both technical and public policy issues and should involve all stakeholders and relevant intergovernmental and international organizations in accordance with §§ 35 a)-e) of the Tunis Agenda;
- b)* that the role of governments includes providing a clear, consistent and predictable legal framework, in order to promote a favourable environment in which global ICT networks are interoperable and widely accessible to all citizens and to ensure adequate protection of public interests in the management of Internet resources, including domain names and addresses;
- c)* that WSIS recognized the need for enhanced cooperation in the future, to enable governments, on an equal footing, to carry out their roles and responsibilities, in international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet, but not in the day-to-day technical and operational matters that do not impact on international public policy issues;
- d)* that ITU should commence a process towards enhanced cooperation involving all stakeholders, proceeding as quickly as possible and responsive to innovation, as one of the relevant organizations referred to in § 71 of the Tunis Agenda;
- e)* that ITU can play a positive role by offering all interested parties a platform for encouraging discussions and for the dissemination of information on the management of Internet domain names and addresses and other Internet resources within the mandate of ITU,

*noting*

the decision to convene the fourth World Telecommunication Policy Forum (Decision 9 (Antalya, 2006) of this conference),

*resolves to instruct the Secretary-General*

1 to continue to take a significant role in international discussions and initiatives on the management of Internet domain names and addresses and other Internet resources within the mandate of ITU, taking into account future developments of the Internet, the purposes of the Union and the interests of its membership as expressed in its instruments, resolutions and decisions;

2 to take the necessary steps for ITU to continue to play a facilitating role in the coordination of international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet, as expressed in § 35 d) of the Tunis Agenda, interacting as necessary with other intergovernmental organizations in these domains;

3 in line with § 78a) of the Tunis Agenda, to continue to contribute as appropriate to the work of IGF;

4 to take the necessary steps for ITU to play an active and constructive role in the process towards enhanced cooperation as expressed in § 71 of the Tunis Agenda;

5 to take the necessary steps in ITU's own internal process towards enhanced cooperation on international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet as expressed in § 71 of the Tunis Agenda, involving all stakeholders, in their respective roles and responsibilities;

6 as a concrete step, to organize consultations on these issues among the ITU membership and other relevant stakeholders, in order to prepare and submit proposals, based on those consultations and contributions from the ITU membership, to the 2007 session of the Council, through the Working Group on WSIS (WG-WSIS);

7 to report annually to the Council on the activities undertaken on these subjects and to submit proposals as appropriate,

*instructs the Directors of the Bureaux*

1 to contribute to the consultations under *resolves to instruct to the Secretary-General* 6 above;

2 to provide assistance, within the Union's expertise, and within available resources, as appropriate, in cooperation with relevant organizations, to Member States, if so requested, in order to achieve their stated policy objectives with respect to the management of Internet domain names and addresses and other Internet resources within the mandate of ITU;

3 to liaise and to cooperate with the regional telecommunication organizations pursuant to this resolution,

*instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau*

1 to ensure that the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T) performs its role in technical issues, and to continue to contribute ITU-T expertise and to liaise and cooperate with appropriate entities on issues related to the management of Internet domain names and addresses and other Internet resources within the mandate of ITU, such as IP version 6 (IPv6), ENUM and IDNs, as well as any other related technological developments and issues, including facilitating appropriate studies on these issues by relevant ITU-T study groups and other groups;

2 in accordance with ITU rules and procedures, and calling upon contributions from the ITU membership, to continue to play a facilitating role in coordination and assistance in the development of public policy issues pertaining to Internet domain names and addresses and other Internet resources within the mandate of ITU and their possible evolution;

3 to work with Member States and Sector Members, recognizing the activities of other appropriate entities, on issues concerning Member States' ccTLDs and related experiences;

4 to facilitate the exchange of technical information in order to assist the ITU membership to participate in the consultations referenced under *resolves to instruct the Secretary-General* 6 above;

5 to report annually to the Council, and also to the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly, on the activities undertaken and achievements on these subjects, including proposals for further consideration as appropriate,

*instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau*

1 to organize international and regional forums and carry out necessary activities, in conjunction with appropriate entities, for the period 2006-2010, to discuss policy, operational and technical issues on the Internet in general, and on the management of Internet domain names and addresses and other Internet resources within the mandate of ITU in particular, including with regard to multilingualism, for the benefit of Member States, especially for developing countries, least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing states (SIDS), and Sector Members;

2 to promote, through the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector programmes and study groups, the exchange of information, fostering debate and the development of best practices on Internet issues, and to continue to play a key role in outreach by contributing to capacity building, providing technical assistance and encouraging the involvement of developing countries, LDCs and SIDS in international Internet forums and issues;

3 to report annually to the Council and the Telecommunication Development Advisory Group, and also to the World Telecommunication Development Conference, on the activities undertaken and achievements on these subjects, including proposals for further consideration as appropriate,

*invites the Council Working Group on the World Summit on the Information Society*

1 to consider and discuss the activities of the Secretary-General and Directors of the Bureaux in relation to the implementation of this resolution;

2 to prepare ITU inputs into the above-mentioned activities as appropriate,

*instructs the Council*

1 taking into account annual reports presented by the Secretary-General and the Directors of the Bureaux, to take appropriate measures in order to contribute actively to international discussions and initiatives related to issues on international management of Internet domain names and addresses and other Internet resources within the mandate of ITU;

2 to review the activities of WG-WSIS;

3 to report to the 2010 plenipotentiary conference on the activities undertaken and achievements on these subjects, including proposals for further consideration as appropriate,

*invites Member States*

1 to participate in the discussions on international management of Internet resources, including domain names and addresses, and in the process towards enhanced cooperation on Internet governance and international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet, so that worldwide representation in the debates can be ensured;

2 to continue to participate actively in the discussions and development of public policy issues related to Internet resources, including domain names and addresses, their possible evolution and the impact of new usages and applications, cooperating with the relevant organizations, and to contribute in ITU study groups on related matters,

*invites Member States and Sector Members*

to seek the appropriate means to contribute to enhanced cooperation on international public policy issues relating to the Internet, in their respective roles and responsibilities.

## RESOLUTION 107 (Marrakesh, 2002)

**Improvements to the management and functioning of ITU**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Marrakesh, 2002),

*considering*

- a)* the rapid changes in the telecommunication environment amid accelerated advances in telecommunication technologies, the emergence of new services, the liberalization of global communication markets and the trend toward privatization;
- b)* the need for ITU to continue to meet the expanding needs of its membership while responding appropriately to changes in the environment;
- c)* the urgent need to ensure efficient ITU operations within the constraints of limited human and financial resources,

*recognizing*

- a)* the report of the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit presented to the 2001 session of the Council, which contained a series of recommendations on improvement to the management and functioning of ITU, including the need for a more harmonized planning structure and format derived from an agreed interpretation of the elements identified in Resolution 72 (Minneapolis, 1998) of the Plenipotentiary Conference on the linkage between strategic, financial and operational planning;
- b)* the provisions of that resolution, which indicate that the strategic, financial and operational plans for ITU should clearly delineate the activities of the Union, the objectives of those activities and the associated resources, and that the capacity of the membership to evaluate, by means of performance indicators, progress in the achievement of those objectives should be enhanced,

*recognizing further*

that, in specifying the objectives and priorities for each Sector of the Union and the General Secretariat, it would be appropriate to include measures designed to achieve the objectives, together with mechanisms allowing easy monitoring and evaluation of progress in their implementation, such as those shown in the annex to this resolution, which sets out each objective of the Strategic Plan, together with the strategic outlines, the courses of action and the indicators for measuring progress towards achieving the objectives,

*emphasizing*

the need to apply a consistent and comprehensive approach throughout ITU in order to facilitate cross-sectoral comparisons and improve monitoring and evaluation,

*taking into account*

best practices and lessons learned in planning and management practices in the United Nations system, including the application of the concept of results-based budgeting,

*resolves*

to progressively refine and improve the elements associated with application of the planning framework in ITU by enhancing, in particular, the methodology for prioritizing ITU activities and by implementing evaluation mechanisms, such as the methodology outlined in the Annex to this resolution,

*instructs the Secretary-General and the Directors of the Bureaux*

to identify such mechanisms, including those associated with results-based budgeting, taking into account the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit, the views of Member States, the advice of the Sector advisory groups, and the experience of the United Nations system organizations, and to report to the Council,

*instructs the Council*

to review the report of the Secretary-General and the Directors of the Bureaux and, with due regard to the limited resources of the Union, to consider establishing a working group of the Council open to all Member States to examine mechanisms for enhancing the process by which priorities in ITU activities are established, and for evaluating the achievement of objectives as part of the strategic and operational planning functions.

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*(Marrakesh, 2002)*

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## ANNEX TO RESOLUTION 107 (Marrakesh, 2002)

**Summary table of strategic outlines, courses of action  
and indicators of the Strategic Plan  
for the Union 2004-2007**

Goal	
Strategic outlines	
Courses of action	

**Indicators**

Course of action	Indicator	Objectives			
		2004	2005	2006	2007

RESOLUTION 108 (Marrakesh, 2002)

**Improvement of the functioning of the Coordination Committee,  
including the tasks of the Deputy Secretary-General  
and the role of the other elected officials**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Marrakesh, 2002),

*considering*

- a)* that the Working Group on ITU Reform has produced a number of recommendations on the management of the Union, among them Recommendations R36 and R37;
- b)* that those recommendations were approved by the Council at its 2001 session and transmitted to this conference;
- c)* that in 2001 the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit, having examined the management and administration of the Union, noted, *inter alia*, a certain inertia “at the highest levels of management in the Union, ... which appears to affect, in varying degrees, all levels of management and administration in the secretariat”;
- d)* that the tasks and functions of the Deputy Secretary-General are not at present enumerated in the ITU Constitution or Convention;
- e)* the need to strengthen and improve the functioning and efficiency of the Coordination Committee,

*recalling*

the relevant provisions of the Constitution and Convention in this regard,

*recognizing*

- a) that some proposals\* have been submitted to this conference with a view to improving the functioning and efficiency of the Coordination Committee, the tasks of the Deputy Secretary-General and the role of the other elected officials;
- b) that those proposals have implications for the management and functions of the governing bodies of the Union and accordingly deserve thorough study;
- c) that it is important that the members of the Coordination Committee provide the relevant and necessary information to facilitate the proper functioning of the Coordination Committee,

*recognizing further*

that it is imperative for the provisions of No. 109 of the Convention to be strictly applied,

*resolves to instruct the Council*

1 to establish, at its next ordinary session, a group open to participation by Member States, charged with:

- i) examining the functioning of the Coordination Committee, including the tasks of the Deputy Secretary-General and the role of the other elected officials;
- ii) submitting to the Council a report containing, in particular, the draft texts that could be necessary in the event of modification of the Constitution or the Convention and which could be used by Member States in preparing their proposals in that regard to the next plenipotentiary conference,

*instructs the Secretary-General*

to communicate the group's report to the Member States with a view to their preparations for the next plenipotentiary conference,

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\* See Documents PP02/10, 12 (Rev.1), 18 (Rev.1), 43 and 101.

*further instructs the Council*

to envisage implementing as soon as possible such improvements as it deems necessary which do not require amendment of the Constitution, the Convention or the General Rules of conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union.

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*(Marrakesh, 2002)*

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## RESOLUTION 110 (Marrakesh, 2002)

**Review of the contribution of Sector Members  
towards defraying the expenses of the International  
Telecommunication Union**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Marrakesh, 2002),

*recalling*

*a)* Resolutions 15 and 39 (Kyoto, 1994) of the Plenipotentiary Conference concerning, respectively, a review of the rights and obligations of all members of the Sectors of the Union, and strengthening the financial base of the International Telecommunication Union;

*b)* Resolution 90 (Minneapolis, 1998) of the Plenipotentiary Conference concerning a review of the contribution of Sector Members towards defraying the expenses of the International Telecommunication Union,

*noting*

that the Working Group on ITU Reform did not make any specific recommendation concerning the 1/5 ratio between the amount of the Member State contributory unit and that of the Sector Member contributory unit,

*noting further*

that, while the number of Sector Members has increased, under the system of free choice of classes of contribution, the trend in choice of class of contribution by individual Sector Member is towards a lower level,

*having examined*

the proposals made and the opinions expressed by Member States during this conference with respect to the contributions of Sector Members towards defraying the finances of the Union,

*recognizing*

- a) that it is essential to retain and attract more Sector Members and Associates, having regard to their inestimable contribution to the work of the Union;
- b) the need to broaden the financial base of the Union and ensure a fair balance between the contributions made by Member States and Sector Members,

*resolves to invite the Council*

- 1 to establish, within existing resources of the Union, a working group open to all Member States and all Sector Members to study the system whereby Sector Members and Associates contribute towards defraying the expenses of the Union, on the basis of the proposals\* made at this conference and any contributions submitted by Member States and Sector Members;
- 2 to establish the terms of reference for the working group, including a requirement for the group to make a final report to the Council by its 2005 session at the latest;
- 3 to encourage Member States and Sector Members to participate in the study;
- 4 to draw up a report and submit it, together with its recommendations, to the next plenipotentiary conference,

*instructs the Secretary-General*

- 1 pursuant to *resolves* 3 above, to invite Member States and Sector Members to submit proposals and participate in the working group;
- 2 to take all necessary measures to implement *resolves* 1 and 3 above,

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\* In this connection, the working group will take account of the proposals formulated in Documents 20 (Add.1) (Rev.1), 52, 61 (Rev.1) and 101 (Add.1).

*instructs the Directors of the Bureaux*

to give the support of their respective Bureaux to the study initiated by this resolution.

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*(Marrakesh, 2002)*

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RESOLUTION 111 (Rev. Antalya, 2006)

**Scheduling of ITU conferences and assemblies**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

*having considered*

- a) the importance of mutual respect for the religious and spiritual requirements of delegates to ITU conferences and assemblies;
- b) the importance of including all delegates in the crucial work of ITU conferences and assemblies and of not precluding such participation;
- c) the scheduling and invitation process for ITU conferences and assemblies as set out in the ITU Convention,

*resolves*

1 that the Union and its Member States should make every effort, as far as practicable, in order that the planned period of any ITU conference or assembly not be scheduled on any period which is considered a major religious period by a Member State;

2 that the inviting government for a given ITU conference or assembly or, in the absence of an inviting government, the Secretary-General, shall be responsible for verifying with Member States that the proposed period of that conference or assembly does not coincide with a major religious period, at least for the last four days of that conference or assembly.



## RESOLUTION 112 (Marrakesh, 2002)

**Regional preparations for plenipotentiary conferences**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Marrakesh, 2002),

*considering*

- a)* that many regional telecommunication organizations have coordinated their preparations for this plenipotentiary conference;
- b)* that many common proposals have been submitted to this conference from administrations having participated in the preparatory work of regional telecommunication organizations;
- c)* that this consolidation of views at regional level, together with the opportunity for interregional discussions prior to the conference, has eased the task of reaching a consensus during the conference;
- d)* that the burden of preparation for future conferences is likely to increase;
- e)* that the coordination of preparatory work at regional level is consequently of great benefit to the Member States;
- f)* that greater efficiency of regional coordination and interaction at interregional level prior to future conferences will help to ensure their success;
- g)* that some regional organizations lack the necessary resources to organize adequately and participate in such preparations;
- h)* that there is a need for overall coordination of the interregional consultations,

*recognizing*

- a) the benefits of regional coordination as already experienced in the preparation of world radiocommunication conferences and of the World Telecommunication Development Conference (Istanbul, 2002);
- b) that not all Member States of the Union are members of regional or subregional telecommunication organizations,

*recognizing further*

Recommendation R20 of the Working Group on ITU Reform to the effect that this conference should adopt a resolution relating to the importance of interregional consultative meetings and instructing the Secretary-General to organize such meetings,

*taking into account*

the efficiency benefits that a plenipotentiary conference could gain from an increased amount and level of preparation by the Member States prior to the conference,

*noting*

- a) that many regional telecommunication organizations have expressed the need for the Union to cooperate more closely with regional telecommunication organizations;
- b) that, consequently, the Plenipotentiary Conference (Kyoto, 1994) resolved that the Union should develop stronger relations with regional telecommunication organizations,

*noting further*

that the relationship between ITU regional offices and regional telecommunication organizations has proved to be of great benefit,

*resolves to instruct the Secretary-General*

- 1 to consult with Member States and regional and subregional telecommunication organizations on the means by which assistance can be provided in support of their preparations for future plenipotentiary conferences;

2 on the basis of such consultations, and ensuring that all the Member States are associated with this process, to assist Member States and regional and subregional telecommunication organizations, in particular those of developing countries, in such areas as:

- the organization of formal and informal preparatory meetings at the regional and interregional levels;
- the organization of information sessions;
- the development of coordination methods;

3 to submit to the Council a report on the application of this resolution,

*invites Member States*

to participate actively in the implementation of this resolution.

RESOLUTION 114 (Marrakesh, 2002)

**Interpretation of No. 224 of the ITU Constitution and No. 519  
of the ITU Convention with regard to deadlines  
for submitting proposals for amendments**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union  
(Marrakesh, 2002),

*considering*

No. 224 of the ITU Constitution and No. 519 of the ITU Convention, specifying  
the deadlines for submitting proposals by Member States with respect to  
amendments to the Constitution and Convention, respectively,

*noting*

*a)* that, given the time between two plenipotentiary conferences (four  
years) and the need for preparatory meetings between two conferences, it is  
difficult for some Member States to submit their proposals within the specified  
time-limit;

*b)* that, in order for Member States to prepare adequately for a  
plenipotentiary conference, proposals should be received well in advance of such  
conference,

*noting further*

the manner in which the Plenipotentiary Conference (Minneapolis, 1998)  
addressed this issue (see Document PP-98/341),

*resolves*

to endorse the view expressed by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Minneapolis, 1998) in the aforementioned document to the effect that No. 224 of the Constitution should be interpreted as “intended to encourage Member States to submit their proposals as early as possible and, preferably, eight months before the opening of the conference”, and that the same applies to No. 519 of the Convention.

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*(Marrakesh, 2002)*

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## RESOLUTION 118 (Marrakesh, 2002)

**Use of spectrum at frequencies above 3 000 GHz**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Marrakesh, 2002),

*considering*

- a)* that No. 78 of the ITU Constitution and No. 1005 of the Annex to the ITU Convention allow study groups of the ITU Radiocommunication Sector (ITU-R) to study questions and adopt recommendations dealing with frequency bands without limit in frequency;
- b)* that studies are being carried out within ITU-R study groups that consider technology operating above 3 000 GHz;
- c)* that the frequencies that can be regulated in the Radio Regulations are limited to those below 3 000 GHz by the definition of “radiocommunication” in No. 1005 of the Annex to the Convention;
- d)* that radiocommunication technologies have demonstrated the ability to use electromagnetic waves in space without artificial guide above 3 000 GHz, and that some Member States are of the opinion that the 3 000 GHz limit should be removed in order to allow competent world radiocommunication conferences to introduce, if needed, provisions in the Radio Regulations;
- e)* that frequency bands above 3 000 GHz have been used for a long time, especially in the infrared and visible bands, by systems/applications regulated by national and non-ITU provisions, and that some Member States are of the opinion that the relationship between those provisions and ITU provisions should be thoroughly considered before changing the definition contained in the Convention,

*invites the Radiocommunication Assembly*

to include, in its programme of work, studies of the possibility and relevance of including in the Radio Regulations frequency bands above 3 000 GHz,

*instructs the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau*

to report to world radiocommunication conferences on the progress of ITU-R studies concerning the use of frequencies above 3 000 GHz,

*resolves*

that world radiocommunication conferences can include in agendas for future conferences, items relevant to spectrum regulation of frequencies above 3 000 GHz and take any appropriate measures, including revision of the relevant parts of the Radio Regulations<sup>1</sup>,

*urges Member States*

to continue participating in the work taking place in ITU-R on the use of spectrum above 3 000 GHz.

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*(Marrakesh, 2002)*

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<sup>1</sup> Entry into force of such new regulations would depend on consequential changes to No. 1005 of the Annex to the Convention at the following plenipotentiary conference.

## RESOLUTION 119 (Rev. Antalya, 2006)

**Methods to improve the efficiency and effectiveness  
of the Radio Regulations Board**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

*recalling*

- a) Resolution 119 (Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference;
- b) that the World Radiocommunication Conference (Geneva, 2003) (WRC-03) introduced important amendments to Article 13 of the Radio Regulations, including two new important additions in Nos 13.0.1 and 13.0.2, and that the same conference also introduced amendments to the working methods of the Radio Regulations Board (RRB),

*considering*

- a) that WRC-03 considered that further improvements are both possible and necessary in order to ensure a high degree of transparency in the Board's work;
- b) that WRC-03 introduced improvements to the working methods of the Board on the basis of Resolution 119 (Marrakesh, 2002), such as, *inter alia*, inclusion of the reasons for every RRB decision in the summary of decisions;
- c) the continued importance of efficient and effective RRB working methods in meeting the requirements of the Radio Regulations and in preserving the rights of Member States;
- d) the continued concerns expressed by some Member States at the Plenipotentiary Conference (Marrakesh, 2002) and at this conference in regard to transparency and efficiency of the RRB's working methods;



e) that, since RRB has an important role to consider appeals by Member States as prescribed in the Radio Regulations, appropriate facilities and resources are necessary for it to continue discharging its responsibilities expeditiously,

*recognizing*

the importance that the Union attaches to the RRB's activities,

*resolves to instruct the Radio Regulations Board*

1 to continue to review periodically its working methods and internal processes and develop appropriate changes in its methods and decision-making processes and their overall effectiveness in order to attain a higher degree of transparency, and report the results to the next WRC through the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau (BR);

2 to continue to include in the summary of its decisions (No. 13.18 of the Radio Regulations):

- the reasons for each decision taken by the Board;
- comments received from administrations on the Rules of Procedure;

this summary of decisions, including the associated reasons, shall be published by circular letter and on the RRB website;

3 to continue to give advice to WRC and regional radiocommunication conferences, at an appropriate time, on difficulties in the application of any regulatory provision in force as well as those under discussion at the conference;

4 to prepare the necessary input to the report of the Director of BR to the next WRC in accordance with Nos 13.0.1 and 13.0.2 of the Radio Regulations with respect to the implementation of the above-mentioned provisions;

5 to schedule its meetings with a view to facilitating consideration and action by administrations in accordance with No. 13.14 of the Radio Regulations,

*instructs the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau*

to continue to provide to RRB:

- detailed explanations from BR on matters to be considered at Board meetings;
- any relevant information from appropriate staff within BR,

*calls upon all Member States*

to continue to provide all necessary assistance and support to RRB members individually, and the Board as a whole, in carrying out their functions,

*invites the 2007 and subsequent world radiocommunication conferences*

to review, and to continue developing, principles, applied or to be applied by RRB in the preparation of new Rules of Procedure in accordance with Article 13 of the Radio Regulations, with particular attention to Nos 13.0.1 and 13.0.2 thereof,

*instructs the Secretary-General*

- 1 to continue to make available the necessary facilities and resources for RRB members in conducting their meetings;
- 2 to continue to facilitate the recognition of the status of RRB members pursuant to No. 142A of the ITU Convention;
- 3 to provide the necessary logistical support, such as computer hardware and software, to RRB members from developing countries, if required, in order to perform their duties as Board members,

*further instructs the Secretary-General*

to report to the 2007 session of the Council, to subsequent sessions of the Council and to the next plenipotentiary conference on actions taken pursuant to this resolution and the results thereof.

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*(Marrakesh, 2002) – (Rev. Antalya, 2006)*

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## RESOLUTION 122 (Rev. Antalya, 2006)

**The evolving role of the World Telecommunication  
Standardization Assembly**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

*considering*

*a)* Article 13 of the ITU Convention which specifies the roles and responsibilities of the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA), as well as Articles 14 and 14A, concerning the telecommunication standardization study groups and Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group (TSAG);

*b)* the decisions of previous plenipotentiary conferences concerning the functioning and management of ITU standardization activities;

*c)* Resolutions 1 (Rev. Florianópolis, 2004), 7 (Rev. Florianópolis, 2004), 22 (Rev. Florianópolis, 2004), 33 (Rev. Florianópolis, 2004) and 45 (Florianópolis, 2004) of WTSA, pursuant to which:

- the membership is able to revise existing and create new questions between WTSA's;
- the membership is continuing to collaborate with the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC);
- the membership, working through TSAG, is able to restructure and establish study groups between WTSA's;
- the membership, working through TSAG, is able to identify new and converging technologies and the need to develop appropriate standards, rapidly and reliably;
- the membership, working through TSAG, is able to create, terminate or maintain other groups between WTSA's, in order to enhance and improve the effectiveness of the work of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T), for purposes including the coordination of ITU-T's work and flexible response to high-priority issues that span several study groups;

- TSAG is instructed to take an active role in ensuring coordination between study groups, as appropriate, on high-priority standardization issues that are being studied in more than one study group, and to take into account, and implement as necessary, advice given to it by other groups on effective coordination on high-priority standardization topics;
  
- d)* the work of Member States and ITU-T Sector Members in the Sector study groups and TSAG in implementing these decisions and in adopting working procedures that have improved the timeliness and efficiency of standards activities while maintaining their quality;
  
- e)* Resolution 123 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) of this conference, on bridging the standardization development gap between developed and developing countries;
  
- f)* § 64 of the Geneva Declaration of Principles of the World Summit on the Information Society, which recognizes that ITU's core competences in the fields of information and communication technologies – assistance in bridging the digital divide, international and regional cooperation, radio spectrum management, standards development and the dissemination of information – are of crucial importance for building the information society,

*considering further*

the analysis of ITU's standardization activities by the Working Group on ITU Reform (WGR) and the emphasis placed by WGR on the need for continued improvement in the effectiveness of the standardization process and the need to achieve an effective partnership between Member States and Sector Members,

*recognizing*

- a)* the positive results of the alternative approval process in ITU-T's working methods, in particular the reduction of the time taken for the approval of relevant questions and recommendations, in accordance with the procedures adopted by the Sector;

*b)* the position of WTSA as a broad and inclusive forum where Member States and ITU-T Sector Members are able to discuss the future of ITU-T, review the progress of the ITU-T standardization work programme, consider the Sector's overall structure and functioning and set goals for ITU-T;

*c)* that WTSA serves all the Member States and ITU-T Sector Members, as a decision-making forum to resolve issues within its competence that may be brought before it,

*aware*

*a)* of the continual challenges posed to the membership by the current financial state of the Union, of the number of ITU-T meetings and related events and of the important role of WTSA as the oversight body for ITU-T;

*b)* of the need for Member States and ITU-T Sector Members to work closely in ITU-T, in a proactive, cooperative and forward-looking way, taking into account their respective responsibilities and objectives, in order to promote the continued evolution of ITU-T;

*c)* that ITU-T aims to continue to provide a unique, worldwide venue for government and industry to work together to foster the development and use of interoperable and non-discriminatory standards based on openness, and which are both demand-driven and sensitive to the needs of users;

*d)* that the rapid pace of change in the telecommunication environment demands that, in order to maintain its role, ITU-T must have the flexibility to make timely decisions between WTSA's on matters such as work priorities, study group structure and meeting schedules,

*resolves*

1 to encourage WTSA to further develop its working methods and procedures for the purpose of improving the management of ITU-T's standardization activities;

2 that WTSA shall continue, in accordance with its responsibilities, and subject to available financial resources, to promote the continued evolution of the standardization sector by means such as, but not limited to, the strengthening of TSAG;

3 that WTSA shall adequately address strategic issues in standardization and, through the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau, provide its comments to the Council;

4 that WTSA, in its conclusions, should take into account the Union's strategic plan and, consistent with No. 188 of the ITU Convention, give consideration to the financial status of the Sector;

5 that WTSA encourage close cooperation and coordination with relevant standards development organizations in both developed and developing countries,

*instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau*

1 in preparing the Director's report to WTSA and providing support to the chairmen of the study groups, to include a report on the financial status of the Sector in order to assist WTSA in its functions;

2 to consider, in consultation with relevant bodies, and the ITU membership, and in coordination with the ITU Radiocommunication Sector and the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector, where appropriate, organizing a worldwide standardization round table and coordination meeting, possibly in conjunction with WTSA, for one day immediately prior to the assembly,

*invites the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly*

to take into consideration the conclusions of such a round table,

*encourages*

1 Member States and ITU-T Sector Members to support the evolving role of WTSA;

2 Member States, ITU-T Sector Members and study group chairmen and vice-chairmen to concentrate, *inter alia*, on the identification and analysis of strategic issues in standardization in their preparations for WTSA so as to facilitate the work of the assembly.



## RESOLUTION 123 (Rev. Antalya, 2006)

**Bridging the standardization gap between  
developing and developed countries**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

*considering*

*a)* that “the Union shall in particular facilitate the worldwide standardization of telecommunications, with a satisfactory quality of service” (Article 1 of the ITU Constitution);

*b)* that, in connection with the functions and structure of the Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T), in Article 17, the Constitution indicates that those functions shall be “..., bearing in mind the particular concerns of the developing countries, to fulfill the purposes of the Union...”;

*c)* that, under the strategic plan for the Union for 2008-2011, ITU-T is to work to provide support and assistance to the membership, mainly to developing countries, in relation to standardization matters, information and communication network infrastructure and applications, and in particular with respect to (a) bridging the digital divide and (b) providing training and producing relevant training materials for capacity building,

*considering further*

*a)* that the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly adopted Resolutions 44 (Florianópolis, 2004), 53 (Florianópolis, 2004) and 54 (Florianópolis, 2004) as well as Resolution 17 (Rev. Florianópolis, 2004) to assist in bridging the standardization gap between developing and developed countries;

b) that the World Telecommunication Development Conference adopted Resolution 47 (Doha, 2006), which calls for activities to enhance knowledge and effective application of recommendations of ITU-T and of the ITU Radio-communication Sector (ITU-R) in developing countries, and Resolution 37 (Rev. Doha, 2006), which recognizes the need to create digital opportunities in developing countries,

*recalling*

that the Geneva Plan of Action and Tunis Agenda for the Information Society of the World Summit on Information Society (WSIS) emphasize efforts to overcome the digital divide and development divides,

*noting*

the following goals in the strategic plan for the Union for 2008-2011, adopted in Resolution 71 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) of this conference:

- Goal 1: Maintaining and extending international cooperation among all Member States and with relevant regional organizations for the improvement and rational use of information and communication infrastructure of all kinds, taking the appropriate leading role in United Nations system initiatives on ICTs, as called for by the relevant WSIS outcomes;
- Goal 2: Assisting in bridging the national and international digital divides in ICTs, by facilitating interoperability, interconnection and global connectivity of networks and services, and by playing a leading role, within its mandate, in the multistakeholder process for the follow-up and implementation of the relevant WSIS goals and objectives;
- Goal 6: Disseminating information and know-how to provide the membership and the wider community, particularly developing countries, with capabilities to leverage the benefits of, *inter alia*, private-sector participation, competition, globalization, network security and efficiency and technological change in their ICT sector, and enhancing the capacity of ITU Member States, in particular developing countries, for innovation in ICTs,

*recognizing*

- a) the continued shortage of human resources in the standardization field in developing countries, resulting in a low level of developing-country participation in ITU-T and ITU-R meetings and, consequently, in the standards-making process, leading to difficulties when interpreting ITU-T and ITU-R recommendations;
- b) ongoing challenges relating to capacity building, in particular for developing countries, in the light of rapid technological innovation and increased convergence,

*taking into account*

- a) that developing countries could benefit from improved capability in the application and development of standards;
- b) that ITU-T and ITU-R activities and the telecommunication/information and communication technology (ICT) market could also benefit from better involvement of developing countries in standard-making and standards application;
- c) that initiatives to assist in bridging the standardization gap are intrinsic to, and are a high priority task of, the Union,

*resolves to instruct the Secretary-General and the Directors of the three Bureaux*

1 to work closely with each other on the follow-up and implementation of this resolution, as well as the operative paragraphs of Resolutions 44 (Florianópolis, 2004), 54 (Florianópolis, 2004) and 17 (Rev. Florianópolis, 2004) and Resolution 47 (Doha, 2006) that assist in bridging the standardization gap between developing and developed countries;

2 to maintain, to the extent practicable, a close coordination mechanism among the three Sectors at the regional level through ITU regional offices;

3 to further collaborate with the relevant regional organizations and support their work in this area,

*invites Member States and Sector Members*

to make voluntary contributions to the fund for bridging the standardization gap, as well as to undertake concrete actions to support the actions and initiatives of ITU in this matter.

## RESOLUTION 124 (Rev. Antalya, 2006)

**Support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development<sup>1</sup>**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

*considering*

the provisions of the ITU Constitution, as contained in Chapter IV thereof on the Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D), particularly with regard, *inter alia*, to the functions of ITU-D for building awareness of the impact of telecommunications on national economic and social development, its catalytic role in promoting the development, expansion and operation of telecommunication services and networks, especially in developing countries, and the need to maintain and enhance cooperation with regional and other telecommunication organizations,

*considering further*

Resolution 31 (Rev. Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on telecommunication infrastructure for socio-economic and cultural development, which highlights:

- telecommunications as a prerequisite for development;
- the impact of telecommunications on agriculture, health, education, transport, human settlement, etc.;
- the continuing decline in development resources available to developing countries,

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<sup>1</sup> Subject to the financial limits set by the Plenipotentiary Conference.

*noting*

*a)* that, in their declarations and resolutions, world telecommunication development conferences (WTDC) have reaffirmed a commitment to enhancing expansion and development of telecommunication services in developing countries and harnessing capacity for the application of new and innovative services;

*b)* the adoption of the Doha Action Plan, incorporating key chapters on global information infrastructure development and the special programme for least developed countries,

*aware*

that the Council, in its Resolution 1184 on WTDC (Istanbul, 2002), urged that conference to place special emphasis on the problem of “bridging the digital divide”,

*taking note of*

*a)* the recognition by the United Nations General Assembly in its Resolution 56/37 of the adoption by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its thirty-seventh ordinary session (Lusaka, July 2001) of the New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD);

*b)* the actions for NEPAD set out in annex hereto;

*c)* the declaration by the Economic and Social Council on the role of the United Nations system in supporting the efforts of African countries to achieve sustainable development,

*taking cognizance of*

*a)* the operative paragraphs of Resolution 56/218 of the United Nations General Assembly, on the final review and appraisal of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa, relating to consideration of plans and modalities during 2002 for future engagement with NEPAD and calling on the United Nations system and the international community to support the New African Initiative and to ensure effective representation;

b) the outcomes of the Geneva (2003) and Tunis (2005) phases of the World Summit on the Information Society and the work under way to implement the African Regional Action Plan for the Knowledge Economy (ARAPKE);

c) the call made on 23 November 2004 by the Summit of the NEPAD Heads of State and Government Implementing Committee (HSGIC) for an effective implementation of the NEPAD information and communication technology (ICT) programme;

d) the request made in the Abuja Declaration of African ministers in charge of telecommunications and ICT concerning infrastructure development, to provide appropriate financial resources to support NEPAD ICT activities,

*recognizing*

that, in spite of the impressive growth and expansion in telecommunications/ICTs recorded in the African region since WTDC (Valletta, 1998), many areas of major concern still exist and considerable disparities persist in the region, and the digital divide continues to widen,

*recognizing further*

that ICT development and the development of telecommunication infrastructures in Africa require regional and interregional support for the programmes and initiatives,

*resolves to instruct the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau*

to pay particular attention to implementation of the provisions of the ITU-D Action Plan relating to support for NEPAD, earmarking resources so that this can be permanently monitored,

*requests the Secretary-General*

to mobilize and release appropriate financial resources for activities to support NEPAD, in particular from the ICT Development Fund.

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*(Marrakesh, 2002) – (Rev. Antalya, 2006)*

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## ANNEX TO RESOLUTION 124 (Rev. Antalya, 2006)

**Actions for NEPAD****1 Infrastructure**

- i) Preparation of master plans for ICT infrastructure development
- ii) Facilitation of the introduction of digital technologies, especially for broadcasting
- iii) Support for all projects which promote ICT development and subregional and regional integration, for example, the East African Submarine Cable project (EASSy), the NEPAD e-school initiative, RASCOM, e-Post Africa, COMTEL, SRII, INTELCOM II, the ARAPKE projects, etc.
- iv) Establishment and interconnection of national Internet exchange points
- v) Evaluation of the impact and adoption of measures for strengthening functional capacities and the new missions of subregional maintenance centres
- vi) Encourage the establishment of technological alliances in order to promote research and development at a regional level

**2 Environment: development and implementation**

- i) An Africa-wide vision, strategy and action plan for ICT
- ii) A national vision and strategies for the development of ICT with maximum linkage to other national development strategies, notably the Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP)
- iii) Elaboration of a national policy framework and strategy for universal access
- iv) Provision of support for the harmonization of policy and regulatory frameworks at the subregional level

### **3 Capacity building, cooperation and partnerships**

- i) Support to the African Telecommunications Union by providing administrative support and assistance in technical expertise
- ii) Support for the elaboration of the planning and management of the frequency spectrum at national, subregional and regional levels
- iii) Support the strengthening of ICT training institutions and the network of centres of excellence in the region
- iv) Establishment of a cooperation mechanism amongst regional institutions that provide development assistance to African countries in the ICT sector
- v) Establishment of an ad hoc regional ICT think tank
- vi) Strengthening of subregional telecommunication regulatory associations
- vii) Strengthening of public-private partnership
- viii) Establishment of an African ICT database
- ix) Strengthening the capacities of regional economic communities (RECs) for better implementation of the ICT projects and initiatives

## RESOLUTION 125 (Marrakesh, 2002)

**Assistance and support to the Palestinian Authority  
for rebuilding its telecommunication networks**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Marrakesh, 2002),

*recalling*

- a)* Resolutions 99 (Minneapolis, 1998), 6 and 32 (Kyoto, 1994) of the Plenipotentiary Conference;
- b)* Resolutions 18 (Rev. Istanbul, 2002) and 18 (Valletta, 1998) of the World Telecommunication Development Conference;
- c)* the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;
- d)* Nos. 6 and 7 of the ITU Constitution indicating among the purposes of the Union “to promote the extension of the benefits of the new telecommunication technologies to all the world’s inhabitants” and “to promote the use of telecommunication services with the objective of facilitating peaceful relations”,

*considering*

- a)* that the ITU Constitution and Convention are designed to strengthen peace and security in the world for the development of international cooperation and better understanding among the peoples concerned;
- b)* that ITU’s policy of assistance to the Palestinian Authority for the development of its telecommunication sector has been efficient but has not yet fulfilled its goals, due to the prevailing situation;
- c)* that, for Palestine to take an effective part in the new information society, it has to build its information society,

*considering further*

- a) that the establishment of a reliable and modern telecommunication network is an essential part of economic and social development and is of the utmost importance to the future of the Palestinian people;
- b) the importance of the international community in assisting the Palestinian Authority to develop a modern and reliable telecommunication network;
- c) that parts of the Palestinian telecommunication infrastructure have been significantly damaged during the last two years;
- d) that the Palestinian Authority at present does not have international telecommunication networks due to difficulties for their establishment,

*mindful*

of the fundamental principles contained in the Preamble of the Constitution,

*noting*

the Telecommunication Development Bureau's (BDT) long-term technical assistance to the Palestinian Authority for the development of its telecommunications pursuant to Resolution 32 (Kyoto, 1994) of the Plenipotentiary Conference and the urgent need for assistance to be provided in the various fields of communication and information,

*resolves*

that the plan of action initiated after the Plenipotentiary Conference (Kyoto, 1994) within the framework of the activities of the Telecommunication Development Sector of the Union, with the specialized assistance of the Radiocommunication Sector and the Telecommunication Standardization Sector, shall be continued and enhanced in order to provide assistance and support to the Palestinian Authority in rebuilding and developing its telecommunication infrastructure, re-establishing institutions for the sector, developing telecommunication legislation and a regulatory framework including a numbering plan, spectrum management, tariff and human resource development and all other forms of assistance,

*calls upon Member States*

- 1 to make every effort with a view to:
  - 1.1 preserving the Palestinian telecommunication infrastructure;
  - 1.2 facilitating the establishment by the Palestinian Authority, at the earliest date, of its own international gateway networks, including satellite earth stations, submarine cables, optical fibres and microwave systems;
- 2 to offer all possible assistance and support to the Palestinian Authority in rebuilding, restoring and developing the Palestinian telecommunication network;
- 3 to assist the Palestinian Authority in recovering their entitlements accruing from incoming and outgoing international traffic;
- 4 to provide to the Palestinian Authority assistance in support of the implementation of BDT projects, including human resources capacity building,

*invites the Council*

to allocate the necessary funds within available resources for the implementation of this resolution,

*instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau*

- 1 to continue and enhance the technical assistance provided to the Palestinian Authority for the development of its telecommunications;
- 2 to assist the Palestinian Authority in the mobilization of resources for the implementation of BDT projects for the development of telecommunications;
- 3 to provide a periodic report on various experiences in liberalization and privatization of telecommunications and to assess their impact on the development of the sector in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank,

*instructs the Secretary-General*

1 to ensure that Resolution 99 (Minneapolis, 1998) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, in particular in relation to the international access code and the processing of frequency assignment notifications, is implemented, and to report periodically to the Council;

2 to coordinate the activities carried out by the three ITU Sectors in accordance with *resolves* above, to ensure that the Union's action in favour of the Palestinian Authority is as effective as possible, and to report on the matter to the Council and to the next plenipotentiary conference on the progress achieved on these issues.

## RESOLUTION 126 (Rev. Antalya, 2006)

**Assistance and support to the Republic of Serbia for rebuilding its destroyed public broadcasting system**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

*recalling*

- a) the noble principles, purpose and objectives enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;
- b) the purposes of the Union as enshrined in Article 1 of the ITU Constitution,

*noting*

- a) Resolution 126 (Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference;
- b) Resolution 33 (Rev. Doha, 2006) of the World Telecommunication Development Conference;
- c) that the key role played by ITU in the rebuilding of the country's telecommunication sector has been widely recognized;
- d) with appreciation the efforts deployed by the Secretary-General and the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau towards the implementation of the above-mentioned resolutions,

*recognizing*

- a) that reliable public broadcasting and telecommunication systems are indispensable for promoting the socio-economic development of countries, in particular those having suffered from natural disasters, domestic conflicts or war;
- b) that public broadcasting facilities in Serbia (Radio Television of Serbia (RTS)) have been severely damaged;

- c) that the damage to public broadcasting (RTS) in Serbia should concern the whole international community, in particular ITU;
- d) that, as public broadcaster, RTS is a non-profit organization;
- e) that, under the present conditions and in the foreseeable future, Serbia will not be able to bring its public broadcasting system up to an acceptable level without help from the international community, provided bilaterally or through international organizations,

*resolves*

- 1 to continue special action, within the framework and available budgetary resources of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector, with specialized assistance from the ITU Radiocommunication Sector and the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector;
- 2 to provide appropriate assistance;
- 3 to support Serbia in rebuilding its public broadcasting systems,

*calls upon Member States*

- 1 to offer all possible assistance;
- 2 to support the Government of Serbia, either bilaterally or through, or, in any case, in coordination with, the special action of the Union referred above,

*instructs the Council*

to allocate the necessary funds, within available resources, in order to continue this action,

*instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau*

to use the necessary funds, within available resources, in order to continue appropriate action,



*instructs the Secretary-General*

- 1 to coordinate the activities carried out by the ITU Sectors in accordance with the above;
- 2 to ensure that ITU action in favour of Serbia is as effective as possible;
- 3 to report on the matter to the Council.

RESOLUTION 127 (Marrakesh, 2002)

**Assistance and support to the Government of Afghanistan for rebuilding its telecommunication system**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Marrakesh, 2002),

*recalling*

the noble principles and purposes of ITU and the key role the Union can play in the rebuilding of a telecommunication sector,

*recognizing*

*a)* that a reliable telecommunication system is a prerequisite for promoting the economic development of countries, in particular those having suffered from conflicts or war;

*b)* that, as the result of the past 24 years of war in Afghanistan, the telecommunication system has been destroyed and needs urgent attention for its basic reconstruction;

*c)* that the present state of the telecommunication system in Afghanistan, as a post-conflict country, should concern the whole international community, in particular ITU;

*d)* that without the assistance and comprehensive support of the international community, Afghanistan, as a war-torn country, will not be able to rebuild its basic telecommunication infrastructure, which is very necessary for the social and economic reconstruction of the country,

*resolves*

1 to initiate special action, within the framework of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector, with specialized assistance from the Telecommunication Standardization Sector;

2 to provide appropriate assistance and support to the Government of Afghanistan in rebuilding its telecommunication system,

*calls upon Member States*

to offer all possible assistance and support to the Government of Afghanistan either bilaterally or through the special action of the Union referred to above,

*instructs the Council*

to allocate the necessary funds, within available resources, in order to initiate the above-mentioned action,

*instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau*

- 1 to ensure adequate resource mobilization, including within the internal budget, for the implementation of the proposed actions;
- 2 to ensure that the ITU action in favour of Afghanistan is as effective as possible;
- 3 to report on the matter to the Council.

## RESOLUTION 128 (Rev. Antalya, 2006)

**Support for the Agenda for Connectivity in the Americas  
and Quito Action Plan**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

*considering*

the provisions of the ITU Constitution, as contained in Chapter IV thereof on the Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D), particularly with regard, *inter alia*, to the functions of ITU-D for building awareness of the impact of telecommunications on national economic and social development, its catalytic role in promoting the development, expansion and operation of telecommunication services and networks, especially in developing countries, least developed countries and small island developing states, and the need to maintain and enhance cooperation with regional and other telecommunication organizations,

*recalling*

a) Resolution 21 (Rev. Doha, 2006) of the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC), on coordination and collaboration with regional organizations, which resolved that ITU-D should actively coordinate, collaborate and organize joint activities with regional and subregional organizations and training institutions and take into consideration their activities, as well as providing them with direct technical assistance;

b) Resolution 39 (Istanbul, 2002), adopted by WTDC-02 and confirmed by WTDC-06, on the Agenda for Connectivity in the Americas and Quito Action Plan, which resolved to include among the high priorities of ITU support for initiatives under the Agenda for Connectivity in the Americas, recommending the use of mechanisms to help to achieve the necessary results for each country and region, and to promote the exchange of information on the development of connectivity activities globally;

*c)* Resolution 54 (Doha, 2006) of WTDC, on information and communication technology (ICT) applications, which replaced and updated the content of:

- Resolution 41 (Istanbul, 2002) of WTDC, on e-health (including tele-health/telemedicine), which, among other actions, directed the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) to continue its efforts to raise awareness of decision-makers, health professionals, partners, beneficiaries and other key players about the benefits of telecommunications for e-health applications and to support e-health projects in collaboration with government, public, private, national and international partners;
- Resolution 42 (Istanbul, 2002) of WTDC, on implementation of tele-education programmes, which instructed the Director of BDT to conduct studies of the viability of tele-education systems, provide technical assistance and support to help implementing various tele-education systems, and identify sources of funding for necessary equipment and training for the provision of tele-education applications;

*d)* Resolution 50 (Doha, 2006) of WTDC, on optimal integration of ICTs, which replaced and updated the content of Recommendation 14 (Istanbul, 2002) of WTDC, on pilot integration projects for information and communication technologies, recommending that BDT adopt all necessary measures to implement regional projects derived from non-exclusive integration models designed to link all stakeholders, organizations and institutions of the various sectors in an ongoing relationship of cooperation in which information is disseminated over networks, so as to narrow the digital divide, and also that BDT play a central role in this initiative, using the funds at its disposal to attain that objective, and that the Latin American region serve as the initial testing ground for such an initiative;

*e)* Resolution 32 (Rev. Doha, 2006) of WTDC, on international and regional cooperation, which resolves that ITU-D should strengthen its relations with regional and subregional telecommunication organizations to stimulate new initiatives such as the Agenda for Connectivity of the Americas,

*taking into account*

the Geneva Declaration of Principles and Geneva Plan of Action adopted at the first phase of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) (Geneva, 2003) and the Tunis Commitment and Tunis Agenda for the Information Society adopted at the second phase of WSIS (Tunis, 2005),

*noting*

that the third and fourth regular meetings of the Assembly of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL) (held in Washington, DC in 2002 and in San José, Costa Rica in 2006), respectively, adopted and confirmed Resolution CITEL/RES. 33 (III-02) on the implementation of the Agenda for Connectivity in the Americas currently under way, wherein it is recognized that the above-mentioned Agenda and the Quito Action Plan, developed by CITEL, are a significant and positive contribution to efforts under way in a number of forums to bridge the digital divide,

*recognizing*

that, in spite of the impressive growth and expansion in telecommunications/ICTs recorded in the Americas region since WTDC-98, many areas of major concern still exist and considerable disparities persist in the region, and the narrowing of the digital divide continues to be a priority,

*resolves to instruct the Secretary-General*

to continue releasing appropriate financial resources under the ITU financial plan for 2008-2011 and subsequent plans to support and stimulate the implementation of projects aimed at fulfilling the objectives set in the WTDC-06 resolutions highlighted above, in particular from the ICT Development Fund,

*instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau*

1 to continue paying particular attention to implementation of the provisions of the Doha Action Plan relating to the initiatives under the framework of the Agenda for Connectivity in the Americas, as directed by Resolution 39 (Istanbul, 2002), which encompasses also the projects associated with the other resolutions cited above;

2           to strengthen support to the Member States in this regard through the ITU Regional Office for the Americas, and to help identify additional financial resources to supplement those assigned by ITU for supporting the development of all related projects in the Americas region.

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*(Marrakesh, 2002) – (Rev. Antalya, 2006)*

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## RESOLUTION 130 (Rev. Antalya, 2006)

**Strengthening the role of ITU in building confidence  
and security in the use of information and  
communication technologies**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union  
(Antalya, 2006),

*considering*

- a)* the crucial importance of information and communication infrastructures and their applications to practically all forms of social and economic activity;
- b)* that, with the application and development of information and communication technologies (ICTs), new threats from various sources have emerged that may have an impact on confidence and security in the use of ICTs by all Member States, Sector Members and other stakeholders, including all users of ICTs, and on the preservation of peace and the economic and social development of all Member States, and that threats to and vulnerabilities of networks continue to give rise to ever-growing security challenges across national borders for all countries, in particular developing countries, including least developed countries, small island developing states and countries with economies in transition, while noting in this context the need to further enhance international cooperation and develop and adapt appropriate existing national, regional and international mechanisms (for example agreements, best practices, memorandums of understanding, etc);
- c)* that, in order to protect these infrastructures and address these challenges and threats, coordinated national action is required for prevention, preparation, response and recovery from an incident, on the part of government authorities at the national, state/provincial and local levels, the private sector and citizens and users, in addition to international cooperation and coordination,



*recognizing*

a) that the application and development of ICTs have been and continue to be instrumental for the growth and development of the global economy, underpinned by security and trust;

b) that the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) recognized the need to build confidence and security in the use of ICTs and the great importance of multistakeholder implementation at the international level, and established action line C5, “Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs”, with ITU identified in the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society as moderator/facilitator for that WSIS action line;

c) that the World Telecommunication Development Conference (Doha, 2006) (WTDC-06) has adopted the Doha Action Plan and its programme 3 on e-strategies and ICT applications that identifies cybersecurity as a priority activity of the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) and defines activities to be undertaken by BDT, and in particular the adoption of Resolution 45 (Doha, 2006) of WTDC entitled “Mechanisms for enhancing cooperation on cybersecurity, including combating spam”;

d) § 15 of the Tunis Commitment, which states that: “Recognizing the principles of universal and non-discriminatory access to ICTs for all nations, the need to take into account the level of social and economic development of each country, and respecting the development-oriented aspects of the information society, we underscore that ICTs are effective tools to promote peace, security and stability, to enhance democracy, social cohesion, good governance and the rule of law, at national, regional and international levels. ICTs can be used to promote economic growth and enterprise development. Infrastructure development, human capacity building, information security and network security are critical to achieve these goals. We further recognize the need to effectively confront challenges and threats resulting from use of ICTs for purposes that are inconsistent with objectives of maintaining international stability and security and may adversely affect the integrity of the infrastructure within States, to the detriment of their security. It is necessary to prevent the abuse of information resources and technologies for criminal and terrorist purposes, while respecting human rights”;

*aware*

*a)* that ITU and other international organizations, through a variety of activities, are examining issues related to building confidence and security in the use of ICTs, including stability and measures to combat spam, malware, transmission of unsolicited content etc., and to protect personal data and privacy;

*b)* that Study Group 17 of the Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T) and other relevant ITU study groups continue to work on technical means for the security of information and communication networks, in accordance with Resolutions 50, 51 and 52 (Florianópolis, 2004) of the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly,

*noting*

*a)* that, as an intergovernmental organization with private-sector participation, ITU is well positioned to play an important role, together with other international bodies and organizations, in addressing threats and vulnerabilities, which affect efforts to build confidence and security in the use of ICTs;

*b)* §§ 35 and 36 of the Geneva Declaration of Principles and § 39 of the Tunis Agenda, on building confidence and security in the use of ICTs;

*c)* that, although there are no universally agreed upon definitions of spam and other terms in this sphere, spam was characterized by ITU-T Study Group 2, at its June 2006 session, as a term commonly used to describe unsolicited electronic bulk communications over e-mail or mobile messaging (SMS, MMS), usually with the objective of marketing commercial products or services,

*resolves*

to give this work high priority within ITU, in accordance with its competences and expertise,

*instructs the Secretary-General and the Directors of the Bureaux*

- 1 to review:
  - i) the work done so far by ITU and other relevant organizations, and initiatives to address existing and future threats in order to build confidence and security in the use of ICTs, such as the issue of countering spam;
  - ii) the progress achieved in the implementation of this resolution and in the role of ITU as moderator/facilitator for WSIS action line C5, with the help of the advisory groups, consistent with the ITU Constitution and Convention;
- 2 to facilitate access to tools required for enhancing confidence and security in the use of ICTs for all Member States, consistent with WSIS provisions on universal and non-discriminatory access to ICTs for all nations;
- 3 to continue the cybersecurity gateway as a way to share information on national, regional and international cybersecurity-related initiatives worldwide;
- 4 to report annually to the Council on these activities and to make proposals as appropriate,

*instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau*

- 1 to intensify work within existing ITU-T study groups in order to:
  - i) address existing and future threats and vulnerabilities affecting efforts to build confidence and security in the use of ICTs, by developing recommendations, as appropriate;
  - ii) seek ways to enhance the exchange of technical information in these fields, promote implementation of emerging protocols and standards that further enhance security, and promote international cooperation among appropriate entities;

2 to continue collaboration with relevant organizations with a view to exchanging best practices and disseminating information through, for example, joint workshops and training sessions,

*instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau*

1 to develop, consistent with the results of WTDC-06 and the subsequent meeting held pursuant to Resolution 45 (Doha, 2006), the projects for enhancing cooperation on cybersecurity and combating spam responding to the needs of developing countries, in close collaboration with the relevant partners;

2 to provide the necessary financial and administrative support for these projects within existing resources, and to seek additional resources (in cash and in kind) for the implementation of these projects through partnership agreements;

3 to ensure coordination of these projects within the context of ITU's overall activities in its role as moderator/facilitator for WSIS action line C5;

4 to coordinate these projects with the activities and programmes of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D) study groups on this topic;

5 to continue collaboration with relevant organizations with a view to exchanging best practices and disseminating information through, for example, joint workshops and training sessions;

6 to report annually to the Council on these activities and make proposals as appropriate,

*requests the Council*

to include the report of the Secretary-General in the documents sent to Member States in accordance with No. 81 of the Convention;

*invites Member States, Sector Members and Associates*

- 1 to participate actively in the ongoing work of the relevant ITU study groups;
- 2 to develop, as appropriate, the necessary relevant legislation, noting in particular regional initiatives including, but not limited to, the Council of Europe's Convention on Cybercrime;
- 3 to make contributions on this subject in ITU-D Study Group 1 and participate in the ongoing activities of the BDT projects;
- 4 to contribute to building confidence and security in the use of ICTs at the national, regional and international levels, by undertaking activities as outlined in § 12 of the Geneva Plan of Action.

## RESOLUTION 131 (Rev. Antalya, 2006)

**Information and communication technology index<sup>1</sup>  
and community connectivity indicators<sup>2</sup>**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

*aware*

- a)* that technological innovation, digitization and telecommunications/information and communication technologies (ICTs) have significantly modified the ways in which people access knowledge and communicate with one another;
- b)* that there is a need to promote knowledge and the development of skills in all populations in order to achieve greater economic, social and cultural development and to raise the standard of living of the world's citizens;
- c)* that each Member State is seeking to establish its own policies and regulations in order to narrow as effectively as possible the digital divide between those who have access to communication and information and those who do not,

*recognizing*

- a)* that the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) represented an opportunity to identify a global strategy for narrowing the digital divide from the development standpoint;
- b)* that 19 indicators for community access to ICTs were identified at the Global Indicators Workshop on Community Access to ICTs held in November 2004,<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The single ICT index must be further developed, taking into consideration the needs of the membership.

<sup>2</sup> Community connectivity is taken here to refer to the possibility to access telecommunication services from a terminal facility put at the disposal of a community, to facilitate ease of use.

<sup>3</sup> Recommended community access indicators (Mexico, 2004).

*considering*

- a)* that the Geneva Plan of Action adopted by WSIS provides for the following: “In cooperation with each country concerned, develop and launch a composite ICT Development (Digital Opportunity) Index. It could be published annually, or every two years, in an ICT Development Report. The index could show the statistics while the report would present analytical work on policies and their implementation, depending on national circumstances, including gender analysis”;
- b)* that key stakeholders, among which ITU (represented by the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D)), involved in the measurement of information society statistics, joined forces to create a “Global Partnership for Measuring ICT for Development”;
- c)* the contents of Resolution 8 (Rev. Doha, 2006) of the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC), as well as Activity 1 of the Doha Action Plan on collection and dissemination of telecommunication/ICT information and statistics, with particular emphasis on consolidating information and statistical data on the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) website, in order to avoid duplication in this field;
- d)* that, through Activity 1 of the Doha Action Plan, “WTDC-06 called upon ITU-D to further develop and improve benchmarking efforts, including the ICT Opportunity Index, and to strengthen the ITU-D’s role in the Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development, including through active participation in discussions and activities geared toward achieving its main objectives, such as the development of a core list of ICT indicators”;
- e)* the WSIS outcomes in relation to these indicators, especially the following paragraphs in the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society:

- § 113 which called for formulating appropriate indicators and benchmarking, including community connectivity indicators, to clarify the magnitude of the digital divide, in both its domestic and international dimensions, and keep it under regular assessment, and tracking global progress in the use of ICTs to achieve internationally agreed development goals and objectives, including the Millennium Development Goals;
- § 114 which recognized the importance of the development of ICT indicators for measuring the digital divide and noted the launch of the Partnership for Measuring ICT for Development;
- § 115 which noted the launch of the ICT Opportunity Index and the Digital Opportunity Index;
- § 116 which stressed the need to take into account different levels of development and national circumstances;
- § 117 which called for collaboration, cost-effectiveness and non-duplication in this field;
- § 118 which invited the international community to strengthen the statistical capacity of developing countries by giving appropriate support at national and regional levels,

*recognizing further*

a) that, with a view to providing their populations with faster access to telecommunication/ICT services, many countries have implemented public community connectivity policies in those communities that are poorly served with telecommunication facilities;

b) that a radically new trend is emerging in the provision of universal service, tending to favour community connectivity and broadband access instead of seeking in the short term to ensure that all households have a telephone line,

*bearing in mind*

a) that, in order to keep each country's public policy makers properly informed, ITU-D gathers and periodically publishes a variety of statistics which provide some indication of the degree of progress in and penetration of telecommunication/ICT services in the different regions of the world;



b) that the 19 indicators identified at the November 2004 global workshop can serve to measure the real impact of the introduction of community connectivity;

c) that, according to the guidelines of the Plenipotentiary Conference, it is necessary to ensure as far as possible that the policies and strategies of the Union are fully in tune with the constantly changing telecommunication environment;

d) that the recommendation of the 2004 global workshop requested the Director of BDT to create a task force on community access indicators for the purpose of coordinating the continuous implementation of the indicators referred to in *recognizing b)* above and of developing new technical and regulatory indicators,

*noting*

a) that the Geneva Plan of Action adopted by WSIS identifies indicators and appropriate reference points, including community connectivity indicators, as elements for the follow-up and evaluation thereof;

b) that Resolution 8 (Rev. Doha, 2006) instructs the Director of BDT to establish and collect community connectivity indicators and to participate in the establishment of core indicators to measure efforts to build the information society and, by doing so, to illustrate the scale of the digital divide,

*resolves to instruct the Secretary-General and the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau*

to promote the adoption of measures necessary to ensure that community connectivity indicators are taken into account in regional and world meetings convened for the purpose of evaluating and following up the Geneva Plan of Action and Tunis Agenda,

*instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau*

1 to promote the adoption and regular reporting to ITU of community connectivity indicators;

2 to promote the activities required to define and adopt new indicators for the purpose of measuring the real impact of community connectivity on the development of communities;

3 in order to give full effect to Resolution 8 (Rev. Doha, 2006), to convene two meetings, one in 2007 and the other in 2009, to evaluate the application of existing community connectivity indicators and, as appropriate, elaborate any other community connectivity indicators that may be required;

4 to give the necessary support for the implementation of Resolution 8 (Rev. Doha, 2006), and to stress the importance of implementing the WSIS outcomes in relation to the indicators mentioned, and to avoid duplication in statistical work in this field;

5 to promote an ICT index as the means by which ITU responds to *considering a)* above with a view to achieving international consensus on this index;

6 to cooperate with relevant international bodies, in particular those involved in the Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development, for the implementation of this resolution;

7 to work on the development of community connectivity indicators and forward the results on an annual basis,

*instructs the Secretary-General*

to submit a report to the next plenipotentiary conference on progress in the implementation of this resolution,

*invites Member States*

1 to participate, through the regular reporting of their national community connectivity statistics to ITU-D, as well as through the work being done at the regional and world levels, in the evaluation of existing community connectivity indicators and the preparation of new such indicators;

2 to participate actively in these endeavours, by providing the requested information so as to produce telecommunication/ICT benchmarks, with a view to developing a single ICT index.

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*(Marrakesh, 2002) – (Rev. Antalya, 2006)*

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## RESOLUTION 133 (Rev. Antalya, 2006)

**Role of administrations of Member States in the management of internationalized (multilingual) domain names**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

*bearing in mind*

Resolution 102 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) of this conference, on ITU's role with regard to international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet and the management of Internet resources, including domain names and addresses,

*recalling*

- a)* the role of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T) as defined in resolutions adopted at the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly including, *inter alia*, Resolution 47 (Florianópolis, 2004) on country code top-level domain names and Resolution 48 (Florianópolis, 2004) on internationalized domain names, and ongoing activities in ITU-T study groups;
- b)* the commitment of the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society adopted by the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) to advance the process for the introduction of multilingualism in a number of areas including domain names, e-mail, Internet addresses and keyword look-up;
- c)* the need to promote regional root servers and the use of internationalized domain names in order to overcome barriers to access;
- d)* past successful standardization activities undertaken by ITU-T with regard to non-Latin character sets,

*aware*

- a) of the continuing progress towards integration of telecommunications and the Internet;
- b) that Internet users are generally more comfortable reading or browsing through texts in their own language and that, for the Internet to become more widely available to a large number of users, it is necessary to make the Internet available in non-Latin based scripts;
- c) that, recalling the results of WSIS, there should be a commitment to working earnestly towards multilingualization of the Internet, as part of a multilateral, transparent and democratic process, involving governments and all stakeholders, in their respective roles,

*emphasizing*

- a) that the current domain name system does not fully reflect the diverse and growing language needs of all users;
- b) that internationalized Internet domain names, and more generally information and communication technologies (ICTs) and the Internet, must be widely accessible to all citizens without regard to gender, race, religion, country of residence or language;
- c) that Internet domain names should not privilege any country or region of the world to the detriment of others, and should take into account the global diversity of languages;
- d) the role of ITU to assist its membership in promoting the use of their language scripts for domain names, as it has done in the past;
- e) that, recalling the results of WSIS, there is an urgent need to:
- advance the process for the introduction of multilingualism in a number of areas, including domain names, e-mail addresses and keyword look-up;

- implement programmes that allow for the presence of multilingual domain names and content on the Internet and the use of various software models in order to fight against the linguistic digital divide and to ensure that everyone can participate in the emerging new society;
- strengthen cooperation between relevant bodies for the further development of technical standards and to foster their global deployment,

*recognizing*

- a)* the existing role and sovereignty of ITU Member States with respect to allocation and management of their country code numbering resources as enshrined in ITU-T Recommendation E.164;
- b)* that there are a number of challenges with regard to intellectual property and the deployment of internationalized domain names, and adequate solutions should be explored;
- c)* the role played by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) with regard to dispute resolution for domain names;
- d)* the role played by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) with regard to promoting cultural diversity and identity, linguistic diversity and local content;
- e)* that ITU enjoys close cooperation with both WIPO and UNESCO;
- f)* that it is paramount to maintain global interoperability as domain names expand to include non-Latin character sets,

*resolves to instruct the Secretary-General and the Directors of the Bureaux*

- 1 to take an active part in all international discussions, initiatives and activities on the deployment and management of internationalized Internet domain names, in cooperation with relevant organizations, including WIPO and UNESCO;

2 to take any necessary action to ensure the sovereignty of ITU Member States with regard to ITU-T Recommendation E.164 numbering plans whatever the application in which they are used;

3 to promote effectively the role of the ITU membership in the internationalization of domain names in their respective language scripts using their specific character sets;

4 to support Member States in meeting the commitments of the Geneva Plan of Action and the Tunis Agenda in respect of internationalized domain names;

5 to make proposals, where appropriate, for achieving the aims of this resolution as quickly as possible;

6 to give priority to the studies carried out by ITU-T as regards different non-Latin scripts;

7 to bring this resolution to the attention of WIPO and UNESCO, stressing the concerns and requests for assistance of Member States, in particular the developing countries, with regard to internationalized (multilingual) domain names, and their insistence on help from the Union in this field, in order to ensure Internet use and advancement across language barriers;

8 to report annually to the Council on the activities undertaken and achievements attained on this subject,

*instructs the Council*

to consider the activities of the Secretary-General and Directors of the Bureaux with regard to the implementation of this resolution,

*invites Member States and Sector Members*

1 to take an active part in all international discussions and initiatives on the development and deployment of internationalized Internet domain names, including the initiatives of relevant language groups, and to submit written contributions to ITU-T in order to help implement this resolution;

2 to increase awareness at national and regional levels among all interested parties and to encourage their participation in the Union's work, and that of ITU-T in particular, and to invite entities engaged in development and deployment of internationalized domain names to cooperate with the Union and ITU-T in order to help implement this resolution;

3 to urge all relevant entities working to develop and implement internationalized domain names in order to expedite their activities in this domain.



## RESOLUTION 134 (Antalya, 2006)

**Number of Member States of the Council**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

*recalling*

- a)* that the Council is composed of Member States elected by the Plenipotentiary Conference;
- b)* that the number of Member States of the Council shall be determined by the Plenipotentiary Conference,

*considering*

that, since 1994, the number of Member States of the Union has increased by eight,

*noting*

- a)* that, in accordance with No. 50A of the ITU Convention, the number of Council Member States not exceed 25 per cent of the total number of Member States of the Union;
- b)* that an increase of one Council Member State would not violate the 25 per cent ceiling set in No. 50A of the Convention,

*recognizing*

the need to clarify the manner in which equitable distribution of Council Member States is applied pursuant to No. 61 of the ITU Constitution,

*resolves*

that the number of Council Member States be increased, in compliance with Nos 50 and 50A of the Convention, with effect from the 2010 plenipotentiary conference,

*instructs the Council*

1 to review the criteria and develop a mechanism, in time for the next plenipotentiary conference, by which the allocation of seats is determined among the regions duly defined, taking into account the proposals and discussions at this conference<sup>1</sup> and possible further changes in the number of Member States of the Union;

2 to review No. 207 of the General Rules of conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union and the manner in which it can be applied with a view to ensuring clarity;

3 to submit a report to the next plenipotentiary conference on this matter, containing recommendations on any actions that may be required, including proposed amendments that may need to be made to the basic texts of the Union, and indicating the financial implications of any proposed changes,

*instructs the Secretary-General*

1 to submit reports to the Member States on changes in the number of Member States of the Union and the impact on regional balance;

2 to facilitate the work of the Council by providing the necessary support and resources to enable the conduct of this study.

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*(Antalya, 2006)*

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<sup>1</sup> See Documents PP-06/15 and 35 and the minutes of the relevant plenary meeting.

## RESOLUTION 135 (Antalya, 2006)

**ITU's role in the development of telecommunications/information and communication technologies, in providing technical assistance and advice to developing countries<sup>1</sup>, and in implementing relevant national, regional and interregional projects<sup>2</sup>**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

*recalling*

- a)* Resolution 24 (Kyoto, 1994) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on the role of ITU in the development of world telecommunications;
- b)* Resolution 26 (Kyoto, 1994) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on improvement of the Union's capabilities for providing technical assistance and advice to developing countries;
- c)* Resolution 27 (Kyoto, 1994) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on participation of the Union in the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), in other programmes of the United Nations system and in other funding arrangements;
- d)* Resolution 28 (Kyoto, 1994) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on the Special Voluntary Programme for Technical Cooperation;
- e)* Resolution 29 (Kyoto, 1994) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on the International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC);
- f)* relevant resolutions of the World Telecommunication Development Conference, especially Resolution 17 (Rev. Doha, 2006) and the six development programmes on implementation of regionally approved initiatives at the national, regional, interregional and global levels,

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<sup>1</sup> These include the least developed countries, small island developing states and countries with economies in transition.

<sup>2</sup> Subject to the financial limits set by the Plenipotentiary Conference.

*considering*

- a) the development goals which require that telecommunications/information and communication technologies (ICTs) be accessible to humanity as a whole, especially the peoples of developing countries;
- b) the accumulated experience of ITU in implementing the above-mentioned resolutions;
- c) the tasks assigned to ITU as regards action lines C2 and C5 in the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society, and required participation by ITU in implementing other action lines that depend on the availability of telecommunications/ICTs, in agreement with the United Nations agencies that collaborate in implementing these action lines;
- d) the success achieved by the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector in its partnerships to implement many development programmes, including developing telecommunication/ICT networks in many developing countries and the associated training courses,

*resolves*

- 1 that ITU should:
  - i) continue to coordinate efforts for the harmonization, development and enhancement of telecommunications/ICTs throughout the world towards building the information society, and to take appropriate measures to adapt itself to the trends in the telecommunication/ICT infrastructure development environment;
  - ii) renew contacts with the United Nations Educational, Social and Cultural Organization to revise the IPDC, with a view to implementing action line C7 in the Tunis Agenda relating to education and cooperation with UNDP;
- 2 that the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) shall:
  - i) continue to provide highly qualified technical experts to offer advice in subjects of importance to developing countries, on an individual and collective basis, and to ensure adequate expertise through recruitment or short-term contracts, as appropriate;

- ii) continue cooperating with financing sources, whether in the United Nations system, UNDP or other financing arrangements, including the newly established Digital Solidarity Fund, and entering into partnerships with Member States, Sector Members, financial institutions and international and regional organizations, to finance the activities related to the implementation of this resolution;
- iii) continue its Special Voluntary Programme for Technical Cooperation, based on financial contributions, expert services or any other form of assistance, to help better meet the requests of developing countries, using the ICT Development Fund for this purpose as far as possible,

*invites regional and international financial organizations and agencies, equipment providers, operators, and all potential partners*

to consider the possibility of ensuring complete or partial financing to implement cooperation programmes to develop telecommunications/ICTs, including the regionally approved initiatives under Resolution 17 (Rev. Doha, 2006),

*instructs the Secretary-General*

to submit an annual detailed report to the Council on the results of the implementation of this resolution, including any recommendations which the Secretary-General may deem necessary, in agreement with the Director of BDT, to enhance the impact of this resolution,

*invites the Council*

to review the results achieved and to take all necessary steps to continue to implement this resolution in the best possible way.

RESOLUTION 136 (Antalya, 2006)

**The use of telecommunications/information and communication technologies for monitoring and management in emergency and disaster situations for early warning, prevention, mitigation and relief**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

*recalling*

- a)* Resolution 36 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on telecommunications/information and communication technologies (ICTs) in the service of humanitarian assistance;
- b)* Resolution 34 (Rev. Doha, 2006) of the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC), on the role of telecommunications/ICT in early warning and mitigation of disasters and humanitarian assistance;
- c)* Resolution 48 (Doha, 2006) of WTDC, on strengthening cooperation among telecommunication regulators;
- d)* Resolution 644 (Rev.WRC-2000) of the World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC), on telecommunication resources for disaster mitigation and relief operations;
- e)* Resolution 646 (WRC-03) of WRC, on public protection and disaster relief;
- f)* the emergency telecommunication/ICT coordination mechanisms established by the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs,

*taking into account*

Resolution 60/125 on international cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters, from relief to development, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in March 2006,

*noting*

- a)* § 51 of the Geneva Declaration of Principles adopted by the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), on the use of ICT applications for disaster prevention;
- b)* § 20 (c) of the Geneva Plan of Action adopted by WSIS, on e-environment, which calls for the establishment of monitoring systems, using ICTs, to forecast and monitor the impact of natural and man-made disasters, particularly in developing countries, least developed countries and small economies;
- c)* § 30 of the Tunis Commitment adopted by WSIS, on disaster mitigation;
- d)* § 91 of the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society adopted by WSIS, on disaster reduction;
- e)* the effective coordination work of the Partnership Coordination Panel for Telecommunication for Disaster Relief and Mitigation, led by the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector,

*considering*

- a)* the devastation suffered from disasters around the world, particularly in developing countries that may suffer disproportionately due to a lack of infrastructure and, therefore, have the most to gain from information on the subject of disaster prevention, mitigation and relief efforts;
- b)* the potential of modern telecommunications/ICTs to facilitate disaster prevention, mitigation and relief efforts;

c) the ongoing cooperation between ITU study groups and other standards development organizations dealing with emergency telecommunications, alert and warning systems,

*recognizing*

a) the activities being undertaken at the international and regional levels within ITU and other relevant organizations to establish internationally agreed means for the operation of systems for public protection and disaster relief on a harmonized and coordinated basis;

b) the ongoing development by ITU, in coordination with the United Nations and other United Nations specialized agencies, of guidelines for applying the international content standard for all-media public warning in all disaster and emergency situations;

c) the contribution of the private sector in the prevention, mitigation and relief of emergency and disaster situations which is proving to be effective;

d) the need for a common understanding of the network infrastructure components required to provide rapidly installed, interoperable, robust telecommunication capabilities in humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations;

e) the importance of working towards the establishment of standards-based monitoring and worldwide early-warning systems, based on telecommunications/ICTs, that are linked to national and regional networks and that facilitate emergency disaster response all over the world, particularly in high-risk regions;

f) the role that the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector can play, through such means as the Global Symposium for Regulators, in collecting and disseminating a set of national regulatory best practices for telecommunication/ICT facilities for disaster prevention, mitigation and relief,



*convinced*

that an international standard for communication of alert and warning information can assist in the provision of effective and appropriate humanitarian assistance and in mitigating the consequences of disasters, in particular in developing countries,

*resolves to instruct the Directors of the Bureaux*

1 to continue their technical studies and to develop recommendations, through the ITU study groups, concerning technical and operational implementation, as necessary, of advanced solutions to meet the needs of public protection and disaster relief telecommunications/ICTs, taking into account the capabilities, evolution and any resulting transition requirements of existing systems, particularly those of many developing countries, for national and international operations;

2 to support the development of robust, comprehensive, all-hazards emergency and disaster early-warning, mitigation and relief systems, at national, regional and international levels, including monitoring and management systems involving the use of telecommunications/ICTs (e.g. remote sensing), in collaboration with other international agencies, in order to support coordination at the global and regional level;

3 to promote implementation by appropriate alerting authorities of the international content standard for all-media public warning, in concert with ongoing development of guidelines by all ITU Sectors for application to all disaster and emergency situations;

4 to continue to collaborate with organizations that are working in the area of standards for emergency telecommunications/ICTs and for communication of alert and warning information, in order to study the appropriate inclusion of such standards in ITU's work and their dissemination, in particular in developing countries,

*encourages Member States*

1 in emergency and disaster relief situations, to satisfy temporary needs for spectrum in addition to what may be normally provided for in agreements with the administrations concerned, while seeking international assistance for spectrum coordination and management, in accordance with the legal framework in force in each country;

2 to work in close collaboration with the Secretary-General, the Directors of the Bureaux, as well as emergency telecommunication/ICT coordination mechanisms of the United Nations, in the development and dissemination of tools, procedures and best practices for the effective coordination and operation of telecommunications/ICTs in disaster situations;

3 to facilitate the use by emergency organizations of both existing and new technologies and solutions (satellite and terrestrial), to the extent practicable, in order to satisfy interoperability requirements and to further the goals of public protection and disaster relief;

4 to develop and support national and regional centres of excellence for research, pre-planning, equipment pre-positioning and deployment of telecommunication/ICT resources for humanitarian assistance and disaster relief coordination,

*invites the Secretary-General*

to inform the United Nations and, in particular the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, of this resolution.

## RESOLUTION 137 (Antalya, 2006)

**Next-generation network deployment in developing countries**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

*considering*

*a)* that, as stated in § 22 of the Geneva Declaration of Principles adopted by the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), a well-developed information and communication network infrastructure and applications, adapted to regional, national and local conditions, easily accessible and affordable, and making greater use of broadband and other innovative technologies, where possible, can accelerate the social and economic progress of countries, and the well-being of all individuals, communities and peoples;

*b)* that the existence, at the national, regional, interregional and global levels, of coherent telecommunication networks and services for the development of national economies is a very important element in the improvement of the social, economic and financial situation of Member States,

*welcoming*

the efforts made by ITU in paying attention to the interests of developing countries (cf. Resolution 17 (Rev. Florianópolis, 2004) of the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA), and Resolution 17 (Rev. Doha, 2006) of the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC)),

*noting*

*a)* that developing countries are being challenged by rapid change of technologies and convergence trends;

*b)* ongoing shortages of resources, experience and capacity building within developing countries in planning and deploying networks, in particular next-generation networks (NGN),

*recalling*

- a) the efforts and collaboration of the three Bureaux to continue enhancing work aimed at providing information and advice on subjects of importance to developing countries for the planning, organization, development and operation of their telecommunication systems;
- b) that technical knowledge and experience of great value to the developing countries is also obtainable from or through the ITU Radio-communication (ITU-R), Telecommunication Standardization (ITU-T) and Telecommunication Development (ITU-D) Sectors;
- c) that, in accordance with Resolution 143 (Antalya, 2006), the provisions in all ITU documents relating to developing countries shall be extended to apply adequately to countries with economies in transition,

*recognizing*

- a) that the developing countries have limited human and financial resources to cope with the ever-increasing technology gap;
- b) that the existing digital divide is liable to be aggravated further with the emergence of new technologies, particularly NGNs, if developing countries do not implement them in a timely manner, especially in rural areas,

*taking into account*

- a) that, for countries, especially developing countries, that have already invested heavily in the traditional public switched telephone network, it is a pressing task for them to conduct a smooth migration from existing networks to NGNs;
- b) that NGNs are considered a potential tool to meet the new challenges facing the telecommunication industry, and NGN deployment and standards development activities are essential for developing countries, especially for their rural areas where the majority of the population live;

c) that countries can benefit from NGNs, which can facilitate the delivery of a wide range of advanced information and communication technology (ICT)-based services for building the information society, resolving difficult issues such as the development and implementation of systems for public protection and disaster relief, especially telecommunications for early warning and the dissemination of emergency information;

d) that the challenge, as perceived by WSIS, is to harness the potential of ICTs for promoting the development goals of the Millennium Declaration, namely the eradication of extreme poverty and hunger, achieving universal primary education, promoting gender equality and empowerment of women, reducing child mortality, improving maternal health and combating HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases,

*resolves to instruct the Directors of the three Bureaux*

1 to continue and consolidate their efforts on NGN deployment studies and standards development activities, particularly those designed for rural areas and for bridging the digital divide and the development divide;

2 to coordinate studies and programmes under the Next-Generation Network Global Standards Initiative (NGN-GSI) of ITU-T and of the Global Network Planning Initiatives (GNPi) of ITU-D; coordinate ongoing work being carried out by study groups as defined by WTDC (Doha, 2006) to assist the membership in deploying NGN effectively, especially in conducting a smooth migration from existing telecommunication infrastructures to NGNs; and seek appropriate solutions for affordable NGN deployment in rural areas,

*instructs the Secretary-General*

1 to take appropriate action in order to seek support and financial provision sufficient for the implementation of this resolution, within available financial resources, including financial support through partnership agreements;

2 to highlight the importance and benefits of NGN development and deployment to other United Nations specialized agencies and financial institutions,

*instructs the Council*

to consider the reports and proposals made by the Secretary-General and the three Bureaux relating to the implementation of this resolution, making the appropriate linkage with the operative paragraphs of Resolution 44 (Florianópolis, 2004) of WTSA, and to take appropriate action so that the Union continues to pay attention to addressing the needs of developing countries,

*invites all Member States and Sector Members*

1 to undertake concrete actions, to support ITU's actions and to develop their own initiatives in order to implement this resolution;

2 to strengthen cooperation between developed and developing countries, as well as among developing countries, in improving national capabilities in the implementation of NGNs, especially in regard to planning, deployment, operation and maintenance, and the development of applications and content, especially for rural areas.

## RESOLUTION 138 (Antalya, 2006)

**The Global Symposium for Regulators**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

*recalling*

Resolution 48 (Doha, 2006) of the World Telecommunication Development Conference, on cooperation among telecommunication regulators, which resolved:

- a) that telecommunication regulators shall continue to have a specific platform for sharing and exchanging matters concerning regulatory issues (hereinafter referred to as “Global Symposium for Regulators” (GSR));
- b) that ITU, and in particular the Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D), should continue to support regulatory reform by sharing information and experience;
- c) that the Telecommunication Development Bureau should continue to coordinate and facilitate, within the resources available, joint activities relating to telecommunication policy and regulatory issues with regional and subregional organizations and institutions;
- d) that ITU-D should continue to further provide technical cooperation, regulatory exchange, capacity building and expert advice, with the support of the regional offices, to the extent possible,

*considering*

- a) the considerable success achieved by regulators through effective participation in the GSR since its inception in 2000, as well as in meetings of regional regulators, held in parallel with the GSR meeting or just before it, a success which also stresses the importance of enhancing regional cooperation among regulators from different countries and regions of the world;

b) the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society, in respect of the responsibilities to be assumed by telecommunication/information and communication technology (ICT) sector regulators,

*noting*

the multiplicity of subjects and issues closely related to regulators and which have posed challenges to the international community, especially the developing countries, such as integration of services, interconnection, next-generation networks and universal access, in addition to current challenges such as roaming services, quality of service, universal service and protection of consumer rights,

*resolves*

that the GSR shall be established as a regular activity within the ITU-D work programme,

*instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau*

1 to hold the GSR annually, within the financial limits set by the Plenipotentiary Conference, in order to strengthen exchanges of experience among regulators on the most important regulatory subjects and issues, including ICTs, to support newly established regulators, and to encourage the holding of meetings for regional regulators in parallel with the annual meeting;

2 to rotate the holding of the GSR in different regions of the world.



## RESOLUTION 139 (Antalya, 2006)

**Telecommunications/information and communication technologies to bridge the digital divide and build an inclusive information society**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

*recognizing*

- a)* that the social and economic underdevelopment of a large part of the world is one of the most serious problems affecting not only the countries concerned but also the international community as a whole;
- b)* that there is a need to create opportunities for digital services in developing countries, including the least developed countries, landlocked and small island developing states, and countries with economies in transition, taking advantage of the revolution in information and communication technologies (ICTs);
- c)* that the new architecture of telecommunication networks shows a potential for offering more efficient and economic telecommunication and ICT services, particularly for rural and remote areas;
- d)* that the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) highlighted that the ICT infrastructure is an essential foundation for an inclusive information society, and declared its commitment to place ICTs at the service of development;
- e)* that the Doha Declaration adopted by the World Telecommunications Development Conference (WTDC) recognized that ICTs are essential for political, economic, social and cultural development, that they play an important role in poverty alleviation, job creation, environmental protection and the prevention and mitigation of natural and other disasters, and that, therefore, opportunities offered by new ICTs should be fully exploited in order to foster sustainable development;

*f)* that Goal 2 in the strategic plan for the Union for 2008-2011 declares the aim for ITU to assist in bridging the national and international digital divide in ICTs by facilitating interoperability, interconnection and global connectivity of networks and services, and by playing a leading role, within its mandate, in the multistakeholder process for follow-up and implementation of the relevant goals and objectives of WSIS;

*g)* that, even prior to WSIS, in addition to ITU activities, various activities were being executed by many organizations and entities to bridge the digital divide;

*h)* that such activity has been increasing since the conclusion of WSIS and the adoption of the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society, particularly in relation to implementation and follow-up,

*recalling*

*a)* Resolution 24 (Kyoto, 1994) of the Plenipotentiary Conference on the role of ITU in the development of world telecommunications, Resolution 31 (Rev. Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on telecommunication infrastructure and ICTs for socio-economic and cultural development, and Resolution 129 (Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on bridging the digital divide;

*b)* that the Union's World Telecommunication Development Report has highlighted the unacceptable imbalance in the distribution of telecommunications and the imperative and urgent need to remedy that imbalance;

*c)* that, in this context, WTDC (Buenos Aires, 1994), *inter alia*, called on governments, international agencies and all other parties concerned to accord, particularly in developing countries, an appropriate higher priority to investment and other related actions for the development of telecommunications;

*d)* that, since that time, WTDCs have established study groups, developed work programmes and approved resolutions to promote digital opportunities, highlighting the role of ICT in a number of areas;

*e)* Resolution 143 (Antalya, 2006) of this conference,

*endorsing*

Resolution 37 (Rev. Doha, 2006) of WTDC on this issue,

*considering*

- a)* that, even with all the developments described above, in many developing countries telecommunications are still not affordable to the majority of people, particularly those living in rural areas;
- b)* that each region, country and area must tackle its own specific issues regarding the digital divide, with emphasis on cooperation with others in order to benefit from experience gained;
- c)* that many countries do not have the necessary basic infrastructure, long-term plans, laws, regulations and such like in place for ICT development;
- d)* that small island developing states and communities face particular problems in bridging the digital divide,

*further considering*

- a)* that telecommunication facilities and services are not the only consequence of economic growth, but a prerequisite for overall development;
- b)* that telecommunications are an integral part of the national and international development process;
- c)* that recent progress, and particularly the convergence of telecommunication, broadcasting and computer technologies and services, are agents of change for the information age;
- d)* that there is a continuing need in most developing countries for investment in various development sectors;
- e)* that, in this situation, national e-strategies should be linked to overall development goals and guide national decisions;

f) that it continues to be necessary to provide decision-makers with relevant and timely information on the role and general contribution of ICTs to overall development plans;

g) that past studies undertaken at the initiative of the Union for assessing the benefits of telecommunications have had a salutary effect,

*stressing*

a) the important role played by telecommunications/ICTs in the development of e-government, labour, agriculture, health, education, transport, industry, human rights, environmental protection, trade and transfer of information for social welfare, and in the general economic and social progress of developing countries;

b) that telecommunication and ICT infrastructure is central to achieving the goal of digital inclusion, enabling universal, sustainable, ubiquitous and affordable access to information,

*mindful*

a) that the Doha Declaration emphasized the important role that governments play in developing ICTs and telecommunications, and urged governments to establish an enabling environment promoting reasonable and affordable access to basic telecommunication services for all;

b) that Goal 7 in the strategic plan for the Union for 2008-2011 highlights the importance of promoting an enabling environment that assists governments in fostering supportive, transparent, pro-competitive, harmonized and predictable policies, as well as legal and regulatory frameworks that provide appropriate incentives for investment in, and development of, the information society;

c) that the Geneva Declaration of Principles adopted by WSIS recognized that policies that create a favourable climate for stability, predictability and fair competition at all levels should be developed and implemented in a manner that attracts more private investment in telecommunications and in ICT infrastructure;

d) that, in many ITU Member States, independent regulatory bodies have been established to deal with regulatory issues such as interconnection, determination of tariffs, licensing, competition, designed to promote digital opportunities at the national level,

*appreciating*

a) the various studies that have been carried out as part of the programme of technical cooperation and assistance activities of the Union;

b) the existence of the Digital Solidarity Fund and the ICT Development Fund,

*resolves*

1 that Resolution 37 (Rev. Doha, 2006) should be implemented without delay;

2 that the Union should continue to organize, conduct or sponsor necessary studies in order to highlight, in a different and changing context, the contribution of ICTs to overall development;

3 that the Union should continue to act as a clearing house mechanism for the exchange of information and, within the implementation of the Doha Action Plan and in partnership with other appropriate organizations, implement initiatives, programmes and projects aimed at promoting access to telecommunications and ICTs,

*invites*

the administrations and governments of Member States, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations, financial institutions and providers of telecommunication equipment and services and ICTs to extend their support for the satisfactory implementation of this resolution,

*encourages*

all agencies responsible for development aid and assistance, including the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), as well as donor and recipient Member States of the Union, to continue to attach importance to ICTs in the development process and to accord a high priority for resource allocation to this sector,

*instructs the Secretary-General*

1 to bring this resolution to the attention of all interested parties including, in particular, UNDP, IBRD, regional development banks and national development funds for cooperation;

2 to report annually to the Council on the progress made in the implementation of this resolution;

3 to arrange for the wide dissemination of the findings resulting from the activities carried out in accordance with this resolution,

*instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau, in coordination with the Directors of the other Bureaux, as appropriate*

1 to continue to assist the Member States and Sector Members in developing a pro-competitive policy and regulatory framework for telecommunications;

2 to continue to assist Member States and Sector Members with strategies that expand access to telecommunication infrastructure, particularly for rural areas;

3 to evaluate models for affordable and sustainable systems for rural access to information and communications on the global network;

4 to organize studies, as necessary, within the available appropriations;

5 to conduct, within available resources, a case study concerning telecommunications/ICTs in rural areas and, if appropriate, to deploy a pilot model using IP-based technology to extend rural access,

*instructs the Council*

1 to allocate adequate funds, within approved budgetary resources, for the implementation of this resolution;

2 to review the Secretary-General's reports and take appropriate measures to ensure the implementation of this resolution;

3 to report on the matter to the next plenipotentiary conference,

*invites Member States*

to undertake concerted action in order to achieve the objectives of Resolution 37 (Rev. Doha, 2006).

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*(Antalya, 2006)*

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RESOLUTION 140 (Antalya, 2006)

**ITU's role in implementing the outcomes of the  
World Summit on the Information Society**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

*recalling*

- a)* Resolution 73 (Minneapolis, 1998) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, which achieved its aims in regard to the holding of both phases of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS);
- b)* Resolution 113 (Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference;
- c)* Decision 8 (Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference,

*recalling further*

the Geneva Declaration of Principles and the Geneva Plan of Action, adopted in 2003, and the Tunis Commitment and the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society, adopted in 2005, all of which were endorsed by the United Nations General Assembly,

*considering*

- a)* the role played by ITU in the successful organization of the two phases of WSIS;
- b)* that WSIS stated that the core competences of ITU in the field of ICTs, namely assistance in bridging the digital divide, international and regional cooperation, radio spectrum management, standards development and the dissemination of information, are of crucial importance for building the information society;



- c) that the Secretary-General of the United Nations has established, at the request of the Summit, the United Nations Group on the Information Society (UNGIS) as the new inter-agency mechanism with the main objective of coordinating substantive and policy issues facing the United Nations' implementation of the WSIS outcomes, and that ITU is named as a permanent member of UNGIS, and shares a rotating chairmanship thereof;
- d) that WSIS called upon ITU, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), to play leading facilitation roles in the multistakeholder implementation of the Geneva Plan of Action and Tunis Agenda;
- e) that WSIS identified ITU as the moderator/facilitator for action lines C2 (information and communication infrastructure) and C5 (building confidence and security in the use of ICTs) of the Tunis Agenda, and as a potential partner for a number of other actions lines<sup>1</sup>;
- f) that ITU is given specific responsibility for maintaining the WSIS stocktaking database (§ 120 of the Tunis Agenda);
- g) that ITU is capable of providing expertise relevant to the Internet Governance Forum as demonstrated during the WSIS process (§ 78 of the Tunis Agenda);
- h) that ITU has, *inter alia*, specific responsibility to study and report on international Internet connectivity (§§ 27 and 50 of the Tunis Agenda);
- i) that ITU has a specific responsibility to ensure rational, efficient and economic use of, and equitable access to, the radio-frequency spectrum by all countries, based on relevant international agreements (§ 96 of the Tunis Agenda);

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<sup>1</sup> For reference, the WSIS action lines are: C1 (the role of public governance authorities and all stakeholders in the promotion of ICTs for development); C2 (information and communication infrastructure); C3 (access to information and knowledge); C4 (capacity building); C5 (building confidence and trust in the use of ICTs); C6 (enabling environment); C7 (ICT applications); C8 (cultural diversity and identity, linguistic diversity and local content); C9 (media); C10 (ethical dimensions of the information society) and C11 (international and regional cooperation).

*j)* that the United Nations General Assembly in its Resolution 60/252, decided to conduct an overall review of the implementation of the Summit outcomes in 2015,

*considering further*

*a)* the need for ITU to evolve constantly in response to changes in the telecommunication/ICT environment and, in particular, in respect of evolving technologies and new regulatory challenges;

*b)* the desirability of using ITU's resources and expertise in a way which takes account of the rapid changes in the telecommunication environment and of the WSIS outcomes;

*c)* the need to carefully deploy the Union's human and financial resources in a manner consistent with the priorities of the membership and cognizant of budgetary constraints, and the need to avoid duplication among the Bureaux and the General Secretariat;

*d)* that the full involvement of the membership, including Sector Members, as well as other stakeholders, is critical to successful ITU implementation of relevant WSIS outcomes;

*e)* that the strategic plan for the Union for 2008-2011 set out in Resolution 71 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) of this conference contains a commitment to the implementation of the goals and objectives of WSIS, as one of seven overall goals for the Union,

*taking into account*

*a)* that WSIS acknowledged that multistakeholder participation is essential to the successful building of a people-centered, inclusive and development-oriented information society;

*b)* the nexus between issues of telecommunication development and those of economic, social and cultural development, as well as its impact on social and economic structures in all Member States;

*c)* § 98 of the Tunis Agenda, which encourages strengthened and continuing cooperation between and among stakeholders and welcomes, in that respect, the ITU-led Connect the World initiative;

*d)* that, in recent decades, progress in natural science, mathematics, engineering and technology has formed the basis for ICT innovations and convergence that are bringing the benefits of the information society to an increasing number of people around the world,

*endorsing*

*a)* Resolution 30 (Rev. Doha, 2006) of the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC);

*b)* Resolution 139 (Antalya, 2006) of this conference;

*c)* the results of the 2006 session of the ITU Council;

*d)* programmes, activities and regional activities established by WTDC (Doha, 2006) with the objective of bridging the digital divide;

*e)* the relevant work already undertaken and/or to be carried out by ITU in implementing the WSIS outcomes, under the aegis of the Council Working Group on WSIS (WG-WSIS),

*recognizing*

1 the importance of ITU's role and participation in UNGIS, as a permanent member, and sharing a rotating chairmanship;

2 the ITU's commitment to the implementation of the goals and objectives of WSIS, as one of the seven overall goals for the Union,

*resolves*

1 that ITU should play a leading facilitating role in the implementation process, along with UNESCO and UNDP, as stated in § 109 of the Tunis Agenda;

2 that ITU should play a leading facilitation role in the WSIS implementation process, as a moderator/facilitator for implementing action lines C2 and C5;

3 that ITU should carry out those activities that come within its mandate, and participate with other stakeholders, as appropriate, in the implementation of action lines C1, C3, C4, C6, C7, C11 and all other relevant action lines and other WSIS outcomes, within the financial limits set by the Plenipotentiary Conference;

4 to recognize the need for appropriate ITU participation in the implementation of action line C8, based on the work carried out in the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector on language character coding;

5 that ITU should continue to adapt itself, taking into account technological developments and its potential to contribute significantly to building an inclusive information society;

6 to express its satisfaction with the successful outcomes of the Summit, in which the expertise and core competence of ITU were noted several times;

7 to express its thanks to the staff of the Union, the host countries and WG-WSIS for their efforts in the preparation of both phases of WSIS;

8 that there is a need to integrate the implementation of the Doha Action Plan, and in particular Resolution 30 (Rev. Doha, 2006), and other relevant current and future resolutions of plenipotentiary conferences, with the multi-stakeholder implementation of the WSIS outcomes;

9 that ITU should, within available resources, maintain the current public WSIS stocktaking database, as one of the valuable tools for assisting with the follow-up of WSIS, as instructed in § 120 of the Tunis Agenda,

*instructs the Secretary-General*

1 to take all necessary measures for ITU to fulfil its role, as outlined in *resolves* 1, 2, 3 and 4 above;

2 to coordinate, with the Coordination Committee, the activities related to WSIS implementation for implementing *resolves* 1, 2, 3 and 4 above, with the aim of avoiding duplication of work among the Bureaux and the General Secretariat;

3 to work collaboratively with other entities involved in WSIS implementation, and to promote a clear understanding of the roles of each, in order to avoid duplication of activities;

4 to strengthen cooperation with the other bodies of the United Nations family, within the framework of UNGIS, as called for in the Tunis Agenda;

5 to raise public awareness of the Union's mandate, role and activities and provide broader access to the Union's resources for the general public and other actors involved in the emerging information society;

6 to report annually to the Council on the activities undertaken on these subjects, including their financial implications,

*instructs the Directors of the Bureaux*

to ensure that concrete objectives and deadlines for the above activities are developed and reflected in the operational plans of each Sector,

*instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau*

to follow, as soon as possible and in accordance with Resolution 30 (Rev. Doha, 2006), a partnership approach in the activities of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector related to its roles in the implementation and follow-up of the WSIS outcomes, in accordance with the provisions of the ITU Constitution and Convention, and to report annually, as appropriate, to the Council,

*requests the Council*

1 to oversee ITU's implementation of the WSIS outcomes, and, within the financial limits set by the Plenipotentiary Conference, to make resources available as appropriate;

2 to oversee ITU's adaptation to the information society, in line with *resolves 5* above;

3 to maintain WG-WSIS, in order to facilitate membership input and guidance on the ITU implementation of relevant WSIS outcomes and to elaborate proposals to the Council that may be necessary for adapting ITU to its role in building the information society;

4 to include the report of the Secretary-General in the documents sent to Member States in accordance with No. 81 of the Convention,

*invites Member States, Sector Members and Associates*

to participate actively in implementing WSIS outcomes and in ITU's further adaptation to the information society,

*resolves to express*

its warmest thanks and deepest gratitude to the Governments of Switzerland and Tunisia for having hosted the two phases of the Summit.

## RESOLUTION 141 (Antalya, 2006)

**Study on the participation of all relevant stakeholders  
in the activities of the Union related to the  
World Summit on the Information Society**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

*recalling*

- a)* § 20 of the Geneva Declaration of Principles of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), which states that governments as well as the private sector, civil society and the United Nations and other international organizations have an important role and responsibility in the development of the information society and, as appropriate, in decision-making processes, and that building a people-centred information society is a joint effort which requires cooperation and partnership among all stakeholders;
- b)* that stakeholders have different roles and responsibilities, as indicated in § 8 of the Tunis Commitment of WSIS;
- c)* the beneficial participation of all stakeholders, including civil-society entities and organizations, in the meetings of the preparatory committee of WSIS (PrepComs), and their contributions to both phases of WSIS;
- d)* several paragraphs of the WSIS outcome documents, stressing the importance of the participation of all the stakeholders, including civil-society entities and organizations, in the construction of the information society;
- e)* Article 2 of the ITU Constitution, which states that ITU is an intergovernmental organization in which Member States and Sector Members, having well-defined rights and obligations, cooperate for the fulfilment of the purposes of the Union, and that it shall give due regard to the principle of universality and the desirability of universal participation in the Union;

f) Article 3 of the Constitution concerning rights and obligations of Member States and Sector Members;

g) Article 19 of the ITU Convention concerning participation of entities and organizations other than administrations in the Union's activities,

*acknowledging*

the urgent need to bridge the digital divide and to assist developing countries, including those countries with special needs, as stated in the WSIS outcome documents, to benefit fully from the potential of information and communication technologies,

*considering*

a) that the Council, at its 2006 session, invited the membership to reflect upon how ITU should adapt itself to the information society and the changing telecommunication environment and what amendments may be required to the Constitution and Convention, and to include corresponding proposals in their contributions to this conference;

b) the character of ITU as the specialized agency of the United Nations on telecommunications, and the need to study the impact of the participation of all relevant stakeholders in ITU's activities related to WSIS, including its financial impact,

*recognizing*

the need to promote and enhance the participation of entities and organizations in the activities of the Union and to foster fruitful cooperation and partnership between them and Member States for the fulfilment of the overall objectives embodied in the purposes of the Union, in accordance with No. 3A of the Constitution and other ITU basic texts,

*resolves*

1 to conduct a study on the participation of all relevant stakeholders in the activities of the Union related to WSIS;



2 that all measures regarding the participation of relevant stakeholders in the activities of the Union related to WSIS shall respect the agreed strong development orientation of the United Nations system-wide follow-up of WSIS,

*instructs the Council*

1 at its 2006 extraordinary session, to establish a working group, or to task an existing working group, open to all Member States, with the terms of reference and mandate annexed to this resolution;

2 to review, at each annual session, the progress report of this working group and disseminate, as appropriate, the interim results of the study;

3 to present a final report, well in advance of the next plenipotentiary conference, for the use of Member States in preparing their proposals to that conference;

4 to allocate the necessary funds, within available resources, in order to implement this resolution,

*instructs the Secretary-General and the Directors of the Bureaux*

to support the working group by providing resources and possible inputs,

*invites Member States and Sector Members*

to submit written contributions to the working group.

ANNEX TO RESOLUTION 141 (Antalya, 2006)

1 The Working Group of the Council tasked with this study shall be open to all Member States, whose delegations may include appropriate legal, technical and regulatory experts.

2 The working group should develop and conduct open consultations, also using electronic means, on the inclusion of relevant stakeholders in the activities of ITU related to the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), including additional tasks to be performed by ITU as a result of the WSIS outputs.

3 The working group of the Council shall take into account:

- a) the need to uphold the intergovernmental character of the Union and the purposes of the Union as set forth in Article 1 of the ITU Constitution;
- b) the important contribution of Sector Members and Associates in the work of ITU;
- c) relevant existing practices, if any, within ITU or other specialized agencies of the United Nations and other intergovernmental organizations;
- d) the need to conform to the agreed strong development orientation of all WSIS follow-up activities; any criteria and modalities for the participation of relevant WSIS stakeholders shall especially take into account the needs and priorities of developing countries.

4 The terms of reference and mandate for the working group shall include, but not be limited to, the following tasks:

- a) to establish a set of criteria for defining which stakeholders are relevant to participate in ITU activities related to WSIS, taking into consideration the added value of their participation;

- b) to analyse the definitions of Sector Member and Associate and the related provisions of the legal instruments of ITU, and how they could be applied in order to enhance the membership of ITU, and, if required, to identify possible amendments to these provisions;
- c) to review the existing mechanisms (e.g. partnerships, symposia, seminars, workshops, focus groups, policy forums, experts) in regard to participation by non-ITU members, and to consider how to use them more effectively, to improve them and to identify possible new ones;
- d) to identify specific efforts that may be needed to mobilize and ensure the meaningful and effective participation of all relevant stakeholders from developing countries and stakeholders in the development field, including by providing assistance;
- e) to draft any possible amendments to the ITU basic texts that might be needed in order to facilitate the participation of all relevant stakeholders in the activities of ITU related to WSIS;
- f) to identify and establish the spheres of competence that Member States reserve for themselves with regard to WSIS stakeholders and the possible denunciation of their participation in ITU;
- g) to consider the financial obligations and consequences of the participation of relevant stakeholders in ITU's activities related to WSIS according to the options considered.

RESOLUTION 142 (Antalya, 2006)

**Review of terminology used in the  
ITU Constitution and Convention**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union  
(Antalya, 2006),

*considering*

- a) that the ITU Constitution and Convention contain various language and terms describing telecommunications, and other related concepts;
- b) that, as a result of technical progress and the development of operating methods, it is appropriate to study the possible need for and desirability of modifying and/or adding to some of the terminology used in the Constitution and Convention,

*taking into account*

- a) the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society;
- b) the results of the World Telecommunication Development Conference (Doha, 2006);
- c) No. 1005 of the Constitution,

*resolves to instruct the Council*

to establish a working group, open to all Member States, with the following terms of reference:

- 1) to review the results of the work carried out in preparation for and at this conference, including the proposals to the conference;
- 2) to study the use of the term “telecommunication(s)” in the Constitution and Convention;

- 3) to consider what terms should be used in the Constitution and Convention in order to adequately reflect the impact of information and communication technologies (ICTs) and ICT applications in ITU activities;
- 4) to identify options for integrating any new terminology in the Constitution and Convention, where appropriate;
- 5) to report to the Council annually on its progress with respect to the issues referred to above;
- 6) to prepare a final report, at the latest by the 2009 session of the Council, for transmission to the 2010 plenipotentiary conference;
- 7) to liaise with relevant Council working group(s) dealing with terminology,

*further instructs the Council*

to consider the final report prepared by the Council working group and make any comments it considers appropriate, and to transmit both the final report and the comments to the Member States and to the next plenipotentiary conference, including recommendations, if any, on appropriate changes,

*instructs the Secretary-General*

1 to make available the reports of the Council working group to the Member States and the Sector Members, by posting them on the website established for the terminology review activities;

2 to make available to the working group the means necessary to implement the provisions of this resolution, within the available financial resources of the Union.

RESOLUTION 143 (Antalya, 2006)

**Extending the provisions in ITU documents relating to developing countries to apply to countries with economies in transition**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

*taking into account*

a) United Nations General Assembly Resolutions 47/187 of 22 December 1992, 48/181 of 21 December 1993, 49/106 of 19 December 1994, 51/175 of 6 December 1996, 53/179 of 15 December 1998, 55/191 of 20 December 2000, 57/247 of 20 December 2002 and 59/243 of 22 December 2004, on "Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy";

b) the documents adopted in the two phases of the World Summit on the Information Society,

*recognizing*

that the aforementioned United Nations General Assembly resolutions:

- stress the importance of continued international assistance to countries with economies in transition to ensure that they are fully integrated into the world economy;
- recognize, in particular, the need to enhance the capacity of those countries to utilize effectively the benefits of globalization, including those in the field of information and communication technologies, and to respond more adequately to its challenges;

- stress the need to focus international assistance to countries with economies in transition on those facing particular difficulties in socio-economic development and meeting internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration,

*recalling*

that, at the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (Florianópolis, 2004) and the World Telecommunication Development Conference (Doha, 2006), agreement was reached to the effect that provisions of documents of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector and ITU Telecommunication Development Sector relating to developing countries would henceforth be extended to apply also to countries with economies in transition,

*resolves*

that the provisions in all ITU documents relating to developing countries shall be extended to apply adequately to countries with economies in transition.

## RESOLUTION 144 (Antalya, 2006)

**Availability of model host-country agreements in advance for conferences and assemblies of the Union held away from Geneva**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

*recalling*

- a)* the relevant provisions of the General Rules of conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union, particularly sections 1, 2 and 3 of Chapter I thereof concerning the holding of conferences and assemblies when there is an inviting government;
- b)* the relevant provisions of Article 5 of the ITU Convention concerning duties and responsibilities of the General Secretariat, and particularly No. 97, which provides that the Secretary-General shall provide, where appropriate in cooperation with the inviting government, the secretariat of conferences of the Union;
- c)* Resolution 5 (Kyoto, 1994) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, which considers that there are advantages in holding certain conferences and meetings in countries other than the headquarters country;
- d)* that Resolution 5 (Kyoto, 1994) resolves that invitations to hold conferences and assemblies of the Union away from Geneva should not be accepted unless the host government agrees to defray the additional expenditure involved;
- e)* that Resolution 5 (Kyoto, 1994) resolves that invitations to hold development conferences and meetings of the study groups of the Sectors away from Geneva should not be accepted unless the host government provides at least adequate premises and the necessary furniture and equipment free of charge, except that in the case of developing countries equipment need not necessarily be provided free of charge by the host government, if the government so requests,



*considering*

- a) that the conferences and assemblies of the Union have high importance due to the powers conferred on them and the effects they have;
- b) that the precise place and exact dates of conferences and assemblies must be fixed in accordance with the provisions of Articles 1 and 3 of the Convention, following consultations with the inviting government;
- c) that the decision to accept an invitation to hold a conference or assembly of the Union away from Geneva is usually taken by the Council;
- d) that preparations for conferences and assemblies require extensive work, which includes various installations and facilities as well as the planning and organization of logistic services in a timely fashion for the smooth functioning of the conference or assembly;
- e) that, when there is an inviting government, the General Secretariat defines the conditions and requirements of the conference or assembly in a host-country agreement and annexes thereto,

*considering, however*

- a) that past and current experience demonstrates that host-country agreements show significant variations not only from one conference or assembly to another, but also for different host countries;
- b) that host-country agreements and their annexes require the inviting government to deploy the necessary financial and human resources for the preparatory work;
- c) that requirements for the inviting governments usually differ from the facilities provided by ITU for conferences and assemblies held and organized by ITU in Geneva, resulting in additional effort and expenditures;
- d) that the conditions attached to host-country agreements and annexes thereto are of significance in the decision-making process of a government considering whether to invite and host a conference or assembly of the Union;

*e)* that the availability of the texts of the host-country agreement and annexes thereto well in advance of a conference or assembly will not only increase transparency but also will serve as a measure for the Union to accept the invitation and for the governments to take a decision on an invitation to hold a conference or assembly;

*f)* that, as things stand at present, finalization of the complete text of the host-country agreement and its annexes takes a long time, which in turn leaves the inviting government very little time to not only complete the domestic ratification procedures but also fulfil all the commitments and requirements laid down in the above-mentioned texts,

*recognizing*

national sovereignty and the different national laws of the Member States,

*resolves*

that model host-country agreements and the annexes thereto, including the requirements in terms of basic infrastructure, shall be provided at least two years before the proposed date of any conference or assembly, in order to facilitate the work of Member States wishing to offer to host the conference or assembly under well-defined conditions,

*instructs the Secretary-General*

1 to prepare model host-country agreements and the annexes thereto, including the requirements in terms of basic infrastructure, for each of the conferences and assemblies of the Union, at least two years before the proposed date of the conference or assembly;

2 to submit the model of host-country agreements and the annexes thereto to the Council, for consideration and adoption of any measures that may be appropriate;

3 to provide the model host-country agreements and the annexes thereto, including the requirements in terms of basic infrastructure, to the Member States before any decision is taken concerning the selection of the host country for the conference or assembly,

*instructs the Council*

to review and adopt, at its first session after they have been made available, model host-country agreements and the annexes thereto, including the requirements in terms of basic infrastructure, for each of the conferences and assemblies of the Union, and to adopt any measures that may be appropriate.

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*(Antalya, 2006)*

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## RESOLUTION 145 (Antalya, 2006)

**Participation of observers in conferences, assemblies  
and meetings of the Union**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

*considering*

- a)* the long-standing practice of the Union to admit observers to its conferences, assemblies and meetings, including conferences which produce final acts, and to the Council;
- b)* that the rights of participation accorded to observers under the basic texts and in practice vary depending upon the character of the organization or entity, its status within ITU, and the category of meeting<sup>1</sup>;
- c)* the need expressed by Member States for enhanced transparency in the proceedings of ITU meetings and in their decision-making processes;
- d)* the importance of ensuring the accountability of the Council to the Member States of the Union;
- e)* the corresponding need for consistency in the application of the rules regarding the participation of observers throughout the decision-making processes at meetings of the Union,

*noting*

- a)* the rights and obligations of Member States and Sector Members set out in Article 3 of the ITU Constitution and, in particular, that the right to vote in all ITU conferences, assemblies and meetings is strictly limited to Member States;

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<sup>1</sup> Conference, assembly or meeting, as appropriate.

*b)* the provisions of Article 33 of the ITU Convention regarding the obligation of Member States, Sector Members and other entities to share in defraying the expenses of ITU conferences, assemblies and meetings, and the associated Financial Regulations,

*taking into account*

the rights of observers specified in Resolution 6 (Kyoto, 1994) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on the attendance of liberation organizations recognized by the United Nations at ITU conferences and meetings as observers, and Resolution 99 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) of this conference, on the status of Palestine in ITU, and the rights of the United Nations, as contained in the Agreement between the United Nations and ITU (Atlantic City, 1947) which is the legal basis for the relationship between the two organizations,

*recognizing*

*a)* that Member States may send observers to a regional radio-communication conference (RRC) of a region other than that to which the said Member States belong in order to participate in a non-voting capacity;

*b)* that the provisions of the Convention identify the organizations, agencies and entities which may participate as observers in an advisory capacity in specific conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union;

*c)* that other organizations and entities, as specified in the Convention, may send observers to conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union;

*d)* that Member States which are not Member States of the Council may send observers to meetings of the Council and that, in accordance with No. 61B of the Convention, the Council adopts its own Rules of Procedure,

*recognizing further*

- a) the decision of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Marrakesh, 2002) concerning the participation of observers from the United Nations and the specialized agencies of the United Nations and the International Atomic Energy Agency in ITU radiocommunication conferences, which recognizes the long-standing practice of the Union to allow these organizations to submit information documents and provide advice to meetings on points relevant to their mandates;
- b) that important information may be provided to ITU conferences, assemblies and meetings by observers and that the results of these meetings may impose obligations on Member States;
- c) that the General Rules of conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union, and in particular Nos 61 and 62 thereof, task the chairmen of such conferences, assemblies and meetings with the duty to protect the rights of delegations and to ensure the smooth functioning of meetings according to the Rules of Procedure of conferences, assemblies and meetings,

*resolves*

- 1 that Member States from outside the region of an RRC participate, in accordance with the Convention, in a non-voting capacity, as observer Member States, and that their participation shall be guided by the General Rules and, in addition, by the terms of Annex 1 to this resolution;
- 2 that the participation of organizations and entities which, in accordance with the Convention, participate as observers in an advisory capacity in specific conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union shall be guided by the terms set out in Annex 2 to this resolution;
- 3 that the participation of other observers in conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union shall be guided by the terms of Annex 3 to this resolution;
- 4 that the terms of the annexes referred to in *resolves* 1 to 3 above shall be without prejudice to the terms of Resolution 6 (Kyoto, 1994) and Resolution 99 (Rev. Antalya, 2006), as well as the provisions of the Agreement between the United Nations and ITU,

*instructs the Council*

1 to ensure that its Rules of Procedure are compatible with the provisions of the basic texts of the Union and, in particular, with the terms and principles of this resolution;

2 to ensure that its Rules of Procedure are consistently applied for all meetings of the Council, including its committees and any groups that may be established, unless participation beyond that of Member States of the Council is clearly set out in a specific decision of the Council,<sup>2</sup>

*instructs the Secretary-General and the Directors of the Bureaux*

to develop or revise, as appropriate, the necessary guidelines or administrative procedures in order to rationalize and facilitate the participation of observers on a basis consistent with the basic instruments, the General Rules and the terms of this resolution,

*further instructs the Secretary-General*

in consultation with the Directors of the Bureaux, to report to the Council on the implementation of this resolution, highlighting any difficulty that may be encountered.

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(Antalya, 2006)

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<sup>2</sup> The possibility for observers to attend, where appropriate, committees or groups of a Council session is provided by Council Decision 524 relating to observers from Member States and Decision 519 relating to observers from Sector Members. The Plenipotentiary Conference endorses the content of these decisions. Furthermore, past practice concerning participation in groups created by the Council beyond that of Member States of the Council has proven useful.

## ANNEX 1 TO RESOLUTION 145 (Antalya, 2006)

**Observers of Member States participating in a non-voting capacity at a regional radiocommunication conference  
(Article 24, No. 282 of the ITU Convention)**

Such observers:

- 1) are admitted to participate in plenary meetings;
- 2) are admitted to participate in committees and their subsidiary groups, with the exception of the steering, budget control, credentials and editorial committees;
- 3) are entitled to receive all conference documentation within any restrictions established for the number of copies distributed;
- 4) may submit information documents via the Secretary-General, which shall be made available to the conference in the ITU official language(s) in which they are submitted; these documents shall be clearly referenced as information documents on the appropriate meeting agendas;
- 5) may request the floor in order to provide advice or information concerning the interests of the Member States of other regions with respect to conference agenda items; such advice shall not include or be treated as proposals;
- 6) are to be given the floor by the chairman after the last Member State of the region on the list of speakers;
- 7) may be asked by the chairman during the course of a meeting to make a statement or to provide relevant information in order to assist the proceedings;
- 8) are to be registered in such a manner as to be identifiable by conference participants as Member State observers;
- 9) are to be seated in French alphabetical order after Member States of the region.



## ANNEX 2 TO RESOLUTION 145 (Antalya, 2006)

**Observers which participate in an advisory capacity**

The following rights shall be conferred on the organizations, agencies and entities which are admitted to participate as observers in an advisory capacity in conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union in accordance with relevant provisions of the ITU Convention:

**I            Plenipotentiary conferences (Article 23, Nos 269A to 269D), radiocommunication conferences (Article 24, Nos 278 and 279) and world conferences on international telecommunications (Article 3, No. 49; Article 24, Nos 278 and 279)**

Such observers:

- 1) are admitted to participate in plenary meetings;
- 2) unless otherwise decided by the plenary meeting, may be admitted to participate in committees and their subsidiary groups, with the exception of the steering, budget control, credentials and editorial committees;
- 3) are entitled to receive all conference documentation within any restrictions established for the number of copies distributed;
- 4) may submit information documents via the Secretary-General, which shall be made available to the conference in the ITU official language(s) in which they are submitted; these documents shall be clearly referenced as information documents on the appropriate meeting agendas;
- 5) may request the floor in order to provide advice or information on points relevant to their mandates; such advice shall not include or be treated as proposals;
- 6) are to be given the floor by the chairman after the last Member State on the list of speakers;

- 7) may be asked by the chairman during the course of a meeting to make a statement or to provide relevant information in order to assist the proceedings;
- 8) are to be registered in such a manner as to be identifiable by conference participants as observers;
- 9) are to be seated in French alphabetical order after Member States and the observer pursuant to Resolution 99 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) of the Plenipotentiary Conference.

In the case of a radiocommunication conference or a world conference on international telecommunications, participants from those organizations that have both the status of Sector Member and that of observer in an advisory capacity must register and participate in a single category.

## **II Radiocommunication assemblies, world telecommunication standardization assemblies and telecommunication development conferences (Article 25, Nos 298A to 298E)<sup>3</sup>**

Such observers:

- 1) are admitted to participate in plenary meetings;
- 2) unless otherwise decided by the plenary meeting, may be admitted to participate in committees and their subsidiary groups, with the exception of the steering, budget control and editorial committees;
- 3) are entitled to receive all conference or assembly documentation within any restrictions established for the number of copies distributed;
- 4) may submit information documents via the Secretary-General which shall be made available to the conference or assembly/in the ITU official language(s) in which they are submitted; these documents shall be clearly referenced as information documents on the appropriate meeting agendas;

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<sup>3</sup> Upon the entry into force of the amendments to the Convention, as adopted by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Antalya, 2006), the reference shall read “Article 25, Nos 297*bis* and 298C”.

- 5) may request the floor in these meetings in order to provide advice or information on points relevant to their mandates; such advice shall not include or be treated as proposals;
- 6) are to be given the floor by the chairman after the last Member State or Sector Member on the list of speakers;
- 7) may be asked by the chairman during the course of a meeting to make a statement or to provide relevant information in order to assist the proceedings;
- 8) are to be registered in such a manner as to be identifiable by conference or assembly participants as observers;
- 9) are to be seated in French alphabetical order after Member States, the observer pursuant to Resolution 99 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) and Sector Members.

Participants from an organization which may participate as an observer in an advisory capacity and which also has the status of ITU Sector Member in the relevant Sector must register either as an observer or as a representative of a Sector Member.

### **III Sector-level meetings**

Based on long-standing practice, the participation in ITU Sector meetings such as study groups or their subordinate groups by those organizations which have no status in ITU other than that of observers in an advisory capacity may include the submission of contributions and oral interventions in meetings.

## ANNEX 3 TO RESOLUTION 145 (Antalya, 2006)

**Observers which do not participate in an advisory capacity**

The following rights shall be conferred on the organizations and entities which are admitted to participate as observers in conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the ITU Convention:

**I Plenipotentiary conferences (Article 23, No. 269E)**

Such observers:

- 1) are admitted to attend plenary meetings;
- 2) unless otherwise decided by the plenary meeting, may be admitted to attend committees and their subsidiary groups, with the exception of the steering, budget control, credentials and editorial committees;
- 3) are entitled to receive all conference documentation within any restrictions established for the number of copies distributed;
- 4) may be asked by the chairman during the course of a meeting in order to provide relevant information to assist the proceedings;
- 5) are to be seated in French alphabetical order after other participants.

**II Radiocommunication conferences (Article 24, No. 280) and world conferences on international telecommunications (Article 3, No. 49; Article 24, No. 280; Article 33, No. 476)**

Such observers:

- 1) are admitted to attend plenary meetings;

- 2) unless otherwise decided by the plenary meeting, may be admitted to attend committees and their subsidiary groups, with the exception of the steering, budget control, credentials and editorial committees;
- 3) are entitled to receive all conference documentation within any restrictions established for the number of copies distributed;
- 4) may be asked by the chairman during the course of a meeting to provide relevant information in order to assist the proceedings or to make a statement but shall not be authorized to participate in the debates;
- 5) are to be seated in French alphabetical order after other participants.

## RESOLUTION 146 (Antalya, 2006)

**Review of the International Telecommunication Regulations**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

*considering*

- a)* that the International Telecommunication Regulations (ITRs) were last amended in Melbourne in 1988;
- b)* that Resolution 121 (Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference instructed the Council to establish a working group to study the ITRs and to prepare a report to the 2005 session of the Council for transmission to the Plenipotentiary Conference (Antalya, 2006);
- c)* that the studies conducted by that working group of the Council did not result in a consensus regarding how to proceed (see PP-06/20(Rev.1)(Add.6));
- d)* that treaty-level provisions are required with respect to international telecommunication networks and services;
- e)* that the international telecommunication environment has significantly evolved, both from the technical and policy perspectives, and that it continues to evolve rapidly;
- f)* that advances in technology have resulted in an increased use of IP-enabled infrastructure and relevant applications, presenting both opportunities and challenges for ITU Member States and Sector Members;
- g)* that as technology evolves, Member States are evaluating their policy and regulatory approaches to ensure an enabling environment that fosters supportive, transparent, pro-competitive, and predictable policies, as well as legal and regulatory frameworks that provide appropriate incentives for investment in, and development of, the information society;

*h)* that ITU can play an important role in facilitating a discussion of new and emerging issues, including those arising from the changing international telecommunication environment,

*believing*

*a)* that, in order for ITU to maintain its pre-eminent role in global telecommunications, it must continue to demonstrate its capacity to respond adequately to the rapidly changing telecommunication environment;

*b)* that there is a need to build broad consensus on what could appropriately be covered in the ITU treaty framework, within its standardization activities, and within its development activities;

*c)* that it is important to ensure that the ITRs are reviewed and, if deemed appropriate, revised and updated in a timely manner in order to facilitate cooperation and coordination among Member States and to reflect accurately the relations between Member States, Sector Members, administrations and recognized operating agencies;

*d)* that the World Telecommunication Policy Forum (WTPF) has historically provided an appropriate venue for discussing global and cross-sectoral issues of high concern to the ITU membership,

*noting*

1 that the fourth WTPF convened by Decision 9 (Antalya, 2006) of this conference will provide an opportunity to study global and cross-sectoral issues of high concern to the ITU membership;

2 that further studies can take place in the Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T), and, as may be required, in liaison with the other Sectors, with ITU-T as the focal point,

*resolves*

1 that a review of the ITRs should be carried out;

2 that ITU-T should undertake a review of the existing ITRs, engaging with the other Sectors as may be required, with ITU-T as the focal point;

3 that the fourth WTPF should consider emerging telecommunication policy and regulatory issues, with respect to international telecommunication networks and services, for the purpose of understanding them and possibly developing opinions as appropriate;

4 that WTPF should prepare reports and, where appropriate, opinions for consideration by Member States, Sector Members, relevant ITU meetings and the Council;

5 that a world conference on international telecommunications (WCIT) be convened at the seat of ITU in 2012, on the basis of the recommendations arising from this process of review,

*instructs the Council*

1 to consider the reports on the above-mentioned matters and take actions, as appropriate;

2 to adopt the agenda and fix the dates of WCIT by 2011,

*urges the three Sectors, following the world telecommunication policy forum*

each within its field of competence, to carry out any further necessary studies aimed at preparing for WCIT, and to participate in a series of regional meetings as required, in order to identify topics to be addressed by WCIT, within existing budgetary resources,

*instructs the Secretary-General, following the above studies*

to undertake the necessary preparatory arrangements for WCIT, in accordance with the applicable rules and procedures of ITU,



*invites the membership*

to contribute to the review of the ITRs and to the preparatory process of WCIT.

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*(Antalya, 2006)*

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## RESOLUTION 147 (Antalya, 2006)

**Study on the management and functioning of the Union**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

*considering*

*a)* that, in a number of studies conducted in the past, namely under Resolutions 106 (Marrakesh, 2002), 107 (Marrakesh, 2002) and 108 (Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, the ITU membership has reviewed the structure, management and functioning of the Union, in order to ensure that ITU processes and activities are adequately responsive to the rapidly changing telecommunication environment;

*b)* that the Council reported to this conference that no amendments to the ITU Constitution and Convention concerning the structure of the Union are deemed necessary,

*considering further*

*a)* that diverse proposals were presented to this conference addressing issues such as responsibilities and accountability of the elected officials, the Coordination Committee, elections and reporting in the Union;

*b)* that many Member States considered that these issues and proposals had been sufficiently studied in the past, namely in the context of *considering a)* above;

*c)* that other Member States were of the opinion that such issues had not been fully addressed in past studies and that there would thus be merit in further studies,

*noting*

- a) proposals and views expressed regarding current provisions on elected officials;
- b) proposals and views expressed on the need to clarify the role of the Deputy Secretary-General, following the results of the Council Working Group on Resolution 108 (Marrakesh, 2002);
- c) proposals and views aimed at improving transparency, and in regard to clarification of responsibilities, accountability to the Member States and reporting within the Union;
- d) proposals and views regarding the role and functioning of the Coordination Committee;
- e) that the proceedings of the plenipotentiary conferences may benefit from improved election procedures,

*recalling*

- a) the relevant provisions of Article 9 of the Constitution concerning elections and related matters, particularly No. 62 thereof, which provides that the Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General and the Directors of the Bureaux shall be elected;
- b) the report of the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit on the review of management and administration in ITU, presented to the Council at its 2001 session (Document C01/37), which contains recommendations related to the proposals mentioned in *considering further a)*,

*recognizing*

- a) that the relevant proposals and views on these matters submitted to this conference have implications for the effective management and functioning of the different organs of the Union;

- b)* that, as a dynamic organization operating in a fast-changing environment, ITU should be able to review its structure and functioning regularly, as necessary, with a view to improving its management and efficiency, especially given its limited financial resources;
- c)* that considerable improvements in management efficiency have been achieved with the introduction of new management tools developed in the context of Decision 7 (Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference;
- d)* the ongoing activities being conducted in ITU within the framework of that decision, in particular in connection with Resolution 155 (Antalya, 2006) of this conference, establishing the Management and Budget Group of the Council (MBG);
- e)* that activities will be conducted within the framework of Resolution 148 (Antalya, 2006) of this conference;
- f)* that the competencies and functions of the three ITU Sectors are defined in the basic instruments of the Union,

*resolves to instruct the Council*

1 to conduct a study, through a process open to all Member States, aiming at overall improvement of the efficiency of ITU management, addressing in particular the following issues:

- i)* reporting structure in the Union;
- ii)* role, accountability, number and tenure/term of office of elected officials;
- iii)* functioning of the Coordination Committee;
- iv)* election procedures;
- v)* responsibility, accountability and transparency of the advisory groups;

2 to prepare a report on the results of this study to the next plenipotentiary conference, including recommendations on any actions that may be required, together with draft text for amending the basic texts of the Union, if appropriate;

3 to make this report available to Member States in order to enable them to make their proposals to the next plenipotentiary conference;

4 to implement, where practicable and as soon as possible, such improvements as it deems necessary which do not require amendments to the Constitution and Convention or the General Rules of conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union,

*instructs the Secretary-General*

1 pursuant to the relevant provisions of the aforementioned General Rules, to submit to Member States periodical reports (at least annual, if possible), and the final report on this study, so that they may be used by the latter in preparing their proposals to the next plenipotentiary conference;

2 to facilitate the work of the Council by providing the necessary support and resources to enable the conduct of this study;

3 to encourage the participation of all Member States in this study.

## RESOLUTION 148 (Antalya, 2006)

**Tasks and functions of the Deputy Secretary-General**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

*considering*

*a)* that Resolution 108 (Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference called upon the Council to establish a working group open to participation by Member States, charged with:

- i)* examining the functioning of the Coordination Committee, including the tasks of the Deputy Secretary-General and the role of the other elected officials;
- ii)* submitting to the Council a report containing, in particular, the draft texts that could be necessary in the event of amendment of the ITU Constitution or Convention and which could be used by Member States in preparing their proposals in that regard to the next plenipotentiary conference;

*b)* that the tasks and functions of the Deputy Secretary-General are not expressly enumerated in the basic instruments of the Union,

*noting*

that the Council, at its 2003 session, established a working group to consider this matter,

*further noting*

*a)* that the Secretary-General is responsible for the overall management of the resources of the Union;

*b)* that the Secretary-General should partially delegate the management functions of the Union to the Deputy Secretary-General,

*having examined*

the report of the Council Working Group on Resolution 108, which was submitted to the Council at its ordinary session in 2005,

*recognizing*

the need to make optimal use of the position of the Deputy Secretary-General in the management of the Union,

*resolves*

that, in the interests of greater transparency and efficiency in the management of the Union, the tasks of the Deputy Secretary-General, consistent with the basic instruments, should be set out in order to create clear operational and management responsibilities,

*instructs the Secretary-General*

1 to prepare specific directives on the tasks delegated to the Deputy Secretary-General, and submit them to the next ordinary session of the Council for its consideration, as appropriate;

2 to issue clear and specific directives on the tasks delegated to the Deputy Secretary-General, and make them available to the membership of the Union, as well as to the staff of ITU,

*further instructs the Secretary-General*

to communicate any changes to the directives on the tasks delegated to the Deputy Secretary-General in accordance with *instructs the Secretary-General* above.

RESOLUTION 149 (Antalya, 2006)

**Study of definitions and terminology relating to building confidence and security in the use of information and communication technologies**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

*aware*

*a)* that one of the purposes of the Union is to maintain and extend international cooperation among all its Member States for the improvement and rational use of telecommunications of all kinds;

*b)* that another of the purposes of the Union is to promote the development of technical facilities and their most efficient operation with a view to improving the efficiency of telecommunication services, increasing their usefulness,

*recalling*

the outcomes of both phases of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) regarding this issue,

*noting*

*a)* the importance of building confidence and security in the use of information and communication technologies (ICTs) as highlighted in WSIS;

*b)* that there is an urgent need to find common language and develop agreed definitions of terms pertaining to building confidence and security in the use of ICTs;

*c)* the ongoing work carried out by organizations such as the International Organization for Standardization and the Internet Engineering Task Force in relation to building confidence and security in the use of ICTs,



*recognizing*

the ongoing work by the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T) and the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D) on matters related to building confidence and security in the use of ICTs,

*resolves to instruct the extraordinary session of the Council to be held during this conference*

to establish a working group of the Council, open to all Member States and Sector Members, with the following terms of reference:

- i) to study the issue of terminology related to building confidence and security in the use of ICTs, and to examine and develop definitions and descriptions in this regard, as appropriate;
- ii) to report to the Council annually on its progress with respect to the issues referred to above;
- iii) to prepare a final report, at the latest by the 2009 session of the Council, including possible amendments to the ITU Constitution and Convention, for transmission to the 2010 plenipotentiary conference;
- iv) to consider the work of the relevant ITU-T and ITU-D study groups on the matter;
- v) to liaise with relevant Council working groups dealing with terminology,

*instructs the Secretary-General and the Directors of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau and the Telecommunication Development Bureau*

to make available the necessary facilities and resources in order to enable the working group to carry out its tasks, within available financial resources,

*instructs the Secretary-General*

to submit to Member States a report on the final results of the study in due time to allow Member States to prepare their proposals to the 2010 plenipotentiary conference.

RESOLUTION 150 (Antalya, 2006)

**Approval of the accounts of the Union for the years 2002-2005**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

*considering*

- a) No. 53 of the ITU Constitution;
- b) the report of the Council to the Plenipotentiary Conference in Document PP-06/41, relating to the financial management of the Union during the years 2002-2005, and the report of the Finance Committee of this conference (Document PP-06/167(Rev.1)),

*resolves*

to give its final approval of the accounts of the Union for the years 2002-2005.

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(Antalya, 2006)

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## RESOLUTION 151 (Antalya, 2006)

**Implementation of results-based management in ITU**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

*considering*

- a)* Decision 7 (Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, which instructed the Council, *inter alia*, to establish a group of specialists to report on the “effectiveness, efficiency, and economy of the management and administration of the Union as a whole”;
- b)* Resolution 107 (Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, which underlined the importance of identifying mechanisms for improving planning and management practices in the Union;
- c)* the presentation to the 2003 session of the Council by the Group of Specialists (GoS), containing a series of recommendations which identified a number of improvements that could be made to the management of the Union, and which resulted in the adoption of Council Resolution 1216 outlining various implementation strategies,

*considering also*

- a)* the presentation of the 2006-2007 biennial budget according to the new results-based budgeting (RBB) approach, based on the GoS recommendations pursuant to the implementation strategies outlined in Resolution 1216;
- b)* the adoption of Council Resolution 1243 focused on the continued implementation of the RBB process as an essential step leading toward improved programme and management effectiveness and greater accountability,

*recognizing*

- a)* that bringing the implementation of RBB to the next level at ITU will entail challenges and steps, including the need for a significant culture change and for staff at all levels to become familiar with the concepts and terms of RBB;

b) that a comprehensive strategy aimed at changing the way agencies operate, with improving performance (achieving results) as the central orientation, was identified by the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) as an essential step toward results-based management (RBM) in a report issued in 2004 entitled *Implementation of Results-Based Management in the United Nations Organizations*;

c) that JIU identified the process of planning, programming, budgeting, monitoring and evaluation; delegation of authority and accountability; and staff performance and contract management as the main pillars for the development of a solid RBM system,

*emphasizing*

that the purpose of RBB and RBM is to ensure that high-priority activities are adequately resourced in order to achieve planned results,

*resolves to instruct the Secretary-General*

1 to continue and complete the tasks associated with the full implementation of RBB, including the presentation of the 2008-2009 biennial budget, as a precursor to the development of a framework for the introduction of results-based management in the Union;

2 to develop such a framework in close consultation with the Coordination Committee and the Council,

*instructs the Council*

1 to review the proposed measures and take appropriate action to ensure full implementation;

2 to monitor the implementation of this resolution at each subsequent session of the Council and to report to the next plenipotentiary conference.

## RESOLUTION 152 (Antalya, 2006)

**Improvement of management and follow-up of the defrayal  
of ITU expenses by Sector Members and Associates**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

*considering*

a) Resolution 110 (Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference concerning a review of the contribution of Sector Members towards defraying the expenses of the Union;

b) Resolution 1208 of the ITU Council, which set the terms of reference of the working group open to all Member States and all Sector Members to study the system whereby Sector Members and Associates contribute towards defraying the expenses of the Union, and instructed the working group to make a final report to the 2005 session of the Council at the latest,

*considering further*

the report accordingly presented by the working group to the Council at its 2005 session in Document C05/40, and more specifically Part 5 and recommendations R7 and R8 thereof,

*noting*

the provisions of Article 33 of the ITU Convention regarding the obligations of Member States, Sector Members and other entities in respect of defraying the expenses of the Union and the financial consequences of denunciation,

*noting further*

the amendments made to No. 240 of the Convention by this conference in order that denunciation shall take effect at the end of six months from the date when notification is received by the Secretary-General,

*recognizing*

- a) the rapid pace of the market and the financial realities faced by private-sector entities;
- b) that it is essential to retain and attract more Sector Members and Associates, having regard to their invaluable contribution to the work of the Union;
- c) that there is a need to ensure better follow-up and oversight of financial matters relating to Sector Members and Associates, on the part of both ITU and the Member States, in order to ensure increased stability in the finances of the Union;
- d) that the rules and procedures regarding the oversight of financial matters relating to Sector Members and Associates should be amended so as to be flexible and effective, and hence fully enforceable,

*recognizing further*

- a) that the relevance and effectiveness of penalties applicable in the case of arrears may be questioned, since Sector Members' arrears are increasing more rapidly than those of Member States;
- b) that, under the present framework, a Sector Member or an Associate in arrears is able to participate in ITU for at least three years before any sanction is imposed, and therefore may not have any incentive to submit a repayment schedule;
- c) that the applicable time-frame for the imposition of suspension and exclusion must be shortened,

*resolves*

- 1 that simple changes of name and address of Sector Members or Associates shall be handled administratively, without charge;
- 2 that, in the case of a merger between Sector Members or Associates of the same Sector, duly notified to the Secretary-General, No. 240 of the Convention shall not apply and shall thus not have the effect of requiring the Sector Member or the Associate resulting from the merger to pay more than one contribution for its participation in the work of the Sector concerned;

3 that, in the event of late payment, suspension of participation in ITU shall be imposed three months (90 days) after the date on which payment of the annual contribution was due, and, in the absence of a negotiated and agreed repayment schedule, exclusion of a Sector Member or an Associate on grounds of non-payment shall occur six months (180 days) after the date of receipt of the notification of suspension;

4 that any difficulty (e.g. non-payment, mail returned due to lack of information regarding a new address) shall be immediately notified to the Member State which approved the Sector Member or the Associate,

*further resolves*

that the amendments to No. 240 of the Convention adopted by this conference shall provisionally apply as from the date of signature of its Final Acts,

*instructs the Secretary-General*

in consultation with the Directors of the Bureaux, to report to the Council on the implementation of this resolution, highlighting any difficulty that may be encountered and proposing further improvements, as appropriate,

*instructs the Council*

to take appropriate measures to facilitate the implementation of this resolution,

*invites Member States*

as appropriate, to participate actively in the follow-up and oversight of financial matters relating to Sector Members and Associates.

## RESOLUTION 153 (Antalya, 2006)

**Scheduling of Council sessions and plenipotentiary conferences**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

*considering*

- a)* Decision 7 (Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, which instructed the Council, *inter alia*, to establish a group of specialists to report on the “effectiveness, efficiency, and economy of the management and administration of the Union as a whole”;
- b)* the presentation to the 2003 session of the Council by the Group of Specialists (GoS), containing a series of recommendations which identified a number of improvements that could be made to the management of the Union, and which resulted in the adoption of Council Resolution 1216 outlining various implementation strategies;
- c)* that GoS, in its recommendation 2 relating to the process for preparation and review of the budget, recommended that the budget preparation time should be lengthened in order to allow this process to take place, and that consideration should be given to convening the Council no earlier than September each year, so that the budget would be ready and audit reports from the preceding year would be available for review,

*recognizing*

- a)* that the plenipotentiary conference is normally held in the last quarter of the calendar year and that this schedule impacts on the dates of the Council session;
- b)* that holding the plenipotentiary conference earlier in the calendar year would make it possible to set the dates of the Council session at the same time each year;
- c)* that scheduling the plenipotentiary conference so that an ordinary session of the Council follows in the same calendar year would facilitate the progressing of studies called for by the conference;



d) that scheduling the plenipotentiary conference earlier in the calendar year would improve the linkage between the strategic, financial and operational plans, and the budget,

*recognizing further*

a) that the date of the ordinary session of the Council is not fixed within a plenipotentiary cycle;

b) that the Council tends to meet in, or close to, the second quarter of the calendar year;

c) that the External Auditor's reports on the Union's finances should be available to the Council in due time prior to its sessions;

d) that scheduling the ordinary session of the Council during the last quarter of the calendar year would make the review of finances more effective,

*resolves*

1 that plenipotentiary conferences shall, in principle, be scheduled between April and June of the year preceding the start of the financial planning periods to be agreed by those conferences;

2 that the Council shall, in principle, hold its ordinary session in the final quarter of each year,

*instructs the Secretary-General*

to report to the Council on the implementation of this resolution, proposing further improvements, as appropriate,

*instructs the Council*

to take appropriate measures to facilitate the implementation of this resolution and report to future plenipotentiary conferences on possible improvements in the implementation of this resolution.

RESOLUTION 154 (Antalya, 2006)

**Use of the six official languages of the Union on an equal footing**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

*recalling*

- a) Resolution 115 (Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference;
- b) Resolution 104 (Minneapolis, 1998) of the Plenipotentiary Conference,

*reaffirming*

the fundamental principle of equal treatment of the six official languages, as enshrined in Resolution 115 (Marrakesh, 2002) on the use of the six languages on an equal footing,

*noting with satisfaction and appreciation*

- a) the steps taken so far to implement Resolution 115 (Marrakesh, 2002) as from 1 January 2005;
- b) the progress made in the successful implementation of Resolution 104 (Minneapolis, 1998) and resulting efficiencies and economies,

*recognizing*

- a) the importance of maintaining and improving the multilingual content of services required by the universal character of United Nations system organizations, as called for in the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit report on *Multilingualism in the United Nations System* (Document JIU/REP/2002/11);

b) that, notwithstanding the successful implementation of Resolution 115 (Marrakesh, 2002), for various reasons the switchover to six languages cannot be achieved overnight, and a "transition period" to full implementation is inevitable;

c) that, in order to achieve such full implementation, it is necessary also to align working methods and optimize staffing levels in the six languages;

d) the work accomplished by the Council Working Group on Languages, as well as the start made by the secretariat to implement the working group's recommendations as agreed by the Council at its 2006 session, in particular with regard to the unification of linguistic databases for definitions and terminology and the centralization of editing functions,

*recognizing further*

the budget constraints facing the Union,

*resolves*

to take all necessary measures to maximize interpretation and the translation of ITU documentation in the six languages on an equal footing, although some work in ITU (for example working groups, study groups, regional conferences) might not require the use of all six languages,

*instructs the Council*

1 to review the interim measures and principles for interpretation and translation proposed by the three Sectors and the General Secretariat, in order to adopt final measures, taking into consideration the financial constraints, and bearing in mind the objective of full implementation of treatment on an equal footing;

2 to pursue and monitor appropriate structural measures, such as:

- fundamental review of ITU documentation and publication services with a view to eliminating any duplication and creating synergies;
- means of expediting the timely delivery of ITU documentation and publications in the six languages;

- optimum levels of staffing, including core staff, temporary assistance and outsourcing;
- judicious use of information and communication technologies in language and publications activities, taking into consideration experience gained by other international organizations, notably through the International Annual Meeting on Language Arrangements, Documentation and Publications (IAMLADP);
- measures to reduce the size and volume of documents (page-limits, executive summaries, material in annexes or hyperlinks), when justified, without affecting the quality and content of the documents to be translated or to be published, and bearing clearly in mind the need to comply with the United Nations system objective of multilingualism;

3           to monitor the work carried out by the ITU secretariat on:

- paying special attention to completion of the integration of the terminology database for Arabic, Chinese and Russian and provide for the priority translation into Arabic, Chinese and Russian of terms and definitions;
- merging all existing databases for definitions and terminology into a centralized system, with proper measures for its maintenance, expansion and updating, with a possible completion date by the end of 2007;
- creating the necessary centralized editing functions for each language, on an equal footing between languages, with a possible completion date by the end of 2008;
- harmonizing and unifying working procedures in the six language services, and providing them with the necessary qualified staff and tools to meet their requirements, with a possible completion date by end 2009;
- developing a market-oriented publication policy for all ITU publications (both paper and electronic), with the objective of promoting ITU publications, reducing costs and generating sufficient income on a cost-recovery basis;

- enhancing ITU’s image and the effectiveness of its public-information work, making use of all six languages of the Union, in, among other things, publishing ITU News, creating ITU websites, organizing Internet broadcasting and archiving of recordings, and issuing documents of a public-information nature, including announcements of world and regional ITU TELECOM exhibitions and forums, e-flashes and such like;
- 4           to continue the work of the Council Working Group on Languages, in order to monitor progress and report to the Council on the implementation of this resolution;
- 5           to report to the next plenipotentiary conference on the implementation of this resolution.

## RESOLUTION 155 (Antalya, 2006)

**Establishment of a management and budget group of the Council<sup>1</sup>**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

*considering*

- a)* that the Plenipotentiary Conference adopted Decision 7 (Marrakesh, 2002) on the review of the Union's management;
- b)* that Decision 7 (Marrakesh, 2002) mandated the Council to set up a group of specialists, comprising an expert from each administrative region;
- c)* that it is necessary to continue strengthening and improving the management of the Union,

*noting*

that the Council, at its 2006 session, realized that it was not going to be possible to complete some of the projects targeted by Council Resolution 1243 in time for the 2006 plenipotentiary conference,

*further noting*

- a)* the adoption of Resolution 151 (Antalya, 2006) on results-based management and the intent to continue initiatives focused on improving the effectiveness and efficiency of the management and the administration of the Union;
- b)* the reports of the External Auditor to the 2006 session of the Council (Document C06/90) which emphasized, *inter alia*, that matters subject to internal rules and procedures should not be subject to Council oversight,

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<sup>1</sup> Subject to the financial limits set by the Plenipotentiary Conference.

*recalling*

- a) the need to fully implement Decision 7 (Marrakesh, 2002);
- b) that the Council, at its 2006 session, decided to extend the mandate of the New Council Oversight Group (NCOG) and the mandate of the Supporting Team, and to review their membership and working methods, as detailed in Resolution 1243,

*having examined*

the report of the Council on the implementation of Decision 7 (Marrakesh, 2002),

*instructs the Council, at its extraordinary session to be held during this conference*

1 to consider the establishment of a management and budget group to meet periodically between Council sessions with representatives of the Secretary-General and of the Directors of the Bureaux regarding implementation of the strategic and operational plans, biennial budgets and the decisions of the Council and to provide advice and guidance regarding the completion of the projects detailed in Resolution 1243 and results-based management;

2 to determine the composition and working methods of the Council Management and Budget Group (MBG) based on the experience acquired with NCOG, in particular to focus on providing overall high-level guidance and feedback to the secretariat, as well as feedback to the membership, with respect to priorities, objectives and measurement methods,

*further instructs the Council*

1 to consider the implementation, as soon as possible, of MBG recommendations that require action by the Council;

2 to follow the implementation of relevant projects and activities at each of its future sessions and to submit a report of its findings to the next plenipotentiary conference on the application of this resolution and on any amendments that may need to be incorporated into the ITU Constitution and Convention.

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*(Antalya, 2006)*

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## RESOLUTION 156 (Antalya, 2006)

**Scheduling of conferences**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

*considering*

- a)* that the financial resources of the Union must be taken into account when scheduling world conferences and assemblies and regional conferences of the Union, particularly the need to ensure efficient operation of the Union within limited resources;
- b)* the increasing demands placed on administrations and on delegates involved in world conferences and assemblies and regional conferences;
- c)* the proposals submitted by several Member States to this conference calling for world conferences and assemblies and regional conferences;
- d)* the necessary preparatory work to be carried out by Member States, Sector Members, the three Sectors of the Union and the General Secretariat before each world conference or assembly or regional conference,

*considering further*

that the Union's budget cannot normally sustain more than one world conference or assembly per year,

*noting*

- a)* that the Working Group on the Review of the ITU Structure recommended that no amendments to the ITU Constitution and Convention concerning the structure of the Union were necessary, since the existing legal framework appears to give sufficient flexibility for the efficient operation of the Sectors;
- b)* that Article 10 of the ITU Constitution provides that, during the interval between plenipotentiary conferences, the Council shall act as governing body of the Union, on behalf of the Plenipotentiary Conference, within the limits of the powers delegated to it;

c) that, pursuant to Article 10 of the Constitution, the Council is required to ensure the efficient coordination of the work of the Union and to exercise effective financial control over the General Secretariat and the three Sectors,

*recognizing*

a) that amendments made to the Constitution and the ITU Convention by previous plenipotentiary conferences have provided stability and flexibility such that the Union can meet future challenges;

b) that the Member States adopting the Constitution and Convention at the Additional Plenipotentiary Conference (Geneva, 1992) did not anticipate that extensive amendments to those documents would be necessary for the foreseeable future,

*resolves to instruct the Secretary-General and the Directors of the Bureaux*

to seek the views of Member States and the advice of the Sector advisory groups on the periodicity and duration of plenipotentiary conferences, world conferences and assemblies and regional conferences,

*instructs the Council*

1 to examine different alternatives with regard to the periodicity and duration of plenipotentiary conferences, world conferences and assemblies and regional conferences;

2 to establish the agendas of world and regional conferences in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Convention and consider, as appropriate, the agendas of assemblies, taking into account the resolutions and recommendations of the relevant conferences and assemblies;

3 to submit to the 2010 plenipotentiary conference, for its consideration, a report setting out all potential operational and financial implications of the proposed alternatives and containing draft texts of any amendments to the Constitution and Convention and accompanying draft resolutions with regard to the periodicity and duration of plenipotentiary conferences, world conferences and assemblies and regional conferences, as appropriate.

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*(Antalya, 2006)*

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## RESOLUTION 157 (Antalya, 2006)

**Strengthening of the project execution function in ITU**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

*considering*

- a)* No. 118 of the ITU Constitution outlining the Union's dual responsibility as a United Nations specialized agency and executing agency for implementing projects under the United Nations development system or *other funding arrangements* so as to facilitate and enhance telecommunication development by offering, organizing and coordinating technical cooperation and assistance activities;
- b)* Resolution 135 (Antalya, 2006) of this conference, on participation of the Union in the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), in other programmes of the United Nations system and in other funding arrangements, which instructed the Council to take all necessary measures to ensure maximum efficiency of the Union's participation in UNDP and *other funding arrangements*;
- c)* Resolution 52 (Doha, 2006) of the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC), on strengthening the executing agency role of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D), which emphasized the importance of establishing partnerships between the public and private sectors as an efficient means of implementing sustainable ITU projects, and of utilizing locally available expertise in executing ITU projects on a regional or country-wide basis;
- d)* Resolution 13 (Rev. Doha, 2006) of WTDC, on resource mobilization and partnership for accelerating telecommunication and information and communication technology development, which highlights the need for practical solutions for mobilizing funds, particularly in support of projects and activities in developing countries,

*recognizing*

Resolution 17 (Rev. Doha, 2006) of WTDC, on implementation of regionally approved initiatives at the national, regional, interregional and global levels, which, having taken into consideration the lack of funding from UNDP and other international financial institutions, urged the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) to explore various funding options, including possible partnerships with Member States, ITU-D Sector Members, financial institutions and international organizations in order to sponsor implementation activities for the initiatives endorsed by WTDC (Doha, 2006),

*noting*

a) that the sustainability of the role of ITU-D in the implementation of technical cooperation projects with developing countries and the establishment of business/client relationships is dependent on the creation and maintenance of a level of expertise within the secretariat to permit BDT to manage projects effectively and in a timely and efficient manner; to this effect, the enhancement of training capabilities in the Union, as foreseen in Resolution 48 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) of this conference, should contribute toward the sustainability of the requisite expertise to enhance the project execution function;

b) that the strengthening of project execution and management expertise in BDT will also require the improvement of skills in the area of resource mobilization and financing,

*resolves to instruct the Secretary-General, in close collaboration with the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau*

1 to review the experience of ITU-D in discharging its responsibility for implementing projects under the United Nations development system or other funding arrangements by identifying lessons learned and by developing a strategy for strengthening this function in the future;

2 to undertake a review of best practices within the United Nations system and within organizations external to the United Nations in the area of technical cooperation, with a view to adapting such practices to the circumstances prevailing in ITU;

3 to ensure that the requisite expertise in the areas of project management and execution as well as resource mobilization and financing is identified;

4 to encourage projects from all sources, including the private sector;

5 to focus on the implementation of larger-scale projects, while carefully considering delivery of smaller-scale projects;

6 to ensure, to the extent possible, that ITU support costs associated with the execution of projects under UNDP or other funding arrangements are recovered;

7 to examine the future disposition of support-cost income associated with an improved project execution function;

8 to recruit qualified staff internally and/or externally, if necessary, within the financial limits set by plenipotentiary conferences, in order to strengthen, and ensure continuity as well as sustainability in, the execution of the Union's responsibility for organizing and coordinating technical cooperation and assistance activities;

9 to prepare reports annually to the Council on progress achieved in fulfilling the functions specified in No. 118 of the Constitution.

## RESOLUTION 158 (Antalya, 2006)

**Financial issues for consideration by the Council**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

*considering*

- a) Article 28 of the ITU Constitution and Article 33 of the ITU Convention pertaining to the finances of the Union;
- b) the need to ensure that, in each biennial budget, income and expenditure are balanced;
- c) the rules, procedures and financial arrangements for voluntary contributions and trust funds as specified in Annex 2 to the Financial Regulations,

*noting*

- a) the outcomes of the Council Working Group for the elaboration of the draft strategic plan and the draft financial plan for 2008-2011 pursuant to Decision 527 adopted by the Council at its 2005 session, which faced serious difficulties in arriving at a balance between income and expenditure;
- b) the cost implications for ITU as a result of the role it has acquired in following up and implementing the relevant outcomes of both phases of the World Summit on the Information Society;
- c) that there is a need to stabilize the elements of the financial plan during plenipotentiary conferences;
- d) that in the last eight years the financial income of the Union, based on contributions by Member States and Sector Members, has continued to decrease;
- e) the need to increase the income of the Union, possibly through increasing the sources of income of the Union or developing additional new financial mechanisms,

*further noting*

the adoption of Resolution 151 (Antalya, 2006) of this conference, on results-based management, and Resolution 155 (Antalya, 2006) of this conference, on the establishment of a management and budget group of the Council,

*instructs the Council*

- 1 to study the following issues:
  - i) the possibility of generating additional income for ITU, including, if necessary, recommending modifications to the relevant articles of the Constitution and Convention and possibly through identifying new financial resources not related to the contributory units;
  - ii) the possibility of establishing mechanisms to afford more stability to the financial plan during forthcoming plenipotentiary conferences, and to make recommendations in that regard;
  - iii) the consideration of all inputs made at this conference with respect to the above-mentioned matters, including increasing the amount of the contribution per unit payable by Sector Members towards the expenses of each Sector concerned from 1/5 to 1/4 of the contributory unit of the Member States;
- 2 to report to the next plenipotentiary conference on the results of this study.



## RESOLUTION 159 (Antalya, 2006)

**Assistance and support to Lebanon for rebuilding its telecommunication networks (fixed and mobile)**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

*recalling*

- a)* the noble principles, purpose and objectives enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;
- b)* the efforts of the United Nations to promote sustainable development and the relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions concerning the situation;
- c)* the purposes of the Union as enshrined in Article 1 of the ITU Constitution;
- d)* § 16 of the Declaration of Principles adopted by the World Summit on the Information Society,

*recognizing*

- a)* that a reliable telecommunication network is indispensable for promoting the socio-economic development of countries, in particular those having suffered from natural disasters, domestic conflicts or war;
- b)* that Lebanon's telecommunication facilities have been severely damaged due to wars in that country;
- c)* that the damage caused to Lebanon's telecommunications should be a matter of concern for the entire international community, particularly ITU, as the United Nations specialized agency for telecommunications;
- d)* that, under the present conditions and in the foreseeable future, Lebanon will not be able to restore its telecommunication system to an acceptable level without help from the international community, provided bilaterally or through international organizations,

*resolves*

that special action should be initiated within the framework of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector's activities, with specialized assistance from the other two Sectors, in order to provide appropriate assistance and support to Lebanon in rebuilding its telecommunication networks (fixed and mobile),

*calls upon Member States*

to offer all possible assistance and support to the Government of Lebanon, either bilaterally or through, and, in any case, in coordination with, the special action of the Union referred to above,

*instructs the Council*

to allocate, within available resources, the necessary funds for, and initiate, the said action,

*instructs the Secretary-General*

to coordinate the activities carried out by the three ITU Sectors in accordance with *resolves* above, to ensure that the Union's action in favour of Lebanon is as effective as possible, and to report on the matter periodically to the Council.

## RESOLUTION 160 (Antalya, 2006)

**Assistance to Somalia**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006)

*recalling*

Resolution 34 (Rev. Minneapolis, 1998) of the Plenipotentiary Conference,

*recalling further*

- a) the purposes of the Union as enshrined in Article 1 of the ITU Constitution;
- b) Resolution 57 (Doha, 2006) of the World Telecommunication Development Conference, on assistance to Somalia,

*recognizing*

- a) that no budget was allocated by the Plenipotentiary Conference to accompany Resolution 34 (Rev. Minneapolis, 1998) for the benefit of countries in special need;
- b) that telecommunication infrastructure in Somalia has been completely destroyed by a decade and half of war and that the regulatory framework in the country needs to be re-established;
- c) that Somalia at present does not have a formal national telecommunication infrastructure, access to international telecommunication networks or access to the Internet;
- d) that a telecommunication system is an essential input for reconstruction, rehabilitation and relief operations in the country;
- e) that, under the present conditions and in the foreseeable future, Somalia will not be able to rebuild its telecommunication systems and re-establish a regulatory framework without help from international community, provided bilaterally or through international organizations,

*noting*

that Somalia has not benefited fully from the Union's assistance over a long period due to war in the country and lack of government,

*resolves*

that special action be initiated by the Secretary-General and Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau, with specialized assistance from the ITU Radiocommunication Sector and the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector, resulting in the launch of a special initiative with allocated funds, aimed at providing assistance and support to Somalia for rebuilding and modernizing its telecommunication infrastructure, re-establishing a well-equipped ministry of telecommunications and establishing institutions, developing telecommunication/information and communication technology policy, legislation and regulation, including a numbering plan, spectrum management, tariff and human resource capacity building, and all other necessary forms of assistance,

*calls upon Member States*

to offer all possible assistance and support to the Government of Somalia, either bilaterally or through the special action of the Union referred to above,

*invites the Plenipotentiary Conference*

to allocate the necessary funds within available resources for the implementation of this resolution,

*instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau*

to implement fully a programme of assistance for the least developed countries, in which reconstruction and rehabilitation of telecommunication infrastructure is an integral part of the programme, in order that Somalia can receive focused assistance in various areas determined to be of high priority by the country,

*instructs the Secretary-General*

to coordinate the activities carried out by the three ITU Sectors in accordance with *resolves* above, to ensure that the Union's action in favour of Somalia is as effective as possible, and to report annually on the matter to the Council.

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*(Antalya, 2006)*

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RESOLUTION 161 (Antalya, 2006)

**Assistance and support for the Democratic Republic of the Congo  
for rebuilding its telecommunication network**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union  
(Antalya, 2006),

*recalling*

- a)* the noble principles, purpose and objectives enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, as well as in the Declaration of Principles adopted by the World Summit on the Information Society;
- b)* the efforts of the United Nations to promote sustainable development, and the relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions concerning the situation;
- c)* the purposes of the Union as enshrined in Article 1 of the ITU Constitution,

*recognizing*

- a)* that a reliable telecommunication network is essential for promoting the social and economic development of countries, particularly those that have suffered natural disasters, domestic conflict or war;
- b)* that the basic telecommunication infrastructure of the Democratic Republic of the Congo has been severely damaged by the conflicts and wars from which the country has suffered for more than a decade;
- c)* that, as part of the reform of the telecommunication sector undertaken by the Democratic Republic of the Congo, involving the separation of the operating and regulatory functions, two regulatory bodies have been instituted along with a basic telecommunication network, which requires adequate financial resources in order to be built;

d) that, in the present conditions and for the foreseeable future, the Democratic Republic of the Congo will not be able to rehabilitate its basic telecommunication network to an acceptable standard without assistance from the international community, provided either bilaterally or by international organizations,

*resolves*

that special action be initiated by the Secretary-General and the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau, with specialized assistance from the ITU Radiocommunication Sector and the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector, with a view to providing the Democratic Republic of the Congo with appropriate assistance and support for rebuilding its basic telecommunication network,

*calls upon Member States*

to offer all possible assistance and support to the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, either bilaterally or through the special action of the Union referred to above, and, in any case, in coordination with that action,

*instructs the Council*

to allocate the necessary funds to the aforesaid action within available resources, and proceed with its implementation,

*instructs the Secretary-General*

to coordinate the activities carried out by the three Sectors of the Union in accordance with *resolves* above, to ensure that the Union's action in favour of the Democratic Republic of the Congo is as effective as possible, and to report on the matter to the Council.

RECOMMENDATION 1 (Kyoto, 1994)

**Deposit of instruments relating to the  
Constitution and Convention of the International  
Telecommunication Union (Geneva, 1992)**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Kyoto, 1994),

*taking into account*

Recommendation 1 of the Additional Plenipotentiary Conference (Geneva, 1992) on the deposit of instruments and the entry into force of the Constitution and Convention of the International Telecommunication Union,

*considering*

that, pursuant to No. 238 of Article 58 of the Constitution, the instruments of the Union referred to above entered into force on 1 July 1994 between Members having deposited their instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession before that date,

*considering further*

that it is in the interest of the Union that all Members become parties to the said Constitution and the Convention as soon as possible,

*invites*

all the Members of the Union which have not already done so to expedite their respective national procedures for ratification, acceptance or approval of (see Article 52 of the Constitution), or accession to (see Article 53 of the Constitution) the Constitution and Convention of the International Telecommunication Union (Geneva, 1992) and to deposit their respective "single instrument" with the Secretary-General as soon as possible,



*instructs the Secretary-General*

to bring this Recommendation to the attention of all the Members of the Union and to recall its contents periodically, as he sees fit, to those Members of the Union which have not yet deposited their respective instrument.

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*(Kyoto, 1994)*

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RECOMMENDATION 2 (Kyoto, 1994)

**Unrestricted transmission of news and  
the right to communicate**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Kyoto, 1994),

*in view of*

*a)* the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 10 December 1948;

*b)* the Preamble and Articles 1, 33, 34 and 35 of the Constitution of the International Telecommunication Union (Geneva, 1992);

*c)* the provision of the Constitution of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) concerning the free flow of ideas by words and images and the declaration on the basic principles, adopted by the XXth session of the UNESCO General Conference, concerning the contribution of the mass media to strengthening peace and international understanding, to the promotion of human rights and to countering racialism, apartheid and incitement to war and the relevant resolutions of the XXIst session of the UNESCO General Conference;

*d)* the recommendations of the World Conference on Human Rights adopted in Vienna in 1993, to the effect that the promotion and protection of human rights is a matter of priority for the international community,

*conscious of*

the noble principles that news should be freely transmitted and that the right to communicate is a basic human right,

*conscious also of*

the importance of the fact that these noble principles will promote the dissemination of news, thus strengthening peace, cooperation, mutual understanding between peoples and the spiritual enrichment of the human personality, as well as dissemination of culture and education among all people irrespective of their race, sex, language or religion,

*recommends*

that Members of the Union facilitate the unrestricted transmission of news by telecommunication services.

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*(Kyoto, 1994)*

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RECOMMENDATION 3 (Kyoto, 1994)

**Favourable treatment for developing countries**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Kyoto, 1994),

*in view of*

- a)* the purpose of the Union, which is to maintain and extend international cooperation for the improvement and rational use of telecommunications of all kinds;
- b)* the ever-widening gap between the economic growth and technological progress of the developed and the developing countries;
- c)* the fact that the economic power of developed countries is founded on, or linked with, the high level of their technology, which is reflected in extensive and growing international markets, whereas the economies of developing countries are relatively weak and often in deficit because they are in the process of assimilating or acquiring technology,

*recommends*

- 1 that developed countries take into account requests for favourable treatment made by developing countries in service, commercial or other relations in telecommunications, thus helping to achieve the desired economic equilibrium conducive to a relaxation of present world tensions;
- 2 that the classification of countries in one or the other of these economic categories can be based on the criteria of per capita income, gross national income, national telephone development or any other mutually agreed parameters selected from those internationally recognized by the specialized information sources of the United Nations,

*recommends further*

that Members of the Union make available to the General Secretariat any relevant information on the implementation of this Recommendation,

*instructs the Secretary-General*

to monitor on the basis of information received from Members the extent to which any favourable treatment has been extended to developing countries by the developed countries,

*instructs the Council*

to review the results achieved and take any steps necessary to promote the objectives of this Recommendation.

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*(Kyoto, 1994)*

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RECOMMENDATION 4 (Marrakesh, 2002)

**General policy statements to plenipotentiary conferences**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Marrakesh, 2002),

*considering*

Recommendation R22 of the Working Group on ITU Reform, which advocates that the length of general policy statements should be limited so as to minimize the amount of time used for this purpose at the Plenipotentiary Conference and make the conference more efficient,

*seeking*

to standardize the duration of general policy statements in order, *inter alia*, to economize on the Union's financial resources,

*aware*

that plenipotentiary conferences are likely to face increasingly heavy workloads,

*taking into account*

that general policy statements should be made only during the first week of the conference,

*recommends*

that Member States limit their general policy statements to a maximum of five minutes,

*instructs the Secretary-General*

to publish on the conference website the full text of all general policy statements including those which have not been made during the first week of the conference.

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*(Marrakesh, 2002)*

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RECOMMENDATION 5 (Marrakesh, 2002)

**Submission of the first report of the Credentials Committee  
to the Plenipotentiary Conference**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Marrakesh, 2002),

*considering*

Article 31 of the ITU Convention, concerning credentials for conferences of the Union,

*considering further*

No. 176 of the General Rules of conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union, which stipulate that elections shall begin on the ninth calendar day of a plenipotentiary conference,

*recognizing*

*a)* that it is the responsibility of the Credentials Committee referred to in No. 68 of the General Rules of conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union to verify the credentials of delegations and report its conclusions to the plenary meeting within the time-frame specified by the latter;

*b)* that it is desirable that the plenary meeting take a decision on the first report of the Credentials Committee as rapidly as possible, and in any event before the ninth calendar day of a plenipotentiary conference,

*recommends*

that future plenipotentiary conferences set the date for submission of the first report of the Credentials Committee at a date earlier than the ninth calendar day of the conference,



*further recommends*

that Member States send the originals of their credentials to the secretariat as early as possible, signed by one of the authorities referred to in No. 325 of the Convention, accompanied, as necessary, by a certified translation in one of the official languages of the Union, and pay the greatest heed to the provisions of Nos. 329, 330 and 331 of the Convention,

*instructs the Secretary-General*

to make appropriate administrative arrangements to keep Member States informed of the procedures to be followed.

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*(Marrakesh, 2002)*

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RECOMMENDATION 6 (Marrakesh, 2002)

**Rotation of Council Member States**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Marrakesh, 2002),

*considering*

- a) that the Council is composed of Member States elected by the Plenipotentiary Conference;
- b) that each Member State has the potential to contribute to the purposes of the Union through participation in the Council;
- c) the decision to admit Member States as observers at Council sessions as well as the improvement in their status as observers adopted by this conference,

*noting*

- a) that the number of Member States of the Council shall not exceed 25 per cent of the total number of Member States of the Union;
- b) that examples of regional coordination in this regard on a voluntary basis already exist, with positive results,

*recalling*

that any such regional or subregional coordination in this regard would considerably facilitate the elections at plenipotentiary conferences,

*recognizing*

that, without some element of rotation of Council membership, the principle mentioned in *considering b)* above cannot be fully implemented,

*recommends*

that Member States concerned should engage in bilateral and multilateral coordination through appropriate ways and means, such as regional or subregional meetings, in order to facilitate such rotation on a voluntary basis.

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*(Marrakesh, 2002)*

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**LIST OF DECISIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND  
RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED, REVISED  
OR ABROGATED BY THE PLENIPOTENTIARY  
CONFERENCE (KYOTO, 1994), (MINNEAPOLIS,  
1998), (MARRAKESH, 2002) AND (ANTALYA, 2006)**



**List of decisions, resolutions and recommendations adopted,  
revised or abrogated by the Plenipotentiary Conference  
(Kyoto, 1994), (Minneapolis, 1998), (Marrakesh, 2002)  
and (Antalya, 2006)**

Notes:

1. The decisions, resolutions and recommendations are presented in increasing numerical order, as numbered by the successive plenipotentiary conferences in accordance with the system established by Decision 3 (Minneapolis, 1998) of the Plenipotentiary Conference.
2. The title shown for each of the decisions, resolutions and recommendations listed in the table below is the one used in the version adopted or revised by the most recent plenipotentiary conference.
3. The plenipotentiary conferences in question are:
  - Plenipotentiary Conference (Kyoto, 1994) PP-94
  - Plenipotentiary Conference (Minneapolis, 1998) PP-98
  - Plenipotentiary Conference (Marrakesh, 2002) PP-02
  - Plenipotentiary Conference (Antalya, 2006) PP-06
4. Columns 3 to 5 indicate the nature of the decision taken by the Plenipotentiary Conference with regard to the decision, resolution or recommendation in question, namely "Adopted", "Revised" or "Abrogated".

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1	Expenditure of the Union for the Period 1995 to 1999	PP-94		PP-98
2	Procedure Concerning Choice of Contributory Class	PP-94		PP-98
3	Treatment of decisions, resolutions and recommendations of plenipotentiary conferences	PP-98		
4	Procedure concerning choice of contributory class	PP-98		PP-06
5	Income and expenditure of the Union for the period 2008-2011	PP-98	PP-02 PP-06	

		<b>Adopted</b>	<b>Revised</b>	<b>Abrogated</b>
6	Financial Plan of the Union for the period 2004 to 2007	PP-02		
7	Review of the management of the Union	PP-02		
8	ITU input to the declaration of principles and plan of action of the World Summit on the Information Society and the information document on ITU activities related to the Summit	PP-02		PP-06
9	Fourth World Telecommunication Policy Forum	PP-06		
10	Implementation of additional corrective measures relating to cost recovery for satellite network filings	PP-06		

<b>RESOLUTIONS</b>				
		<b>Adopted</b>	<b>Revised</b>	<b>Abrogated</b>
1	Strategic Plan for the Union, 1995-1999	PP-94		PP-98
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6	Attendance of liberation organizations recognized by the United Nations at conferences and meetings of the International Telecommunication Union as observers	PP-94		
7	Procedure for defining a region for the purpose of convening a regional radiocommunication conference	PP-94		
8	Instructions for the Continuation of Work on the Rules of Procedure of Conferences and Meetings of the International Telecommunication Union	PP-94		PP-98
9	Inaugural Meeting of the New Council and 1995 Session of the Council	PP-94		PP-98
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		<b>Adopted</b>	<b>Revised</b>	<b>Abrogated</b>
11	World and regional telecommunication/information and communication technology exhibitions and forums	PP-94	PP-98 PP-02 PP-06	
12	Resumption of Full Participation of the Government of South Africa in the Plenipotentiary Conference and All Other Conferences, Meetings and Activities of the Union	PP-94		PP-98
13	Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Representative of the Government of Japan and the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union Relating to the Plenipotentiary Conference (Kyoto, 1994)	PP-94		PP-98
14	Recognition of the rights and obligations of all Sector Members of the Union	PP-94	PP-06	
15	Review of the Rights and Obligations of all Members of the Sectors of the Union	PP-94		PP-98
16	Refinement of the Radiocommunication Sector and Telecommunication Standardization Sector	PP-94	PP-98	
17	Advisory Groups for the Radiocommunication and Telecommunication Standardization Sectors	PP-94		PP-98
18	Review of the ITU's Frequency Coordination and Planning Framework for Satellite Networks	PP-94		PP-98
19	Improved Use of the Technical and Data Storage/Dissemination Facilities of the Radiocommunication Bureau	PP-94		PP-98
20	Use by the Broadcasting Service of the Bands Additionally Allocated to this Service	PP-94		PP-98
21	Special measures concerning alternative calling procedures on international telecommunication networks	PP-94	PP-98 PP-02 PP-06	
22	Apportionment of revenues in providing international telecommunication services	PP-94	PP-98 PP-06	
23	Implementation of the Buenos Aires Action Plan	PP-94		PP-98
24	Role of the International Telecommunication Union in the development of world telecommunications	PP-94		PP-06

		<b>Adopted</b>	<b>Revised</b>	<b>Abrogated</b>
25	Strengthening the regional presence	PP-94	PP-98 PP-02 PP-06	
26	Improvement of the Union's capabilities for providing technical assistance and advice to developing countries	PP-94		PP-06
27	Participation of the Union in the United Nations Development Programme, in other programmes of the United Nations system and in other funding arrangements	PP-94		PP-06
28	Special Voluntary Programme for Technical Cooperation	PP-94		PP-06
29	International Programme for the Development of Communication	PP-94		PP-06
30	Special measures for the least developed countries and small island developing states	PP-94	PP-06	
31	Telecommunication infrastructure and information and communication technologies for socio-economic and cultural development	PP-94	PP-02	PP-06
32	Technical assistance to the Palestinian Authority for the development of telecommunications	PP-94		
33	Assistance and support to Bosnia and Herzegovina for rebuilding its telecommunication network	PP-94	PP-98 PP-02	
34	Assistance and support to countries in special need for rebuilding their telecommunication sector	PP-94	PP-98 PP-06	
35	Telecommunication support for the protection of the environment	PP-94		
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43	Approval of the Accounts of the Union for the Years 1989 to 1993	PP-94		PP-98
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143	Extending the provisions in ITU documents relating to developing countries to apply to countries with economies in transition	PP-06		
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149	Study of definitions and terminology relating to building confidence and security in the use of information and communication technologies	PP-06		
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152	Improvement of management and follow-up of the defrayal of ITU expenses by Sector Members and Associates	PP-06		
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### **Explanatory notes:**

1. “CS” refers to the Constitution of the International Telecommunication Union, including its Annex, as adopted by the Additional Plenipotentiary Conference (Geneva, 1992) and amended by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Kyoto, 1994), (Minneapolis, 1998), (Marrakesh, 2002) and (Antalya, 2006).
2. “CV” refers to the Convention of the International Telecommunication Union, including its Annex, as adopted by the Additional Plenipotentiary Conference (Geneva, 1992) and amended by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Kyoto, 1994), (Minneapolis, 1998), (Marrakesh, 2002) and (Antalya, 2006).
3. “GR” refers to the General Rules of Conferences, Assemblies and Meetings of the Union as adopted by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Marrakesh, 2002) and amended by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Antalya, 2006).
4. The numbers in the “CS”, “CV” and “GR” columns correspond to the margin numbers of the respective texts and do not refer to the chapters, sections, articles or paragraphs of those texts.
5. Where appropriate, article numbers are used when referring to the Optional Protocol on the Compulsory Settlement of Disputes (OP).
6. The decisions (Dec), resolutions (Res) and recommendations (Rec) are those which are currently in force.
7. In principle, where a term is the subject of several consecutive margin numbers in CS, CV or GR, the range of the corresponding margin numbers is given.
8. “s.” means “*see*”, “s.a.” means “*see also*” and “cont’d” means “*continued*”.

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