



## **CWG-WCIT12 CONTRIBUTION 78**

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#### **Revision of the ITRs**

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The Council Working Group held its fifth meeting from 27 to 30 September 2011. At that meeting, two broad positions emerged, namely:

- that of Member States wanting all proposed amendments to be reflected in Document CWG-WCIT/TD 36(Rev.4); and
- that of Member States wanting the proposals to be consolidated so as to produce a more streamlined version of the above document and thus facilitate discussions at the WCIT.

Despite the suggestion by the Chairman of the meeting to go in the direction of the second proposal, the two positions remain divided.

All the Member States agree that the ITRs drawn up in 1988 and applied since 1990 have become obsolete in view of the many difficulties facing users with regard to the international relations aspects of telecommunication service provision. That is not surprising, given that the telecommunications environment is evolving and regulatory texts are rapidly superseded (within two or three years). This is the case with the ITRs, which have been in existence for 12 years and are still the only official text governing international relations in the sphere of telecommunication service provision. There is thus an overriding need to revise the ITRs, as a number of resolutions have stated.

It is therefore important, in the preparatory work for WCIT-12, to produce a revision document which will ensure that at the end of the ten day meeting in Dubai, the Member States and Sector Members will have a revised version of the ITRs to govern international relations in the sphere of telecommunications.

This reflects the importance of clarifying all aspects relating to the definition of terms used in the new international telecommunications landscape, and to such issues as fraud, caller number identification, and technical or financial harm, so that international relations in this area can be placed on a sounder footing.

We therefore propose:

- 1 that proposals that are similar in terms of substance should be combined in order to produce a more streamlined document with a view to the ultimate goal, which is the revision of the ITRs;
- 2 that Document TD 36 should define the terms used in the new international telecommunications environment. We endorse all the definitions that have already been proposed in the revision (termination rates, fraud, and so on);

3 that Document TD 36 should contain:

- a) details of phenomena and behaviour that are typical of the new telecommunications environment, including hubbing, cybercrime, and so on;
  - b) transparent provisions on international service charge rates (roaming, Internet, etc.);
  - c) provisions on the effective settlement of disputes;
  - d) provisions on the misuse of numbering and naming resources and of IP addresses.
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