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Report by the Secretary-General

REQUESTS FOR EXEMPTION FROM ANY FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO DEFRAYING EXPENSES RELATING TO PARTICIPATION IN THE WORK OF ITU

Summary

Requests for exemption from making financial contribution were submitted by six organizations of a regional or international character. Under the guidelines, the Council shall take account of the views expressed by the Secretary-General as to the mutual advantages of their participation in the activities of the Union.

Action required

Taking into consideration the recommendation of the Council Working Group on Finance and Human Resources to undertake a full review of the criteria for fee exemptions, Council is invited to **postpone** any decision regarding new requests for exemption to the 2014 Plenipotentiary Conference.

References

[CV231](#), [Res. 110 \(Marrakesh, 2002\)](#), [Documents C2000/28 \(Rev.1\)](#), [C2001/26](#), [C02/94 \(section 2\)](#), [C03/40 and Add.1](#), [C03-ADD/3](#), [C05/40](#)

Background

1 The criteria and guidelines on granting exemption, subject to “reciprocity”, were adopted by the 2000 session of Council (Document C2000/28(Rev.1)). Internal procedures, conforming to these criteria and guidelines, were implemented to obtain recommendations on the matter of reciprocity so as to facilitate Council’s examination of this request.

Recommendations

2 The following requests were received and are submitted for appropriate action:

2.1

Organization	Sector	Complies with criteria	SG Recommendation
AICEP - Associação Internacional das Comunicações de Expressão Portuguesa	ITU-R	NO	NO
	ITU-T	YES	YES
	ITU-D	YES	YES

Comments on mutual advantages:

The International Association of Portuguese-Speaking Communications (AICEP) is an international, technical, non-governmental and non-profit organization that brings together postal and telecommunications operators of Portuguese-speaking countries.

The organization's main mission is to support Portuguese-speaking countries communications' sustainable development through information sharing and reflection, training actions, and developmental projects.

Currently it has 36 members from nine countries and territories of Portuguese Official Language, including postal operators, telecommunications operators and operators of contents (television), as well as six of the nine communications regulators of the Portuguese-speaking countries.

AICEP's members represent nine countries and territories of Portuguese Official Language: Angola, Brazil, Cabo Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Macau, Mozambique, Portugal, Sao Tome and Principe and Timor Leste, including: ITU-T Sector Members: Telecommunication Company of Macau and ITU-T and ITU-D Sector Member: Portugal Telecom, ITU Member States' Regulators: Autoridade Geral de Regulação (AGER) Sao Tome and Principe, Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações (ANACOM) Portugal, Autoridade Reguladora Nacional das Tecnologias de Informação e Comunicação (ARN-TIC) Guinea-Bissau, Instituto Angolano das Comunicações (INACOM) Angola, (ARN-TIC); Instituto Nacional das Comunicações de Moçambique (INCM).

2.2

Organization	Sector	Complies with criteria	SG Recommendation
APC - Association for Progressive Communications	ITU-R	NO	NO
	ITU-D	YES	YES

Comments on mutual advantages:

The Association for Progressive Communications (APC) is an International Network of NGOs founded in 1990 by networking seven non-profit organizations: IGC (USA), GreenNet (UK), NordNet (Sweden), Web Networks (Canada), IBASE (Brazil), Nicarao/CRIES (Nicaragua), and Pegasus (Australia). It has now expanded its membership to 48 members in 35 countries from which 12 members are NGOs from Africa. Their activities focus on research, advocacy and

education on matters related to Internet usage and civil society interest which leads to its members researching on telecommunications matters such as frequency management, universal access.

The research documents and knowledge accumulated by APC on civil society views on matters concerning the development of ICTs could add value to the ITU Study Groups, Conferences and development work in general. APC offered to share research documents they have which could be of interest to ITU.

This organization is most oriented to ITU-D. No evidence provided of relevant activities about radio, spectrum, satellite or any other ITU-R themes.

2.3

Organization	Sector	Complies with criteria	SG Recommendation
ATIS - Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions	ITU-R ITU-T	TBD	TBD

Comments on mutual advantages:

ATIS, a current ITU-T and ITU-R Sector Member, is a not-for-profit organization organized under the laws of the United States (accredited by ANSI) that develops technical and operational standards and solutions for the ICT industry. ATIS is the North American Organizational Partner for 3GPP, a founding Partner of oneM2M, a member and major U.S. contributor to ITU Radio and Telecommunications sectors, and a member of CITELE.

The organization has more than 250 member companies including wireless and wireline service providers, equipment manufacturers, broadband providers, software developers, consumer electronics companies, U.S. and Canadian public safety agencies, digital rights management companies, and internet service providers.

ATIS' membership, comprised of regional and global companies, includes key stakeholders from the ICT industry – wireless and wireline service providers, equipment manufacturers, broadband providers, software developers, consumer electronics companies, U.S. and Canadian public safety agencies, digital rights management companies, and internet service providers.

ATIS is currently a paying member of ITU-R and ITU-T. This request to change its current status to fee-exempted member should be further studied.

2.4

Organization	Sector	Complies with criteria	SG Recommendation
ECCAS – Economic Community of Central Africa States	ITU-R	NO	NO
	ITU-T	NO	NO
	ITU-D	YES	YES

Comments on mutual advantages:

ECCAS is an economic community of states established for the promotion of regional economic cooperation in Central Africa. It “aims to achieve collective autonomy, raise the standard of living of its populations and maintain economic stability through harmonious cooperation”.

The missions of ECCAS in the area of telecommunications/ICTs are set forth in Articles 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, and 50 of the Treaty Establishing the Economic Community of Central African States.

ITU is a strategic partner of ECCAS in the development and implementation of activities in the sector of telecommunications/ICTs in Central Africa. ITU provides support to ECCAS in activities including harmonization of national regulations that led to the elaboration of the draft model laws on telecommunications/ICTs and cybersecurity being adopted by the bodies of the Community, the technological-commercial study on roaming in Central Africa, and the consideration of safe management of frequencies at the borders.

ECCAS is an ITU partner in development activities in the Central Africa Region. For example, the ECCAS Secretariat was the focal point for Central Africa countries during the implementation of HIPSSA project.

ITU is always invited to participate in ECCAS Meeting at all levels, i.e. Head of States, Ministerial or/and technical. ITU has free access to all documentation related to ICT/Telecommunications.

The focus of collaboration has been on matters related to ITU-D. Activities have not fallen within the scope of ITU-R or ITU-T.

2.5

Organization	Sector	Complies with criteria	SG Recommendation
IMPACT - International Multilateral Partnership Against Cyber Threats	ITU-T	YES	YES

Comments on mutual advantages:

IMPACT is a United Nations-affiliated cybersecurity alliance. Since 2011, IMPACT has played a key role in supporting the ITU’s mandate on cybersecurity and has undertaken various activities in the domain of ICT standardization.

A total of 149 countries of ITU’s 193 members are part of one of the largest cybersecurity alliance under the framework of ITU.

IMPACT has been involved in various activities and projects concerned with enhancing the cybersecurity of ITU's Member States since 2009.

All of their collaborative workshops, trainings and seminars with key partners will be available to ITU and its Member States at no cost.

IMPACT has put together a repository of resources related to collaborative activities with its partners. These resources include white papers, tools, Child Online Protection material, etc. All of these resources will be made available to ITU and its Member States at no cost.

2.6

Organization	Sector	Complies with criteria	SG Recommendation
PITA - Pacific Islands Telecommunications Association	ITU-R ITU-D	YES YES	YES YES

Comments on mutual advantages:

The main activities of the Pacific Islands Telecommunications Association (PITA) are to promote, enhance and improve telecommunication in its member countries. The activities include regional meetings, technical workshops, training, and technical cooperation to foster greater exchange of skills, knowledge and capacity amongst the member countries and with organizations from the developed world. The members are telecommunication entities from Pacific Island states and territories. Associate members are industry organizations, suppliers and solution providers from around the world. PITA has a special category for governments and regulatory bodies.

PITA has collaborated with ITU to organize meetings and projects in the Pacific, using their own funding sources to perform their respective responsibilities under any such arrangement for the Pacific. PITA extends invitations to ITU without any registration fees to attend its meetings and activities. These activities have provided valuable and cost effective opportunities for ITU-D to report, exchange and discuss possibilities of common activities with key players from the Pacific Islands.

PITA has also been assisting with ITU-R initiatives for the Pacific Islands. In 2013, ITU-R and PITA organized in a partnership a Radio Seminar for Asia Pacific as well as a workshop on the future of C band in the Pacific region. For 2014, the ITU-R is currently preparing a high-level workshop with PITA, and will participate on PITA's Assembly, as it has done for the last two years.

As such, PITA is one of the valuable partners for ITU-R and ITU-D programs for the Pacific Islands, allowing for common benefits in exploring opportunities to promote regional telecommunications and information technology standards, to mutually cooperate in capacity building and transfer of skills, knowledge and competency to the Pacific Islands region.
