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**Note by the Secretary-General**

CONTRIBUTION FROM CAMEROON – USE OF THE SIX OFFICIAL LANGUAGES  
OF THE UNION

I have the honour to transmit to the Member States of the Council a contribution received from **Cameroon**.

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## CONTRIBUTION FROM CAMEROON

### USE OF THE SIX OFFICIAL LANGUAGES OF THE UNION

#### **1 Background**

The ITU Council (Geneva, 2005), at its sixth plenary meeting, adopted Resolution 1238 creating the working group of the Council open to all Member States, in particular those representative of and reflecting the six official languages of the Union. The working group was mandated to identify the ways and means to ensure the effective use of the six official languages of the Union.

Resolution 154 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010) of the Plenipotentiary Conference instructed the Council to ensure that the six official languages of the Union were used on an equal footing in interpretation and the translation of documents. Thus, the resolution resolves *“to take all necessary measures to maximize interpretation and the translation of ITU documentation in the six languages on an equal footing...”*.

In addition, Resolution 154 instructs the Council *“to review the interim measures and principles for interpretation and translation proposed by the three Sectors and the General Secretariat...”*.

It must be recognized that at present the implementation of Resolution 154 is limited to the translation of documentation, and fails to take sufficient account of translation problems relating to the ITU website.

#### **2 Proposal**

Cameroon proposes that the website be translated into the six languages, in application of Resolution 154, as this resolution should be interpreted as being applicable to all types of media, including the website.

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