

Note by the Secretary-General

ENTITIES EXEMPTED FROM FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

Summary

This document summarizes the situation of entities currently exempted from contribution.

Action required

This report is transmitted to the Council **for information**.

References

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1 Introduction

The criteria and guidelines for exemptions were introduced in 2000. There are currently 112 entities exempt from fees (see Annex for entire list), accounting for about one in five Sector Members. There has been a quick rise in exemptions in the last few years: about one-third of the total has come since PP-10. Exemption from fees is granted by the Council following an analysis and recommendation by the Secretary-General. The main criteria are that the entity must be a regional or international organization, non-profit-making, and must offer reciprocal benefits to ITU. With this broad definition, a number of NGOs and business associations are among the organizations exempted, while other similar organizations are paying members of ITU. A review of eligibility criteria for exemptions could help bring greater clarity, consistency, and fairness between paying and non-paying members. The list of exempted entities must be approved by each Plenipotentiary Conference. The secretariat is currently reviewing the list to identify non-active entities, with the objective of proposing some reduction by PP-14.

2 Current exempted organizations

Of the 112 currently exempted entities, 22% are intergovernmental organizations, 53% are non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and 25% are business associations. They are distributed by region along the following lines: Americas 20%, Western Europe 44%, Eastern Europe and North Asia 3%, Africa 19%, Asia and Australasia 14%.

Some 30% of exempted entities are members of the three Sectors (ITU-R, ITU-T, ITU-D) and 42% are members of only one Sector. In terms of participation, 69% of exempted entities have registered for ITU events during the last four years. For the other 31%, the secretariat has no trace of registrations for ITU events during this period. In addition, 18% of exempted entities have concluded an agreement or equivalent with ITU.

The above mentioned information is available in greater detail [here](#). Additional analysis is underway, including a survey of exempted entities to yield additional information in advance of the next Plenipotentiary Conference.

Annex

List of Exempted Entities

ENTITY	ITU-R	ITU-T	ITU-D
African Civil Society for the Information Society (ACSIS)	N	N	Y
African ICT Consumers Network (AICN)	N	Y	Y
African Telecommunications Union	Y	Y	Y
African Union	Y	Y	Y
African Union of Broadcasting	Y	Y	Y
Arab Business Forum for Information and Communication Technology	N	N	Y
Arab Information and Communication Technology Organization (AICTO)	Y	Y	Y
Arab Private Broadcasting Union	Y	Y	Y
Arab Regulators Network	Y	Y	Y
Arab States Broadcasting Union	Y	N	Y
Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union	Y	Y	Y
Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development	N	N	Y
Asia-Pacific Telecommunity	Y	Y	Y
Asociación Iberoamericana de Centros de Investigación y Empresas de Telecomunicaciones	Y	Y	Y
Asociación de Reguladores Administrador del Foro Latinoamericano de Entes Reguladores de Telecomunicaciones	Y	Y	Y
Associação Empresarial de Comunicações de Portugal	N	N	Y
Associação de Reguladores de Comunicações e Telecomunicações da Comunidade dos Países de Língua Portuguesa (ARCTEL-CPLP)	N	N	Y
Association of Andean Community Telecommunications Enterprises	Y	Y	Y
Broadcast Networks Europe	Y	N	N
Caribbean Association of National Telecommunication Organizations	N	N	Y
Caribbean Broadcasting Union	Y	N	Y
Caribbean Telecommunications Union	Y	Y	Y
Centre for Environment and Development for the Arab Region and Europe	N	Y	Y
Child Helpline International	N	Y	Y
Committee on Radio Astronomy Frequencies	Y	N	N
Committee on Space Research	Y	N	N
Commonwealth ITU Group	Y	Y	Y
Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation	N	Y	Y

ENTITY	ITU-R	ITU-T	ITU-D
Consortium d'Appui aux Actions pour la Promotion et le Développement de l'Afrique (CAPDA)	N	N	Y
Consumers International	N	Y	Y
Continua Health Alliance	Y	Y	Y
Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf	Y	Y	Y
Diaspora africaine pour la société de l'information	N	N	Y
Digital Opportunity Trust	N	N	Y
Digital Radio Mondiale	Y	N	Y
Dominic Foundation	N	Y	Y
EIDQ Association -The Association for the Directory Information and Related Search Industry	N	A17	N
East African Communications Organization	Y	Y	y
East African Community	N	N	y
Ecole Supérieure Multinationale des Télécommunications	Y	Y	y
Economic Community for West African States	Y	Y	y
European Broadcasting Union	Y	Y	y
European Communications Office	Y	Y	y
European Competitive Telecommunications Association	Y	Y	y
European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations	Y	Y	y
European Telecommunications Network Operators' Association	Y	Y	y
European Telecommunications Satellite Organisation	Y	Y	y
European Telecommunications Standards Institute	Y	Y	y
FTTH Council Asia-Pacific	N	N	y
Fibre to the Home Council Middle East & North Africa (FTTH MENA)	N	N	y
Forum of Incident Response and Security Teams (FIRST)	N	Y	y
G3ict - Global Initiative for Inclusive Information and Communication Technologies	N	Y	y
Global Knowledge Partnership Foundation	N	N	y
Global VSAT Forum	N	N	y
Gobal ICT Standardization Forum for India (GISFI)	N	Y	N
High Frequency Co-ordination Conference	Y	N	N
IJMA3-The Arab ICT Organization	N	Y	Y
ITU-APT Foundation of India	N	Y	Y
Indigenous Peoples ICT Task Force	N	N	Y
Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc.	Y	Y	Y

ENTITY	ITU-R	ITU-T	ITU-D
Inter-American Telecommunication Commission	Y	Y	Y
International Air Transport Association	Y	Y	Y
International Amateur Radio Union	Y	N	Y
International Association of Broadcasting	Y	N	N
International Association of IT Lawyers (IAITL)	N	Y	N
International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities	Y	N	N
International Astronautical Federation	Y	N	N
International Astronomical Union	Y	N	N
International Bureau of Weights and Measures	Y	N	N
International Center for Disability Resources on the Internet (ICDRI)	N	Y	N
International Center for Promotion of Enterprises	N	N	Y
International Committee of the Red Cross	Y	Y	Y
International Council for Science	Y	N	N
International Council on Large Electric Systems	Y	Y	N
International Electrotechnical Commission	Y	Y	Y
International Federation for Information Processing	N	Y	Y
International Maritime Radio Association	Y	Y	N
International Mobile Satellite Organization	Y	N	N
International Organization for Standardization	Y	Y	Y
International Satellite System for Search and Rescue	Y	N	N
International Special Committee on Radio Interference	Y	N	N
International Telecommunication Academy	N	A13	A2
International Telecommunications Satellite Organization	Y	Y	Y
International Telecommunications Users Group	N	Y	Y
International Union of Radio Science	Y	Y	Y
Internet Society	N	Y	Y
Internet Systems Consortium	N	Y	Y
League of Arab States	Y	Y	Y
Mandat International	N	Y	N
NetHope Inc	N	N	Y
North American Broadcasters Association (NABA)	Y	N	N
Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC)	N	Y	Y
Pacific Islands Telecommunications Association	Y	Y	Y
Regional African Satellite Communications Organization	Y	N	Y
Regional Commonwealth in the Field of Communications	Y	Y	Y
Scientific Committee on Frequency Allocations for Radio Astronomy and Space Science	Y	N	N
Sintesis Foundation	N	N	Y

ENTITY	ITU-R	ITU-T	ITU-D
Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers	Y	N	N
Southern Africa Telecentre Networks	Y	Y	Y
Southern African Development Community	N	N	Y
Telecentre.org Foundation	N	N	Y
Telecommunications Regional Technical Commission	Y	Y	Y
The Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics	N	N	Y
The Asia-Pacific Satellite Communications Council	Y	N	N
UMTS Forum	Y	Y	Y
Union Economique et Monétaire Ouest Africaine	N	Y	Y
United Kingdom Telecommunications Academy (UKTA)	N	Y	Y
WebForce International Federation	N	N	Y
West Africa Telecommunications Regulators Assembly	Y	Y	Y
World Association of Community Radio Broadcasters	Y	N	Y
World Broadcasting Unions - Technical Committee	Y	N	N
World Forum for Digital Audio Broadcasting	Y	N	N