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**Note by the Chairman of Committee 5's Ad hoc Group on ITRs**

**COMPILATION OF PROPOSALS FOR REVISED RESOLUTION 146**

Please find attached a compilation of the proposals for revised Resolution 146 on review of the ITRs.

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RESOLUTION 146 (~~REV.ANTALYA BUSAN, 2006~~14)

MOD RCC/73A1/20/73A1/20

**Regular Rreview of the International Telecommunication Regulations**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union  
(~~Antalya, 2006~~Busan, 2014),

*Considering*

MOD IAP/34A1/23, RCC/73A1/20/73A1/20

a) that the International Telecommunication Regulations (ITRs) were last amended in  
~~Melbourne in 1988~~Dubai in 2012 and shall enter into force on January 2015;

SUP IAP/34A1/23, ARB/79A2/8, RCC/73A1/20

~~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);~~

ADD ARB/79A2/8 (below ADD IAP/34A1/23 and AFCP/69A1/9 have simple reference without quoting CS/Art 25 text)

b) that Article 25 of the Constitution provides, *inter alia*, that a world conference on international telecommunications (WCIT) may partially or, in exceptional cases, completely revise the ITRs, and may deal with any question of a worldwide character within its competence and related to its agenda;]

ADD RCC/73A1/20, AFCP/69A1/9

b) that ~~the outcome of WCIT-12 was not signed by a significant number of Member States, for a number of ITU Member States~~whom the 1988 version of the ITRs will continue to apply;

ADD IAP/34A1/23, AFCP/69A1/9, ARB/79A2/8, RCC/73A1/20

b) that the World Conference on International Telecommunications adopted Resolution 4 (Dubai, 2012) which calls for consideration of periodic review of International Telecommunications Regulations,

SUP IAP/34A1/23, ARB/79A2/8, RCC/73A1/20

~~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));~~

MOD IAP/34A1/23

d) that treaty-level provisions are required with respect to some aspects of international telecommunication networks and services;

MOD IAP/34A1/23

e) that the international telecommunication~~s~~ environment has significantly evolved, both from the technical and policy perspectives, and that it continues to evolve rapidly;

**NOC**

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;

**MOD IAP/34A1/23**

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, telecommunication networks and services to support the information society;

**MOD IAP/34A1/23**

h) that ITU can play an important role in ~~facilitating at the~~ discussion of new and emerging issues, including those arising from the changing international telecommunication environment,

**j)-k) ADD ARB/79A2/8**

j) that the six principal regional telecommunication organizations<sup>1</sup>, namely the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT), the European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations (CEPT), the Inter-American Telecommunications Commission (CITEL), the African Telecommunications Union (ATU), the Council of Arab Ministers of Telecommunication and Information represented by the Secretariat-General of the League of Arab States (LAS) and the Regional Commonwealth in the field of Communications (RCC), seek close cooperation with the Union;

k) that there were wide consultations in all ITU regions prior to WCIT-12, showing great interest in the revision of the ITRs,

**i)-k) ADD AFCP/69A1/9**

i) that the ITU Council Working Group in preparing for the 2012 World Conference on International Telecommunications (WCIT-12) held extensive discussions on the ITRs;

j) that there have been wide consultations in all ITU regions, involving ITU Member States, ITU Sector Members, Associates and Academia and civil society groups, showing great interest in the revision of the ITRs;

k) that many input documents were submitted by the ITU membership for consideration;

**ADD IAP/34A1/23, some also supported by ADD [ARB/79A2/8, AFCP/69A1/9]**

recognizing

1. Articles 13 and 25 of the ITU Constitution;

2. No. 48 (Article 3) of the ITU Convention;

3. that the ITRs are one of the instruments of the Union under Article 4 of the ITU Constitution;

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<sup>1</sup> It is to be taken into consideration that there are certain Member States of the Union that do not belong to any of the six principal regional organizations but may take part in the preparatory meetings organized by the Union in the region to which they belong.

~~1.4. that the ITRs consist of high-level guiding principles that should not require frequent amendments, [yet] in the fast-moving sector of telecommunications/ICTs [may] need to be periodically reviewed,~~

**ADD IAP/34A1/23, AFCP/69A1/9**

*noting*

*a) that technological development and demand for services that require high bandwidth continue to increase;*

*b) that the ITRs:*

*i) establish general principles on the provision and operation of international telecommunication services;*

*ii) facilitate global interconnection and interoperability;*

*iii) promote efficiency, usefulness and availability of international telecommunication services,*

**ADD RCC/73A1/20**

*c) that the ITRs were established with a view to facilitating global interconnection and interoperability of telecommunication facilities and to promoting the harmonious development and efficient operation of technical facilities, as well as the efficiency, usefulness and availability to the public of international telecommunication services;*

**NOC**

*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;*

**MOD IAP/34A1/23, [AFCP/69A1/9], [ARB/79A2/8, RCC/73A1/20]**

*c) that it is important to ensure that the ITRs are reviewed periodically 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 [authorized or recognized] operating agencies;*

**SUP IAP/34A1/23, ARB/79A2/8, AFCP/69A1/9**

~~*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*

**SUP IAP/34A1/23, ARB/79A2/8, AFCP/69A1/9**

~~*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;*~~

**NOC ARB/79A2/8, RCC/73A1/20**

SUP IAP/34A1/23, AFCP/69A1/9

[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*

MOD IAP/34A1/23, AFCP/69A1/9, ARB/79A2/8, RCC/73A1/20 - [ARB/79A2/8] [IAP/34A1/23]

1 that a review of the ITRs should normally be carried out periodically every eight years [, starting from WCIT (Dubai, 2012)] [to assess the need to convene a WCIT to update the ITRs];

MOD AFCP/69A1/9, RCC/73A1/20, [ARB/79A2/8]

2 that ITU-T should [undertake a review of the existing ITRs, engaging with the other ~~Sectors~~ sectors as may be required, with ITU-T] [act] as the focal point for WCITs;

SUP IAP/34A1/23, ARB/79A2/8, AFCP/69A1/9

~~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;~~

MOD IAP/34A1/23, AFCP/69A1/9, ARB/79A2/8, RCC/73A1/20 - [IAP/34A1/23] [IAP/34A1/23] [ARB/79A2/8]

~~3 that the review process of the ITRs commence in 2017, two years after their entry into force, [at Council and at the Sector Advisory Groups,] [which will establish the methodology and procedures for the review] [to discuss the agenda of WCIT-20, with the results of the CPP to be submitted to the next plenipotentiary conference in 2018 for adoption];~~

ADD [ARB/79A2/8] [IAP/34A1/23]

~~5 that ITU, in collaboration with the six principal regional organizations, and within [available financial][existing budgetary] resources, shall organize six regional preparatory meetings, one for each region, to prepare for WCITs,~~

MOD [IAP/34A1/23][RCC/73A1/20]

~~5 that [consideration of the review of the ITRs be taken] [a world conference on international telecommunications (WCIT) be convened] at the seat of ITU in 201220, on the basis of the recommendations arising from the preparatory process of review,~~

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*instructs the Council*

1 to consider the reports on the above-mentioned matters and take actions, as appropriate;

MOD ARB/79A2/8, AFCP/69A1/9, RCC/73A1/20

2 to adopt the agenda and fix the dates of the next WCIT by ~~2011~~2018,

MOD IAP/34A1/23

~~2 to adopt the agenda and fix the dates of WCIT by 2011 at its 2020 Session, to discuss the results of the review process and to prepare a report in order to enable the 2022 Plenipotentiary Conference to decide whether a WCIT is to be convened to update the ITRs,~~

SUP IAP/34A1/23, ARB/79A2/8

**MOD AFCP/69A1/9, RCC/73A1/20**

*[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,]

**ADD IAP/34A1/23**

*instructs the Radiocommunication Advisory Group (RAG), the Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group (TSAG) and the Telecommunication Development Advisory Group (TDAG),*

*1 each within its field of competence, to include in their respective agendas discussions and further necessary studies concerning the future review of the ITRs;*

*2 each, to present reports to the 2020 Session of Council with an assessment on the procedures for revision of the ITRs and on the need to convene a WCIT to update the ITRs;*

**SUP IAP/34A1/23**

**MOD ARB/79A2/8, AFCP/69A1/9, RCC/73A1/20**

*[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 future review of the ITRs-[and to the preparatory process of WCIT.]

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