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The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union
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recalling

- a) No. 47 in Article 8 of the ITU Constitution, which stipulates that the Plenipotentiary Conference shall be convened every four years;*
- b) Nos. 90 and 91 in Article 13 of the Constitution, which stipulate that world radiocommunication conferences (WRC) and radiocommunication assemblies (RA) shall normally be convened every three to four years, and shall be associated in place and time;*
- c) No. 114 in Article 18 of the Constitution, which stipulates that world telecommunication standardization assemblies shall be convened every four years;*
- d) No. 141 in Article 22 of the ITU Constitution, which stipulates that, between two plenipotentiary conferences, there shall be one world telecommunication development conference (WTDC);*
- e) No. 51 in Article 4 of the ITU Convention, which stipulates that the ITU Council shall hold an ordinary session annually at the seat of the Union;*
- f) Resolution 77 (Rev. Busan, 2014) of this conference,*

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Resolution 111 (Rev. Busan, 2014) of this conference, which stipulates that the Union and its Member States should make every effort, as far as practicable, in order that the planned period of any ITU conference or assembly not be scheduled on any period which is considered a major religious period by a Member State,

- a) Decision 7 (Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, which instructed the ITU Council, *inter alia*, to establish a group of specialists to report on the "effectiveness, efficiency, and economy of the management and administration of the Union as a whole";*

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a) that according to item 62A of the ITU Convention, Council shall "(...) in the last but one ordinary session of the Council before the next plenipotentiary conference, initiate the preparation of a draft new strategic plan for the Union, drawing upon input from Member States, Sector Members and the Sector advisory groups, and produce a coordinated draft new strategic plan at least four months before that plenipotentiary conference";

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~~and economy of the management and administration of the Union as a whole";~~

b) the presentation to the 2003 session of the Council by the Group of Specialists (GoS), containing a series of recommendations which identified a number of improvements that could be made to the management of the Union, and which resulted in the adoption of Council Resolution 1216 outlining various implementation strategies;

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c) that GoS, in its recommendation 2 relating to the process for preparation and review of the budget, recommended that the budget preparation time should be lengthened in order to allow this process to take place, and that consideration should be given to convening the Council no earlier than September each year, so that the budget would be ready and audit reports from the preceding year would be available for review,

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~~c) that since its first edition in 2000, world telecommunication standardization assemblies (WTSA) have been held in the third or last quarter of every even year in between plenipotentiary conferences;~~

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d) that recommendation 2 of the Group of Specialists (GoS) has been implemented, to the extent practicable,

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~~d) that the ITU Telecom World annual events are normally being held in the last quarter of the calendar year;~~

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~~e) that recommendation 2 of the Group of Specialists (GoS) has been implemented, to the extent practicable,~~

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~~e) that since its first edition in 1994, the world telecommunication development conference (WTDC) is normally held in the first or second quarter of the same year as the plenipotentiary conference,~~

recognizing

a) that the plenipotentiary conference is normally held in the last quarter of the calendar year and that this schedule impacts on the dates of the Council session;

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~~b) that in order for Council to comply most effectively with 62A of the ITU Convention, its session prior to the year of the plenipotentiary conference should be held as early as possible, allowing additional time for the preparation of draft strategic and financial plans for the following year;~~

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~~b) that holding the world telecommunication development conference (WTDC) is normally held in the first or second quarter of the same year as the plenipotentiary conference represents a burden for the Union's membership and staff;~~

c) that it is preferable to have a gap of five to six months between the plenipotentiary conference and WTDC;

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~~e) that it is preferable to have a gap of five to six months between the plenipotentiary conference and WTDC;~~

~~c) that RAs are normally associated in place and time with WRCs;~~

d) that scheduling the Council earlier in the calendar year in which the plenipotentiary conference is held would improve the linkage between the strategic, financial and operational plans, and the budget and other activities to be carried out by the Council,

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~~d) that most past Council sessions have been held in or around the second quarter of the calendar year;~~

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~~e) the need to consider major religious periods as set out in Resolution 111 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) of the Plenipotentiary Conference,~~

recognizing further

a) that the date of the ordinary session of the Council is not fixed within a plenipotentiary cycle;

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a) that since 1997, the majority of Council sessions were held in the second/third quarter of the year, including the 2012 (July), 2013 (June) and 2014 (May) sessions, and that Council 2015 is scheduled to be held in May/2015;

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a) that the date of the ordinary session of the Council is not fixed ~~within a plenipotentiary cycle;~~

b) that the Council tends to meet in, or close to, the second quarter of the calendar year;

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b) that the Council working group for the elaboration of the draft strategic and financial plans of the Union for 2016-2019, created in June 2013, held two meetings in June and November 2013, which would have been impossible had Council held its 2013 Session in the last quarter,

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c) that the external auditor's reports on the Union's finances should normally be available to the Council in due time prior to its sessions;

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d) that scheduling the ordinary session of the Council during the last quarter of the calendar year would make the review of finances more effective;

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convinced

a) that a predictable schedule of Council sessions in the same quarter every year would enable the general secretariat, the three sectors and the ITU membership to prepare more accordingly and, by allowing a regular interval in between sessions, would also be beneficial to the scheduling of meetings of the several Council working groups;

b) that the second quarter of the calendar year is a feasible period to schedule regular Council sessions in a predictable and planned fashion,

resolves

1 that plenipotentiary conferences shall, in principle, be held in the last quarter of the year;

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1 that ~~plenipotentiary-ITU conferences and assemblies~~ shall, in principle, be held in the last quarter of the year, ~~and not in the same year¹, except as provided in recognizing c) above;~~

2 that the Council shall, in principle, hold its ordinary session in the final quarter of each year, except for the year in which the plenipotentiary conference is held, during which the final Council session is to be held five to six months before the beginning of the plenipotentiary conference, subject to taking into consideration the timing of WTDC in that year, unless otherwise decided by the Council,

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2 that the Council shall, in principle, hold its ordinary session in the ~~final-second~~ quarter of each year, ~~except for the year in which the plenipotentiary conference is held, during which the final Council session is to be held and~~ five to six months before the beginning of the plenipotentiary conference, subject to taking into consideration the timing of WTDC in that year, unless otherwise decided by the Council,

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2 that the Council shall, in principle, hold its ordinary session in ~~or around the final-second~~ quarter of ~~each the calendar year, it being left to the Council to set the dates of its following session within or around the second quarter of the calendar year~~ ~~except for the year in which the plenipotentiary conference is held, during which the final Council session is to be held five to six months before the beginning of the plenipotentiary conference, subject to taking into~~

¹ Apart from world conferences on international telecommunications.

~~consideration the timing of WTDC in that year, unless otherwise decided by the Council,~~

instructs the Secretary-General

to report to the Council on the implementation of this resolution, proposing further improvements, as appropriate,

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instructs the Council

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1 at each session, to schedule its three following sessions in May/June/July of the following three years;

to take appropriate measures to facilitate the implementation of this resolution and report to future plenipotentiary conferences on possible improvements in the implementation of this resolution.

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