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MERGER OF TEXT INTO RESOLUTION 77 AND SUPPRESSION:
RESOLUTION 4 DURATION OF PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE SO THE UNION
RESOLUTION 153: SCHEDULING OF COUNCIL SESSIONS AND PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCES

RESOLUTION 77 (REV. BUSAN, 2014)

Duration and Scheduling of the Plenipotentiary, Council Sessions, Conferences and Assemblies of the Union (2015-2018)

Future Scheduling and Duration of Plenipotentiary, Council Sessions, Conferences, and Assemblies of the Union (2015-2019)

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union
(~~Guadalajara, 2010~~Busan, 2014),

recalling

- a) No. 47 in Article 8 of the ITU Constitution, which stipulates that the Plenipotentiary Conference shall be convened every four years;
- b) Article 10 of the ITU Constitution
- c) Article 3 and 4 of the ITU Convention;
- d) 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;
- e) No. 114 in Article 18 of the Constitution, which stipulates that world telecommunication standardization assemblies shall be convened every four years;
- f) 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)g)~~ 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;

h) Resolution 111 (Rev. Busan, 2014) of the Plenipotentiary Conference,
recognizing

a) Resolution 71 the strategic plan established for the Union and its Sectors for the period 2016-2019, and the priorities identified therein;

b) that, in the consideration of the draft financial plan of the Union for 2016-2019, the challenge to increase revenues in support of increasing programme demands is substantial;

considering

a) the need to take into account the financial resources of the Union when scheduling world conferences and assemblies, particularly the necessity for ensuring efficient Union operations within limited resources;

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

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

~~e)d)~~ the growing importance to seek synergies with the numerous other forums, exhibitions and symposiums organized under the auspices of the ITU, including ITU Telecom, WTPF, WSIS Forum and Global Symposium for Regulators;

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

having considered

a) Document PP-~~1014/55-56~~ submitted by the Secretary-General, on planned conferences and assemblies;

b) ~~b~~the proposals submitted by several Member States,
bearing in mind

a) Option 3 the increasing demands and necessary preparatory work to be carried out by Member States, Sector Members, the General Secretariat and the Sectors of the Union before each ~~session of a world~~ conferences and assemblies of the Union;

b) ~~e~~that scheduling the Council earlier in the calendar year improves the linkage between the strategic, financial and operational plans, and the budget and other activities to be carried out by the Council;

~~b)c)~~ that a predictable schedule of the plenipotentiary conferences, council sessions, other conferences and assemblies during the same time period would enable the general secretariat, the three sectors and the ITU membership to prepare more accordingly would also be beneficial to the scheduling of other meetings of the Union including the Council working groups;

d) that June-July of the calendar year is a feasible period to schedule regular Council sessions in a predictable and planned fashion

noting

- a) that the dates for the next Radiocommunication Assembly (RA) have been set for 26-30 October, 2015, 16-20 January 2012 and those for the next World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC) for 2-27 November 2015, 23 January – 17 February 2012,
- b) 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;

resolves

- 1 that there shall not be more than one treaty conference in any calendar year;
- 2 that there shall not be more than one conference and/or assembly in any calendar year;
- 3 that exhibitions, forums, high level events, and symposiums of a worldwide character shall be scheduled within the allocated resources in the Financial Plan and Biennial Budget, bearing in mind other events of a worldwide character;
- 4 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 recalling d) above;
- 5 ~~1~~ that the schedule of future plenipotentiary conferences, council sessions, other conferences and assemblies for the years 2011-2014, 2015-2019 shall be as follows:
- 5.1 that the Council shall, in principle, hold its ordinary session within or around June-July of each the calendar 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, unless otherwise decided by the Council,
- 5.2 World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA): shall be held, in [November-December] 2016-2012;
- 5.3 ~~3~~ World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC): shall be held in [March-April 2014, November-December] of 2017 and every 4 years hereafter;
- 5.4 Plenipotentiary Conference:
- (i) that future Plenipotentiary conferences shall, unless there is a pressing need otherwise, be limited to a duration of three to four weeks,
- (ii) that the 2018 Plenipotentiary conference shall be held in the last quarter in the United Arab Emirates;
- 5.5 The Radiocommunication Assembly (RA) and World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC) shall be held in 2019;
- 7 ~~2~~ that the agendas of world and regional conferences shall be established in accordance with the relevant provisions of the ITU Convention and the agendas of assemblies shall be established,

¹ Apart from world conferences on international telecommunications.

as appropriate, taking into account the resolutions and recommendations of the relevant conferences and assemblies;

83 (i) that the dates and duration given in *noting* above for RA-15 and WRC-15~~WRC-12~~, for which the agenda has been established and approved, must not be modified;

(ii) that the conferences and assemblies mentioned in *resolves* 1 should be held within the periods indicated there, that the precise dates and places, ~~where not already decided,~~ will be set by the ITU Council, taking into consideration Resolution 153 (Rev. Busan, 2014), after consultation of the Member States, leaving sufficient time between the various conferences, and that the precise duration shall be decided by the Council after their agendas have been established.

instructs the Secretary-General

to take appropriate measures to facilitate the most efficient use of time and resources during such conferences;

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

instructs the Council

1 at each session, to schedule its three following sessions in June-July for the following three years;

±2 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.
