
COMMITTEE 5 AHG

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**Note by the Chairman of Committee 5's Ad hoc Group on
Resolution 166**

PROPOSED REVISED RESOLUTION 166

Please find attached a proposal for revised Resolution 166 on the number of vice-chairmen of Sector advisory groups, study groups and other groups.

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RESOLUTION 166 (~~GUADALAJARA, 2010~~REV. BUSAN, 2014)

**Number of vice-chairmen of Sector advisory groups,
study groups and other groups**

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

considering

a) that Article 20 of the ITU Convention relating to the conduct of business of study groups stipulates:

242 1 *The radiocommunication assembly, the world telecommunication
PP-98 standardization assembly and the world telecommunication
development conference shall appoint the chairman and one vice-
chairman or more for each study group. In appointing chairmen
and vice-chairmen, particular consideration shall be given to the
requirements of competence and equitable geographical
distribution, and to the need to promote more efficient
participation by the developing countries;*

243 2 *If the workload of any study group requires, the assembly or
PP-98 conference shall appoint such additional vice-chairmen as it
deems necessary;*

b) that the Radiocommunication Assembly (RA), the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA) and the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC) have adopted resolutions relating to the appointment and maximum terms of office for chairmen and vice-chairmen of their respective advisory groups and study groups,

recognizing

~~a) that there are currently no established criteria in any of the three ITU Sectors have established the appointment procedure, required qualifications and guidelines with respect to the numbers of chairmen and vice-chairmen of Sector advisory groups and study groups and other groups¹ (including the Conference Preparatory Meeting (CPM) and the Special Committee for Regulatory and Procedural Matters (SC-RPM) in the ITU Radiocommunication Sector (ITU-R));~~

~~b) the experience of the World Telecommunication Development Conference (Dubai, 2014) to appoint up to two consensus vice-chairmen for each of the six regions, for an effective and efficient operation and management of each of the groups in question;~~

~~c) the need to seek and encourage suitable representation of the chairmen and vice-chairmen, who may come from developing countries, including least developed countries, small island developing states-, landlocked developed countries and countries with economies in transition;~~

~~d) the need to encourage the effective participation of all elected vice-chairmen in the work of their respective advisory groups and study groups,~~

~~¹—The criteria contained within this resolution do not apply to the designation of chairmen or vice-chairmen of focus groups.~~

recognizing further

- a) that the Sector advisory groups, study groups and other groups should appoint only the number of vice-chairmen deemed necessary for the efficient and effective management and functioning of the group in question;
- b) that steps should be taken to provide some continuity between chairmen and vice-chairmen,
- c) the benefits of establishing maximum terms in order to guarantee, on the one hand, reasonable stability to advance the work, and, on the other, allow for renewal with candidates having new perspectives and vision;
- d) the importance of effectively mainstreaming gender perspectives into the policies of all ITU Sectors;
- e) the importance to establish objective roles for each elected vice-chairmen to better distribute the management workload on the meetings of the Union and to establish a commitment of each vice-chairman with the work of the respective advisory group and study group,

taking into account

- ~~a) — the discussion that took place at the last plenary meeting of WTDC-10 with respect to the need to invite the Plenipotentiary Conference to provide guidelines on the necessary harmonized criteria to be established with respect to the numbers of vice-chairmen of Sector advisory groups, study groups and other groups;~~
- ~~b) — the fact that, currently, an individual from a single Member State can hold more than one position in a given Sector or in the three Sectors, which may be inconsistent with the principle of equitable geographical distribution, and with the need to promote promotion of more efficient participation by the developing countries,~~
- b) that, currently, an individual from a single Member State can hold more than one position in a given Sector or in the three Sectors, which may be inconsistent with the principle of equitable geographical distribution, and with the need to promote more efficient participation by the developing countries,

resolves to invite the Radiocommunication Assembly, the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly and the World Telecommunication Development Conference, in consultation with the Directors of the three Bureaux

to review the current situation with a view to establishing the necessary criteria for appointment of the optimum numbers of vice-chairmen for Sector advisory groups, study groups and other groups (including, to the extent practicable, CPM and SC-RPM in ITU-R), as the case may be, taking into account the following guidelines:

- 1) The number of vice-chairmen should be limited to the minimum necessary experienced professionals, as per the respective Sector resolutions relating to the appointment of vice-chairmen of Sector advisory groups, study groups and other groups
- 2) Equitable geographical distribution among ITU regions and the need to promote more effective participation by the developing countries should be taken into account so as to ensure that every region be represented at least by one or two competent and experienced persons in the Sector advisory groups, study groups and other groups

- 3) The total number of chairmen and vice-chairmen proposed by any administration should be fairly reasonable, so as to observe the principle of equitable distribution of posts among the Member States concerned
- 4) Regional representation in the advisory groups, study groups and other groups of all three Sectors should be taken into account, such that no single individual may hold more than ~~one~~ **two** vice-chairmanship position in these groups in any one Sector, and only in exceptional cases hold such a position in more than one Sector, **based on the needs of each region?**
- 5) **The appointment of candidates from countries that do not hold any position of chairmen and vice-chairmen should be encouraged**
- 6) Each ITU region ~~attending RA, WTSA and WTDC~~ is encouraged, ~~when assigning the positions to individual~~ **to submit a consensus list of candidates who are** experienced professionals, to fully observe the principle of equitable geographical distribution among ITU regions, and the need to promote more efficient participation by the developing countries, **preferably three months prior but at least two weeks before the opening of the RA, WTSA and WTDC, respectively**
- 67) The above-mentioned guidelines may, to the extent practicable, be applied to CPM and SC-RPM in ITU-R,

instructs the Secretary-General and the Directors of the three Bureaux

to make necessary arrangements for the proper implementation of this resolution,

instructs the Directors of the three Bureaux

~~1~~ — to include the subject matter in the agenda of the next meeting of their respective advisory group, with a view to duly establishing the required harmonized criteria for the selection/appointment of the above-mentioned positions;

~~2~~ — to make the necessary arrangements for RA, WTSA and WTDC to review the criteria referred to above in their respective resolutions and/or recommendations, including by preparing and providing necessary information regarding the position(s) already held by individual persons from each country in all three ITU Sectors under *instructs the Directors of the three Bureaux 1*.

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

~~1~~ to establish objective roles to be performed by all elected vice-chairmen in the management of the work for each Study Group and Advisory Group, by assigning them leading positions on relevant tasks and working groups (e.g., chairmanship of Working Parties, rapporteur groups and study questions);

~~2~~ to elaborate relevant and objective criteria to be considered when establishing the roles for vice-chairmanship in order to ensure efficiency in the leading structure of such groups,

~~2~~ The criterion mentioned in this paragraph should not prevent a vice-chairman of a given advisory group or a vice-chairman of a given study group from holding positions of chairman or vice-chairman of a given working party or as rapporteur or associate rapporteur for any group under the mandate of that Sector group.

invites Member States and Sector Members

- 1 to help their candidates who have been chosen for the proposed posts, and to support and facilitate their work during their entire term;
 - 2 to promote the nomination of women candidates to the advisory groups, study groups, and other groups of the ITU Sectors.
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