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Decision 11 (~~Guadalajara, 2010~~Rev. BUSAN, 2014)

Creation and management of Council working groups

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

considering

- a) that the purposes of the Union are set out in Article 1 of the ITU Constitution;
- b) that Article 7 of the Constitution states that the Council acts on behalf of the Plenipotentiary Conference;
- c) that Article 10 of the Constitution states that, in the interval between plenipotentiary conferences, the Council shall act, as governing body of the Union, on behalf of the Plenipotentiary Conference within the limits of the powers delegated to it by the latter;
- d) that Resolution 71 (Rev. ~~Guadalajara~~Busan, 2014~~0~~) of this conference, on the strategic plan for the Union for 201~~26~~-201~~95~~, identifies key issues, goals, strategies and priorities for the Union as a whole, for each of the Sectors and for the General Secretariat;
- e) that ITU Council adopted at its 2011 session Council Resolution 1333 on guiding principles for the creation, management and termination of Council working groups,

considering further

- a) that the current Council and working group schedule has caused considerable strain on Member State and Sector Member resources;
- b) that the constraints of the world economic situation also serve to further increase the growing demands placed on the activities of the Union and to highlight the limited resources available from Member States and Sector Members;
- c) that, in the resulting economic crisis facing the Union, Member States and Sector Members, there is an urgent need to seek innovative ways to rationalize internal costs, optimize resources and improve efficiency,

USA/27A1/4: Proposal by the United States (as amended in the discussion)

ADD new:

recognizing

- a) [that Council Working Groups operate in accordance with their approved terms of reference, which specify their purpose and modality] provide support and recommendations to the Council by addressing and considering broad policy issues relating to the purposes and activities of the Union and implementation of the Strategic Plan to ensure that the Union's policies and

~~strategies fully respond to today's dynamic, rapidly changing telecommunications environment;~~

~~*b)* [the WSIS principles of multistakeholderism and inclusiveness, the widely successful informal experts group used to prepare for the 2013 World Telecommunication Policy Forum and the Multistakeholder Preparatory Platform for developing drafts of the outcome documents for consideration by the WSIS+10 High-Level Event,]~~

~~*[taking into account*~~

~~*a)* United Nations Resolution A/RES/66/288, "The Future We Want" paragraph 248 instructs the United Nations "to establish an inclusive and transparent intergovernmental process on sustainable development goals that is open to all stakeholders";~~

~~*b)* the full involvement of the membership, including Sector Members, as well as interested stakeholders, is critical to successful development of international Internet-related public policy issues,]~~

decides

1 that the Council should decide to create working groups based on key issues, goals, strategies and priorities identified in Resolution 71 (Rev. ~~GuadalajaraBusan~~, 2014)¹;

2 that the Council should decide the working groups' mandates, and working procedures consistent with the Rules of Procedure of the Council;

EUR/80A1/4: Proposal by CEPT (as amended in the discussion)

ADD new:

~~OPTION A [3 that all working groups [shall/should] be open [by default] to all Member States and Sector Members in accordance with their terms of reference of the working groups and in line with 60A/60B of the ITU Convention];]~~

~~OPTION B [3 that member states which is not a Member State of the Council and Sector Members may attend, as observers, in the Council working groups in accordance with their terms of reference of the working groups and in line with CV 60A and 60B]~~

~~[4 that working groups dealing with Internet-related issues shall be open to all interested stakeholders;]~~

3 that the Council should decide the leadership of the working groups;

USA/27A1/4: Proposal by the United States (as amended in the discussion)

¹ taking into account the decisions of the Plenipotentiary Conference.

~~3a that the Council should decide the leadership of the working groups with the intention and aim of providing equitable geographical distribution and gender balance;~~ *(Request of advice from legal advisor if adding this reference would imply the need to revise council Resolution 1333. References to res 48, 70 and 166. Request to have legal advisor in the next meeting)*

~~3b that the Council shall decide the leadership of the working groups in accordance with competence and experience in the field; due regard shall be paid to such factors as equitable geographical distribution and gender balance;~~ *(note, aligned with Council Res 1333)*

~~3c that the Council should decide the leadership of the working groups with the intention of providing equitable geographical distribution and gender balance [amongst candidates equally qualified in the field[,in accordance with Council resolution 1333];~~

~~4 that the Council should, based on criteria to be adopted at its ordinary 2011 session, decide on the termination of working groups, according to circumstances under which termination is appropriate, including completion of the tasks under their mandate, changing requirements, the need to avoid duplication of effort, and budgetary reasons;~~

~~4 that, to the extent possible, the Council should integrate existing working groups together with a view to reducing their number and duration of the meetings^[1], [[with the aim of avoiding duplication of efforts, and minimizing budgetary impacts]]; *(note: to be reviewed again by group)*~~

5 that, to the extent possible, the Council should integrate working group meetings into the agenda and time allocation of the annual sessions of the Council.

~~6 that, if it is not possible to fulfil *decides* 5) above, the meetings of various groups should be co-located in order to hold them in sequence or back to back in a cluster form;~~

~~[7 that the Council should consider the results of its actions at its ordinary 2016 session.]~~

~~[7b that the Council should consider the effect of management of Council Working Groups based on the relevant *decides* above, as appropriate] *(Proposed by Russian Fed)*~~

USA/27A1/4: Proposal by the United States ~~[to be removed, pending the outcomes on the decision on the proposed addition from EUR]-~~

ADD new:

Instructs the Council

1 to make all Council working groups open to all Member States and Sector Members;

2 to provide for the active and full participation of all interested stakeholders in the discussions and contributions of all working groups addressing international Internet-related public policy issues.