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PROPOSED REVISION TO RESOLUTION 152 (REV. GUADALAJARA, 2010)

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**Improvement of management and follow-up of the defrayal
of ITU expenses by Sector Members and Associates**

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

considering

a) ~~Resolution 110 (Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on review of the contribution of Sector Members towards defraying the expenses of the Union~~the report to Council by the Secretariat-General in Document C11/21, noting improvements due to implementation of Resolution 152 (Guadalajara, 2010) while also requesting flexibility when addressing the strict time intervals found in resolves 6 of this Resolution;

b) ~~Resolution 1208 of the ITU Council, which set the terms of reference of the working group open to all Member States and all Sector Members to study the system whereby Sector Members and Associates contribute towards defraying the expenses of the Union, and instructed the working group to make a final report to the 2005 session of the Council at the latest~~Council 2011, as reported in §4.7 of Document C11/120, approved granting the Secretary-General flexibility for one year regarding implementation of this Resolution and that the Secretary-General report to Council 2012 on progress achieved, and such flexibility was extended for an additional one year by each succeeding Council,

considering further

~~the reports accordingly presented by the working group to the Council at its 2005 session in Document C05/40, and more specifically Part 5 and recommendations R7 and R8 thereof~~the Secretary-General to Council 2012 in Document C12/10, Council 2013 in Document C13/14 and Council 2014 in Document C14/14,

noting

the provisions of Article 33 of the ITU Convention regarding the obligations of Member States, Sector Members and other entities in respect of defraying the expenses of the Union and the financial consequences of denunciation,

~~considering~~noting further

the amendments made to No. 240 of the Convention ~~by this conference in order~~ that denunciation shall take effect at the end of six months from the date when notification is received by the Secretary-General,

recognizing

a) the rapid pace of the market and the financial realities faced by private-sector entities;

- b) that it is essential to retain and attract more Sector Members and Associates, having regard to their invaluable contribution to the work of the Union;
- c) that there is a need to ensure better follow-up and oversight of financial matters relating to Sector Members and Associates, on the part of both ITU and the Member States, in order to ensure increased stability in the finances of the Union;
- d) that the rules and procedures regarding the oversight of financial matters relating to Sector Members and Associates should be amended so as to be flexible and effective, and hence fully enforceable,

recognizing further

~~a) — that the relevance and effectiveness of penalties applicable in the case of arrears may be questioned, since Sector Members' arrears are increasing more rapidly than those of Member States;~~

~~b) — that, under the present framework, a Sector Member or an Associate in arrears is able to participate in ITU for at least three years before any sanction is imposed, and therefore may not have any incentive to submit a repayment schedule;~~

~~c) — that the applicable time frame for the imposition of suspension and exclusion must be shortened;~~

that a better collection rate and a significant reduction in debts of Sector Members and Associates have resulted from flexibility granted by the Council to the Secretary-General with regard to application of Resolution 152 (Guadalajara, 2010) in recovery of arrears, negotiation of payment conditions, and special terms and conditions for acquisitions,

resolves

- 1 that simple changes of name and address of Sector Members or Associates shall be handled administratively, without charge;
- 2 that, in the case of a merger between Sector Members or Associates of the same Sector, duly notified to the Secretary-General, No. 240 of the Convention shall not apply and shall thus not have the effect of requiring the Sector Member or the Associate resulting from the merger to pay more than one contribution for its participation in the work of the Sector concerned;
- 3 that every new Sector Member or Associate shall, in respect of the year of its accession or admission, pay in advance a contribution calculated as from the first day of the month of accession or admission, as the case may be;
- 4 that annual contributions for existing Sector Members or existing Associates will be invoiced in advance and no later than 15 September each year;
- 5 that annual contributions for existing Sector Members or existing Associates become due for payment on 31 March each year;
- 6 that, in the event of late payment, suspension of participation in ITU ~~shall~~ should, in the case of a Sector Member or Associate, occur six months (180 days) after the date on which payment of the annual contribution was due, and in the absence of a negotiated and agreed repayment schedule, exclusion of a Sector Member or an Associate on grounds of non-payment ~~shall~~ should occur three months (90 days) after the date of receipt of the notification of suspension;

7 that, with a view of retaining members and recovering past debts owed, the Secretary-General may have flexibility in implementing *resolves 6* of this Resolution and negotiating repayment plans with Sector Members and Associates;

~~78~~ that Sector Members and Associates can be readmitted to the Union under the usual conditions and upon payment of membership contributions;

~~89~~ that any difficulty (e.g. non-payment, mail returned due to lack of information regarding a new address) shall be immediately notified to the Member State which endorsed the Sector Member or the Associate,

instructs the Secretary-General

in consultation with the Directors of the Bureaux, to continue to report to the Council on the implementation of this resolution, highlighting any difficulty that may be encountered and proposing further improvements, as appropriate,

instructs the Council

to take appropriate measures to facilitate the implementation of this resolution,

invites Member States

as appropriate, to continue to participate actively in the follow-up and oversight of financial matters relating to Sector Members and Associates.
