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**COMMITTEE 5 AD HOC GROUP ON RES. 166**

Please find attached the proposed draft revised Resolution on 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, study groups and other groups<sup>1</sup>; (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;*

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<sup>1</sup> The criteria contained within this resolution do not apply to the designation of chairmen or vice-chairmen of focus groups.

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, through the establishment of specific roles for each elected vice-chairman, so as to better distribute the management workload on the meetings of the Union,

*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,

*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) — 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 vice-chairmanship position in these groups in any one Sector, and only in exceptional cases hold or such a position in more than one Sector<sup>2</sup>, 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
- 56) Each ITU region attending RA, WTSA and WTDC is encouraged, when assigning the positions to individual 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
- 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, in consultation with the Chairmen of the Radiocommunication Advisory Group (RAG), the Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group (TSAG) and the Telecommunication Development Advisory Group (TDAG)*

- 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. to establish specific 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/or working groups,

*invites Member States and Sector Members*

- 1 to support their candidates who have been chosen for the proposed posts and to facilitate their task 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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<sup>2</sup> 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.

