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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, 2010~~ Busan, 2014) of this conference, on the strategic plan for the Union for ~~2012-2015~~ 2016-2019, 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 the ITU Council adopted at its 2011 session Council Resolution 1333 on guiding principles for the creation, management and termination of Council working groups;
- f) Resolution 70 (Rev. Busan, 2014) on gender mainstreaming in ITU and promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women through information and communication technologies,

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,

—recognizing

—that the Council has consistently appointed competent and qualified candidates for the leadership of working groups, but that there remains a need to promote and enhance equitable geographical distribution and gender balance,

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;
- 3 that the Council should decide the leadership of the working groups, taking into account recognizing above with a view of promoting and enhancing, inter alia, equitable geographical distribution and gender balance;
- ~~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 the number and duration of the meetings, with the aim of avoiding duplication of efforts, and minimizing budgetary impacts;
- 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 the actions taken in this regard at its subsequent ordinary sessions.

¹ taking into account the decisions of the Plenipotentiary Conference.