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**PLENARY MEETING**

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**AMENDMENTS TO RESOLUTION 99 AND RESOLUTION 125**

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RESOLUTION 99 (REV. ~~GUADALAJARA, 2010~~BUSAN, 2014)

**Status of Palestine in ITU**

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

*recalling*

- a) the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;
- b) Resolution ~~52/25067/19~~ of the United Nations General Assembly, ~~on the participation of which decides to accord to~~ Palestine non-member observer State status in the ~~work of the~~ United Nations and the Palestinian request dated 12 December 2012 to use the term "State of Palestine" following adoption of this UNGA Resolution;  
bis) that recognition of a State is a matter of national decision;
- c) Resolutions 32 (Kyoto, 1994) and 125 (Rev. ~~Guadalajara, 2010~~Busan, 2014) of the Plenipotentiary Conference;
- d) Resolution 18 (Rev. ~~Hyderabad, 2010~~Dubai, 2014) of the World Telecommunication Development Conference;
- e) that Nos 6 and 7 of Article 1 of the ITU Constitution provide "*to promote the extension of the benefits of the new telecommunication technologies to all the world's inhabitants*" and "*to promote the use of telecommunication services with the objective of facilitating peaceful relations*",

*considering*

- a) that the basic instruments of the Union have as a purpose to strengthen peace and security in the world by means of international cooperation and better understanding among peoples;
- b) that, to achieve the above purpose, ITU needs to have a universal character,

*considering further*

- a) the outcomes of both the Geneva (2003) and Tunis (2005) phases of the World Summit on the Information Society;
- b) the participation of Palestine in the Regional Radiocommunication Conference (Geneva, 2006), and the acceptance of Palestinian requirements in the digital broadcasting plan, subject to its notifying the ITU Secretary-General that it accepts the rights and commits to observe the obligations arising therefrom;
- c) successive developments and changes in the information and communication technology sector under the responsibility of the Palestinian Authority, towards restructuring and liberalization of the sector and competition;

d) that the State of Palestine is a member of the League of Arab States, the Organization of ~~the~~ Islamic ~~Conference~~Cooperation, the Non-Aligned Movement ~~and~~, the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership; and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO);

e) that many, but not all, ITU Member States recognize the State of Palestine ~~as a State~~,  
*bearing in mind*

the basic principles in the preamble to the Constitution,

*resolves*

that, pending any further change in the current status of the State of Palestine as observer in ITU, the following shall apply:

1 the provisions of the Administrative Regulations, and related resolutions and recommendations, shall be applied to the Palestinian Authority in the same manner as they are applied to administrations as defined in No.-1002 of the Constitution, and the General Secretariat and the three Bureaux shall act accordingly, in particular in relation to international access code, call signs and the processing of frequency assignment notifications;

2— The delegation of the State of Palestine shall participate in all ITU conferences, assemblies and meetings ~~and in~~, including treaty-making conferences with the following additional rights:

— the right to raise points of order;

— the right to ~~co-sponsors~~submit proposals;

— the right, except proposals to amend the Constitution, the Convention and the General Rules of Conferences, Assemblies and Meetings of the Union;

— the right to participate in debates;

— Palestine shall have the right to be included on the list of speakers under any agenda items other than Palestinian and Middle East issues at any plenary or committee meeting of the item, subject to the provisions of the second indent above ~~conferences, assemblies and meetings;~~

— the right of reply;

— Palestine shall have the right to attend the heads of delegation meeting;

— Palestine shall have the right to request the verbatim insertion of any declaration made during the course of the ~~debated~~debates;

— the right to provide chairmen and vice-chairmen of technical meetings and groups, including study group meetings and sub-group meetings;

3 the Palestinian delegation shall be seated ~~immediately after~~ among the delegations of Member States in the French alphabetical order;

4 Palestinian operating agencies, scientific or industrial organizations and financial and development institutions dealing with telecommunication matters may apply directly to the Secretary-General to participate in the activities of the Union as Sector Members or Associates, and said requests will be duly acted upon; ~~notwithstanding the above, the provisions of Nos 28B and 28C of the Constitution (to the extent the provisions of the latter pertain to the adoption of questions and recommendations having policy or regulatory implications, and decisions relating to the working methods and procedures of the Sector concerned) shall not apply,~~

*instructs the Secretary-General*

- 1 to ensure the implementation of this resolution and all other resolutions adopted by plenipotentiary conferences on Palestine, particularly decisions relating to international access code and processing of frequency assignment notifications, and to report periodically to the Council on progress in these matters;
- 2 to coordinate activities of the three Sectors of the Union in accordance with *resolves* above in order to ensure maximum effectiveness of actions taken by the Union in favour of the ~~Palestinian Authority~~ [State of Palestine](#) and to report progress in these matters to the next session of the Council and the next plenipotentiary conference.

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RESOLUTION 125 (REV. ~~GUADALAJARA, 2010~~BUSAN, 2014)

**Assistance and support to Palestine  
for rebuilding its telecommunication networks**

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

*recalling*

- a) Resolutions [125 \(Rev. Guadalajara, 2010\)](#), [125 \(Rev. Antalya, 2006\)](#), 125 (Marrakesh, 2002), 99 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010) and 32 (Kyoto, 1994) of the Plenipotentiary Conference;
- b) Resolutions 18 (Rev. [Dubai, 2014](#)), [18 \(Rev. Hyderabad, 2010\)](#), 18 (Rev. [Doha, 2006](#)), [18 \(Rev. Istanbul, 2002\)](#) and 18 (Valletta, 1998) of the World Telecommunication Development Conference; ([WTDC](#));
- c) the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;
- d) Nos 6 and 7 of the ITU Constitution indicating among the purposes of the Union "*to promote the extension of the benefits of the new telecommunication technologies to all the world's inhabitants*" and "*to promote the use of telecommunication services with the objective of facilitating peaceful relations*";
- e) the terms of Resolution ~~43/177 (1988)~~[67/19](#) of the United Nations General Assembly, ([UNGA](#)), under which it was decided to ~~use the designation "accord to Palestine"~~ non-member observer State status in the United Nations ~~system~~;
- f) [UNGA Resolution 67/229, which recognizes the Palestinian people's right to permanent sovereignty over their natural resources, specifically land, water, energy and other natural resources, in the occupied Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem,](#)
- g) [Resolution 9 \(Rev. Dubai, 2014\) of WTDC, which recognizes that it is the sovereign right of every State to manage spectrum use within its territories,](#)

*considering*

- a) that the ITU Constitution and Convention are designed to strengthen peace and security in the world for the development of international cooperation and better understanding among the peoples concerned;
- b) that ITU's policy of assistance to Palestine for the development of its telecommunication sector has been efficient but has not yet fulfilled its goals, due to the prevailing situation;
- c) that, for Palestine to take an effective part in the new information society, it has to build its information society;

*considering further*

- a) that the establishment of a reliable and modern telecommunication network is an essential part of economic and social development and is of the utmost importance to the future of the Palestinian people;
- b) that the international community has an important role in assisting Palestine to develop a modern and reliable telecommunication network;
- c) that Palestine at present does not have international telecommunication networks on account of difficulties for their establishment,

*mindful*

of the fundamental principles contained in the Preamble of the Constitution,

*noting*

the Telecommunication Development Bureau's (BDT) long-term technical assistance to Palestine for the development of its telecommunications in implementation of Resolution 32 (Kyoto, 1994) of the Plenipotentiary Conference and the urgent need for assistance to be provided in the various fields of communication and information,

*noting with grave concern*

the restrictions and difficulties related to the current situation in Palestine that are preventing access to telecommunication/ ICT means, services and applications and which constitute a continuing obstacle to telecommunication/ICT development in Palestine,

*resolves*

1 that the plan of action initiated after the Plenipotentiary Conference (Kyoto, 1994) within the framework of the activities of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector, with the specialized assistance of the ITU Radiocommunication Sector and the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector, shall be continued and enhanced in order to provide assistance and support to Palestine for rebuilding and developing its telecommunication infrastructure, re-establishing institutions in this sector, developing telecommunication legislation and a regulatory framework including a numbering plan, radio-frequency spectrum management, tariff and human resource development and all other forms of assistance;

2 to urgently enable through assistance Palestine, to obtain and manage the required radio spectrum to operate its telecommunication networks and wireless services in particular those related to the transition and migration to digital terrestrial television broadcasting in the frequency band 470-694 MHz, and identify mechanisms for ensuring that Palestine can exploit the 694-862 MHz frequency band resulting from the digital transition for broadband mobile service uses and applications to be used at the end of the world radiocommunication conference 2015, taking into account the Interim Agreement signed between the Parties; through full collaboration and support of the radiocommunications and the telecommunication development bureaux;

calls upon 3 to instruct the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau and the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau to ensure that this resolution is implemented,

*urges Member States*

to make every effort with a view to:

- i) preserving the Palestinian telecommunication infrastructure;
- ii) facilitating the establishment of Palestine's own international gateway networks, including satellite earth stations, submarine cables, optical fibres and microwave systems;
- iii) providing all forms of assistance and support to Palestine, bilaterally or through executive measures taken by ITU, in rebuilding, restoring and developing the Palestinian telecommunication network;
- iv) assisting Palestine in recovering its entitlements accruing from incoming and outgoing international traffic;
- v) providing assistance to Palestine in support of the implementation of BDT projects, including human resources capacity building,

*invites the Council*

to allocate the necessary funds within available resources for the implementation of this resolution,

*instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau*

1 to continue and enhance the technical assistance provided to Palestine for the development of its telecommunications, taking into consideration the need to overcome the increasing and escalating difficulties encountered in the provision of this assistance during the previous cycle since 2002;

2 to take appropriate measures within the mandate of BDT aimed at facilitating the establishment of international access networks, including terrestrial and satellite stations, submarine cables, optical fibre and microwave systems;

~~3 to provide a periodic report on various experiences in liberalization and privatization of telecommunications and to assess their impact on the development of the sector in the region of the Gaza Strip and the West Bank;~~

~~4 to implement e-health, e-education, e-government, spectrum planning and management pursuant to the previous agreements in ITU, and human resources development projects and all other forms of assistance;~~

~~5 to submit an annual report to~~

*instructs the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau*

~~to ensure that ITU-Council on progress made-R continues the collaboration with ITU-D in implementing the implementation of this resolution and similar resolutions and the mechanisms employed to deal with the increasing difficulties arising,~~

*instructs the Secretary-General*

1 to ensure that this resolution and all other resolutions adopted by the Plenipotentiary Conference on Palestine, in particular in relation to the international access code and the processing of frequency assignment notifications, are implemented, and to submit periodic reports to the Council on progress on these questions;

2 to coordinate the activities carried out by the three ITU Sectors in accordance with *resolves* above, to ensure that the Union's action in favour of Palestine is as effective as possible, and to report on the matter to the Council and to the next plenipotentiary conference on the progress achieved on these issues;

3 to submit an annual report to the ITU Council on progress made in implementing this resolution.

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