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**Report by the Council**

**DRAFT NEW RESOLUTION**

**Review of the current methodologies and development of a future vision  
for the participation of Sector Members, Associates and Academia  
in the activities of ITU**

The draft new Resolution on the review of the current methodologies and development of a future vision for the participation of Sector Members, Associates and Academia in the activities of ITU as discussed by Council at its May 2014 session, is attached for consideration by the Plenipotentiary Conference.

## DRAFT NEW RESOLUTION

### **Review of the current methodologies and development of a future vision for the participation of Sector Members, Associates and Academia in the activities of ITU**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Busan, 2014),  
*recognizing*

*a) Resolution 152 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010), Improvement of management and follow-up of the defrayal of ITU expenses by Sector Members and Associates, which revised procedures related to the payment of fees;*

*b) Resolution 158 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010), Financial issues for consideration by the Council, instructed Council to review the present approach to Sector Membership, including the possibility of changes in areas such as the fee structure and membership categories, including the feasibility of combining sector participation (i.e. a single ITU membership across all three Sectors), and asked Council to review progress of implementation, and recommend modifications where required;*

*c) Resolution 169 (Guadalajara, 2010), Admission of academia, universities and their associated research establishments to participate in the work of the three Sectors of the Union, which established this new category of participation on a trial basis, and instructed Council to add any additional conditions or procedures if deemed appropriate, and to submit a report to the next Plenipotentiary Conference for a final decision on such participation;*

*d) Resolution 170 (Guadalajara, 2010), Admission of Sector Members from developing countries to participate in the work of the ITU Radiocommunication Sector and the Telecommunication Standardization Sector, established a reduced fee structure to promote participation in the activities of the two Sectors,*

*recalling*

*Resolution 1360, Study of the current methodologies for the participation of Sector Members, Associates and Academia, adopted by the 2013 session of the Council,*

*considering*

that the 2011 session of the Council referred the follow-up to Resolution 158 on these matters to the Council Working Group on Financial and Human Resources (CWG-FHR) to prepare recommendations, which in turn deliberated on this subject during its 2012-14 meetings, including a special open consultation with Sector Members, Associates and Academia,

*noting*

that the Council, based on input from the CWG-FHR, recommended that the Union implement changes to simplify, improve fairness and modernize Sector Membership, while maintaining the existing three Sector structure for Sector Membership, including Associates and Academia,

*resolves to instruct the Council*

- 1 to analyse the implications of various pricing methodologies for Sector Members and Associates, in terms of advantages and disadvantages, and consider additional benefits, including special status for Sector Members of all three Sectors;
- 2 to study the current structure of membership and the benefits and participation rights of Sector Members, Associates and Academia, with a view to ensuring consistency and fairness between categories of membership;
- 3 to review the practical application of the rights and obligations of Sector Members as provided in the ITU Constitution and Convention, Resolution 14 (Rev. Antalya, 2006), as well as the arrangements for the participation of Associates and Academia, to ensure that they are properly recognized during ITU conferences, assemblies, study groups, working parties, advisory groups and other activities.
- 4 to develop guidelines and training for chairmen/vice-chairmen, study group counsellors and others on such arrangements pertaining to various categories of membership and participation, following the review outlined in point 3 above;
- 5 to study ways of increasing participation among non-profit entities in the work of the Union, including the feasibility of establishing a new category of participation with corresponding rights and obligations;
- 6 to review the practice of exempting entities from membership fees (based on criteria such as reciprocity), and if necessary, make changes to the eligibility criteria;
- 7 to develop a comprehensive consultation strategy with Member States, Sector Members, Associates and Academia and others as appropriate, to ensure that all points of view are thoroughly considered,

*instructs the Secretary-General and the Directors of the three Bureaux*

to provide the necessary support to the Council to ensure that all members and participants have an opportunity to provide feedback to this initiative,

*invites Member States, Sector Members, Associates and Academia*

to participate in consultations on the subject, and provide comments on an ongoing basis.

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