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DECISION 12 (~~GUADALAJARA, 2010~~REV. BUSAN, 2014)

Free online access to ITU publications

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

considering

- a) that Article 4 of the ITU Constitution defines the Administrative Regulations (i.e. the International Telecommunication Regulations and the Radio Regulations) as instruments of the Union, and that Member States are bound to abide by the provisions of those texts;
- b) Resolution 123 (Rev. ~~Guadalajara, 2010~~ Busan, 2014) of this conference, on bridging the standardization gap between developing¹ and developed countries, which recognizes that the implementation of recommendations of the ITU Radiocommunication Sector (ITU-R) and the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T) is a basic step towards bridging the standardization gap between developed and developing countries;
- c) Resolution 64 (Rev. ~~Guadalajara, 2010~~ Busan, 2014) of this conference, and Resolution 20 (Rev. Hyderabad, 2010) of the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC), on non-discriminatory access to modern telecommunication/information and communication technology (ICT) facilities and services, which notes that:
- modern telecommunication/ICT facilities and services are established, in the main, on the basis of ITU-R and ITU-T recommendations;
 - ITU-R and ITU-T recommendations are the result of the collective efforts of all those taking part in the standardization process within ITU and are adopted by consensus by the members of the Union;
 - limitations on the access to telecommunication/ICT facilities and services on which national telecommunication/ICT development depends and which are established on the basis of ITU-R and ITU-T recommendations constitute an obstacle to the harmonious development and compatibility of telecommunications/ICTs worldwide;
- d) Resolution 9 (Rev. ~~Hyderabad, 2010~~ Dubai, 2014) of WTDC, on the participation of countries, particularly developing countries, in spectrum management, which recognizes the importance of facilitating access to radiocommunication-related documentation in order to facilitate the task of radio-frequency spectrum managers;
- e) Resolution 34 (Rev. Dubai, 2014) of WTDC, on the role of telecommunications/ICTs in disaster preparedness, early warning, rescue, mitigation, relief and response, which notes the importance for humankind of ITU publications relating to this area of activity;

¹ These include the least developed countries, small island developing states, landlocked developing countries and countries with economies in transition.

- ef)* Resolution 47 (Rev. ~~Hyderabad, 2010~~ Dubai, 2014) of WTDC, on enhancement of knowledge and effective application of ITU recommendations in developing countries, which resolved to invite Member States and Sector Members to engage in activities to enhance knowledge and effective application of ITU-T and ITU-R recommendations in developing countries;
- g)* Council Decision 571 (2014) on free online access to the Administrative Regulations, Council resolutions and decisions and other publications of the Union;
- h)* Council Decision 574 (2013) on free online access to the Final Reports of World Telecommunication Development Conferences;
- i)* Council Decisions 542 (2006), which approved free online access to ITU-T recommendations to the general public on a trial basis, later confirmed permanent by Decision 12 (Guadalajara, 2010);
- j)* that, according to Document C13/81, during the open free online access trial period, income from sales of the Radio Regulations in paper and DVD format in 2012 increased by more than 60 per cent compared with sales in all formats (including online purchases) during the same time interval in 2008 – the year when the previous edition of the Radio Regulations was published;
- k)* that free online access to the Radio Regulations for the general public as indicated in Documents C13/21, C13/81 and C14/21 had no negative financial impact in 2012 and 2013;
- l)* the provisions of the WSIS+10 Statement on the implementation of WSIS outcomes and the WSIS+10 Vision for WSIS beyond 2015, adopted at the WSIS+10 High-Level Event, relating to the importance of free access to international standards, which enhance the efficiency of use of telecommunications/ICTs in various areas of human activity, including further development of the information society;
- mf)* that free access to the basic texts of the Union helps to fulfil the core purposes of the Union, as defined in Article 1 of the Constitution,
- n)* that free online access to the documents related to the Rules of Procedures, Resolutions, Recommendations, and Decisions of the Union has a positive impact to entrench the principles of transparency and checks and balances that the Union works within its framework,

recognizing

- a)* the difficulty faced by many countries, particularly developing countries, in participating in the activities of ITU-R, ITU-T and ITU-D study groups;
- b)* the various actions taken by the Council since 2000 to allow ~~some level of~~ free online access to ITU recommendations and to the basic texts of the Union;
- c)* numerous requests made by Member States and Sector Members with respect to free online access to ITU-R and ITU-T recommendations, various ITU handbooks, and to the basic texts of the Union and its Rules of Procedures;
- d)* that, following the approval of ITU Council Decisions 542, 571 and 574, which approved a trial period of free online access to ITU-T recommendations, there was an a considerable increase in downloads of all the publications made free online by those Decisions, of more than 7 000 per cent, according to Document C07/32 as reported annually to Council, raising public interest in the areas and outcomes of ITU's work and facilitated more active participation of different organizations in the work of ITU;

~~e) — that the Council approved, at its 2008 session, a trial period of free online access to ITU-R recommendations and the basic texts of the Union from January 2009 through June 2009;~~

~~ef) that, due to the success in increasing the number of downloads of ITU-R recommendations and the manageable financial implications in respect of the trial period mentioned in *recognizing-d)* above, the Council approved, at its 2009 session, the extension of the free trial period until the 2010 plenipotentiary conference, and postponed the decision on providing free access to ITU-R recommendations to the Plenipotentiary Conference that the financial implications of providing free online access to these publications have been reported as minimal and have been compensated by the increase in the awareness of the work carried out by the Union in all three sectors;~~

~~fg) that the extension of the trial period as a result of the introduction of free online access to ITU-R recommendations until the 2010 plenipotentiary conference, approved by the Council-09 at its 2009 session, and the positive results deriving from that decision indicate that providing free online access to ITU-R recommendations was successful in increasing the quantity number of downloads of these recommendations increased almost threefold between 2008 and 2010, thus and in improving radiocommunication experts' awareness of and participation in the work carried out in ITU-R;~~

~~h) — that the Administrative Regulations, as legally binding instruments discussed and elaborated by the Member States of the Union, may be made available free of charge online,~~

recognizing further

a) that there is a general trend towards free online access to ICT-related standards;

b) the strategic need to increase the visibility and availability of ITU outputs;

c) that both of the objectives sought by the trial periods and the policies of free online access to ITU ~~recommendations-publications and the basic texts of the Union~~ have been met, namely: ITU has achieved a great improvement in outreach, and the financial implications for ITU revenues were less than initially forecast;

~~d) — that free online access to the basic texts of the Union has a limited financial impact;~~

~~de) that providing free online access to ITU-R recommendations-publications facilitates awareness and participation of developing countries in the work of ITU-R the Union;~~

~~ef) that, regarding the instruments of ITU that are intended to be incorporated in national law, Member States have *de facto* freedom to reproduce, translate and publish such texts on official government department websites as well as in official journals or equivalent publications, in accordance with their respective national law,~~

noting

a) that increased involvement in ITU activities is a fundamental step towards enhanced capacity-building and ICT development potential in developing countries, which will lead to a reduction of the digital divide;

b) that, in order to increase, improve and facilitate the participation of Member States and Sector Members from developing countries in ITU activities, these members need to be capable of interpreting and implementing ITU technical publications, the basic texts of the Union and the instruments of the Union;

c) that an efficient way to ensure that developing countries have access to ITU publications is to provide them free of charge online,

noting further

that providing free online access to ITU publications will reduce the demand for paper copies of these documents, which converges with the current ITU trend of soft format and of organizing paperless meetings, and with the overall goal of the United Nations to reduce paper usage and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions,

decides

1 to provide free online access to ITU-R, ITU-T and ITU-D recommendations and ITU-R reports, ITU-R handbooks on radio-frequency spectrum management²; ITU publications concerning the use of telecommunications/ICTs for ensuring disaster preparedness, early warning, rescue, mitigation, relief and response, the International Telecommunication Regulations; the Radio Regulations; the Rules of Procedure; the basic texts of the Union (Constitution, Convention and General Rules of conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union, Decisions, Resolutions and Recommendations) and, the final acts of plenipotentiary conferences}; the final reports of World Telecommunication Development Conferences, the ITU Council Resolutions and Decisions, the final acts of world and regional radiocommunication conferences, as well as of world conferences on international telecommunications to the general public on a permanent basis;

2 that paper copies of all ITU publications listed under decides 1 above ITU-R recommendations, ITU-R reports, the basic texts of the Union and the final acts of plenipotentiary conferences will continue to be charged for on the basis of a two-tier pricing policy, whereby Member States, Sector Members and Associates pay a price based on cost recovery, whereas for all others, i.e., non-members, pay a "market price"^{2,3} shall be set;

~~3 to confirm on a permanent basis the current policy on free online access to ITU-T Recommendations;~~

instructs the Secretary-General

to prepare a report on an ongoing basis on sales and free downloads of ITU publications ~~(with the exception of the texts listed under decides 1, 2 and 3 above)~~, software and databases, and to present this report annually to the Council, detailing the following aspects:

- total sales and free downloads per year, covering last 5 years beginning 2009~~beginning 2007~~;
- comparison between sales and free downloads of paper copies and of electronic copies, per year;
- sales and free downloads by country and by member category;
- ~~– comparison of copies sold and not sold,~~

² These include the ITU-R Handbooks on National Spectrum Management, Computer Aided Techniques for Spectrum Management, and Spectrum Monitoring.

³~~2~~-The term "market price" is defined as the price determined by the Sales and Marketing Division, which is established to maximize revenues without being so high as to discourage sales.

instructs the Council

~~1~~—to examine the report of the Secretary-General and to decide on ~~further~~ policies for further improving access to ITU publications, software and databases;

~~2~~—to undertake a holistic study on the costs/benefits of providing other texts of the Union, including the Administrative Regulations of the Union, free online.

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RESOLUTION 11 (REV. ~~GUADALAJARA, 2010~~BUSAN, 2014)

ITU TELECOM events

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

considering

- a) that the purposes of the Union, as reflected in Article 1 of the ITU Constitution, include to promote the extension of the benefits of the new telecommunication technologies to all the world's inhabitants and to harmonize the actions of Member States and Sector Members in the attainment of those ends;
- b) that the telecommunication environment is undergoing considerable changes under the combined influence of advances in technology, the globalization of markets and growing user demand for integrated cross-border services adapted to their needs;
- c) that the need for a global framework to exchange information on telecommunication strategies and policies has been evident for many years;
- d) that telecommunication/information and communication technology (ICT) events are of considerable importance in keeping the membership of the Union and the wider telecommunication/ICT community informed of the latest advances in all fields of telecommunications/ICT and the possibilities of applying these achievements for the benefit of all Member States and Sector Members, particularly the developing countries¹;
- e) that ITU TELECOM events fulfil the mandate to keep Member States and Sector Members informed of, and offer a universal opportunity for the display of, state-of-the-art technology concerning all aspects of telecommunications/ICT and related fields of activity, and provide a forum for the exchange of views between Member States and industry;
- f) that ITU's participation in national, regional and global exhibitions on telecommunications/ICT and related areas of activity will serve to promote and enhance ITU's image and make it possible, without significant financial expenses, to broaden the promotion of its achievements to the end user, while at the same time attracting new Sector Members and Associates to participate in its activities;
- g) the commitments made by Switzerland and the State of Geneva (the headquarters of ITU) towards ITU TELECOM events, notably its exceptional support to the ITU TELECOM World events since 1971 in the form of hosting most of them successfully,

¹ These include the least developed countries, small island developing states, landlocked developing countries and countries with economies in transition.

emphasizing

- a) that it is necessary for the Union, as an international organization playing a leading role in the field of telecommunications/ICT, to continue organizing an annual event to facilitate the exchange of information by high-level participants on telecommunication policies;
- b) that the organization of exhibitions is not the main objective of ITU and, if it is decided to arrange such exhibitions in conjunction with TELECOM events, they should preferably be outsourced,

noting

- a) that an ITU TELECOM Board has been established to advise the Secretary-General in the management of ITU TELECOM events, and will act in accordance with Council decisions;
- b) that ITU TELECOM events are also facing challenges, such as the increasing costs of exhibits and the trend towards reducing their size, the specialization of their scope and the need to provide value to industry;
- c) that ITU TELECOM events need to provide value and opportunities for participants to earn a reasonable return on their investments;
- d) that the operational flexibility that the ITU TELECOM management has been afforded in order to meet all the challenges in its field of activity and compete in the commercial environment has proven to be useful;
- e) that ITU TELECOM needs a transition period to adapt to new market conditions;
- f) that ITU has participated as an exhibitor in exhibitions organized by other parties,

noting further

- a) that participants, and in particular industry members, are seeking reasonable predictability of time and place of ITU TELECOM events and opportunities to earn a reasonable return on investment;
- b) that there is increased interest in further developing the ITU TELECOM events as a key platform for discussions among policy-makers, regulators and industry leaders;
- c) that there are requests for more competitive raw space costs and participation fees, preferential or discounted hotel prices and adequate numbers of hotel rooms, in order to make the events more accessible and affordable;
- d) that the ITU TELECOM brand should be reinforced by appropriate means of communication in order to remain one of the most respected telecommunication/ICT events;
- e) that there is a need to ensure the financial viability of ITU TELECOM events;
- f) that the ITU TELECOM 2009 event incorporated measures called for in ITU Council Resolution 1292 (2008), in regard to giving due consideration to the emerging trend for forums, the need to seek participation from a wider spectrum of industries/businesses, the need to actively encourage Heads of State, Heads of Government, Ministerial, CEO and VIP participation, and the need for broader dissemination of forum discussion and outcomes;
- g) that the ITU TELECOM events held in Dubai in 2012 and in Bangkok in 2013 were a success and were highly attended and appreciated,

resolves

- 1 that the Union should, in collaboration with its Member States and its Sector Members, organize ITU TELECOM events related to issues of major importance in the current telecommunication/ICT environment and addressing market trends, technological development and regulatory issues, among others;
- 2 that the Secretary-General is fully accountable for ITU TELECOM activities (including planning, organization and finance);
- 3 that ITU TELECOM events should be organized on a predictable and regular basis, preferably at the same time each year, taking due account of the need to ensure that the expectations of all participating stakeholders in such events are met, and, in addition, to ensure that they do not overlap with any major ITU conferences or assemblies;
- 4 that each ITU TELECOM event shall be financially viable and shall have no negative impact on the ITU budget on the basis of the existing cost-allocation system as determined by the Council;
- 5 that the Union, in its venue selection process for ITU TELECOM events, shall ensure:
 - 5.1 an open and transparent bidding process, based on the model host-country agreement as approved by the Council, in consultation with Member States, ~~except for the ITU TELECOM events in 2011 and 2012, with objective criteria—including financial viability;~~
 - 5.2 that preliminary market and feasibility studies are conducted, including consultations with interested participants from all regions;
 - 5.3 accessibility and affordability for participants;
 - 5.4 the generation of positive revenues from ITU TELECOM events;
 - 5.5 that selection of venues for ITU TELECOM events is based on the principle of rotation between regions, and between Member States within regions to the extent possible, ~~alternating yearly with a fixed event;~~
 - ~~5.6—that fixed venues are negotiated for three consecutive events, after which a new call for bids will be conducted for the next three fixed events;~~
- 6 that the audit of ITU TELECOM accounts shall be carried out by the External Auditor of the Union;
- 7 that, once all expenses have been recovered, a significant part of any generated positive revenues over expenses derived from ITU TELECOM activities shall be transferred to the ICT Development Fund under the ITU Telecommunication Development Bureau, for specific telecommunication development projects, primarily in the least developed countries, small island developing states, landlocked developing countries and countries with economies in transition;²
- ~~8—that this resolution shall be effective starting with the ITU TELECOM event scheduled in 2012,~~

instructs the Secretary-General

- 1 to define and propose the mandate, the principles and the composition of the ITU TELECOM Board to the Council for approval, with due consideration to ensuring transparency and to appointing some individuals with experience in the organization of telecommunication/ICT events;
- 2 to ensure the appropriate management of all ITU TELECOM events and resources, in line with the regulations of the Union;

- 3 to consider measures that will enable and assist Member States which are capable and willing to do so, particularly developing countries, to host and stage ITU TELECOM events;
- 4 to consult the ITU TELECOM Board, on an ongoing basis, on a broad range of topics;
- 5 to develop a business plan for each proposed event;
- 6 to ensure the transparency of ITU TELECOM events and report on them in a separate annual report to the Council, including:
- all ITU TELECOM business activities;
 - all activities of the ITU TELECOM Board, including the proposals on the themes and venues for the events;
 - the reasons for the selection of venues for future ITU TELECOM events;
 - financial implications and risks for future ITU TELECOM events, preferably two years in advance;
 - action taken with respect to the use of any positive revenues generated;
- 7 to ~~establish~~ propose to the 2015 session of the Council a mechanism to implement *resolves* 5;
- 8 to ~~develop a~~ revise the model host-country agreement and use all the means possible to get it approved by the Council as soon as possible, with the said model host-country agreement to include clauses that allow the Union and the host country to make changes deemed necessary as a result of *force majeure* or other performance criteria;
- 9 that an ITU TELECOM event be held every year, ensuring that it does not overlap with any major ITU conferences or assemblies: the determination of the venue shall be based on competitive selection, and the contract negotiation shall be based on the model host-country agreement approved by the Council; ~~according to the following frequency:~~
- ~~— an ITU TELECOM event taking place in a fixed venue every two years;~~
 - ~~— an ITU TELECOM event taking place in another venue in the years when the event is not held in the fixed venue;~~
- ~~for both cases, the determination of the venue shall be based on competitive selection; the contract negotiation shall be based on the model host-country agreement approved by the Council;~~
- 10 ~~to identify venues for the next five ITU TELECOM events (three fixed and two rotation) starting 2012, and propose a mechanism to the Council for approval so as to enable identification of the venues for the future ITU TELECOM events beyond 2016~~ if an ITU TELECOM event is held in the same year as a plenipotentiary conference, the ITU TELECOM event should preferably take place no later than the plenipotentiary conference;
- 11 to ensure that there is internal control and that internal and external audits of the accounts for the different ITU TELECOM events are carried out on regular basis;
- 12 to report annually to the Council on the implementation of this resolution and to the next plenipotentiary conference on the future evolution of the ITU TELECOM events,

instructs the Secretary-General, in cooperation with the Directors of the Bureaux

- 1 to give due consideration, in planning ITU Telecom events, to the possible synergies with the major ITU conferences and meetings, and vice versa, where justified;
- 2 to encourage the participation of ITU in national, regional and global telecommunication/ICT events, within the available financial resources,

instructs the Council

- 1 to review the annual report on ITU TELECOM events as described under *instructs the Secretary-General 6* and the mechanism referred to in *instructs the Secretary-General 7* above, and give guidance on future trends for those activities;
- 2 to review and approve the allocation of part of the positive revenues generated by ITU TELECOM events to development projects within the framework of the ICT Development Fund;
- 3 to review and approve the Secretary-General's proposals on the principles for a transparent decision-making process on the venues of ITU TELECOM events, including the criteria which serve as a basis for that process; such criteria shall include cost elements, as well as the rotation system as referred to in *resolves 5* and *instructs the Secretary-General 9* above, and the additional costs which may result from holding the events outside the city of the headquarters of the Union;
- 4 to review and approve the Secretary-General's proposals on the mandate and the composition of the ITU TELECOM Board, taking into account *instructs the Secretary-General 1* above;
- 5 to review and approve the model host-country agreement, as soon as possible;
- 6 to review, as appropriate, the frequencies and venue of ITU TELECOM events on the basis of the financial results of these events;
- 7 to report on the future of these events to the next plenipotentiary conference, including proposals for a fresh study on various options and mechanisms in the organization of the events.

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RESOLUTION 157 (REV. ~~GUADALAJARA, 2010~~BUSAN, 2014)

Strengthening of the project execution function in ITU

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

Considering recalling

a) No. 118 of the ITU Constitution outlining the Union's dual responsibility as a United Nations specialized agency and executing agency for implementing projects under the United Nations development system or other funding arrangements so as to facilitate and enhance telecommunication/information and communication technology (ICT) development by offering, organizing and coordinating technical cooperation and assistance activities;

b) Resolution 135 (Rev. ~~Guadalajara, 2010~~Busan, 2014) of ~~this the Plenipotentiary e~~Conference, on participation of the Union in the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), in other programmes of the United Nations system and in other funding arrangements, which instructed the ITU Council to take all necessary measures to ensure maximum efficiency of the Union's participation in UNDP and other funding arrangements;

c) Resolution 52 (~~Doha, 2006~~Rev. Busan, 2014) of the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC), on strengthening the executing agency role of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D), which emphasized the importance of establishing partnerships between the public and private sectors as an efficient means of implementing sustainable ITU projects, and of utilizing locally available expertise in executing ITU projects on a regional or country-wide basis;

~~d) — Resolution 13 (Rev. Doha, 2006) of WTDC, on resource mobilization and partnership for accelerating telecommunication/ICT development, which highlights the need for practical solutions for mobilizing funds, particularly in support of projects and activities in developing countries,~~

~~d) Resolution 17 (Rev. Dubai, 2014) of WTDC on implementation of initiatives at the national, regional, inter-regional and global levels approved by the six ITU-D regions;~~

~~e) Annex 2 to Decision 5 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010) on measures for reducing expenditure, which highlights the importance of coordination with regional organizations with a view to sharing the available resources and minimizing the costs of participation;~~

recognizing

~~Resolution 17 (Rev. Hyderabad, 2010) of WTDC, on implementation of initiatives at the national, regional, interregional and global levels approved by the six ITU-D regions, which, having taken into consideration the~~

~~a) that, in order to fulfill its role as executor of development projects, the ITU requires the funding needed for their implementation;~~

~~b) that there continues to be a lack of funding from UNDP and other international financial institutions, urged the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) to explore various funding options, including possible partnerships with Member States, ITU-D Sector Members, financial institutions and international organizations in order to sponsor implementation activities for the initiatives endorsed by WTDC-06 for project implementation;~~

~~c) that greater interaction with Member States, Sector Members, financial institutions, and regional and international organizations needs to be promoted to find other ways to fund the implementation of these projects;~~

~~d) the importance of promoting public-private partnerships, among others, to ensure affordable, equitable and universal access to telecommunications/ICTs,~~

noting

a) that the sustainability of the role of ITU-D in the implementation of technical cooperation projects with developing countries and the establishment of business/client relationships is dependent on the creation and maintenance of a level of expertise within the secretariat to permit BDT to manage projects effectively and in a timely and efficient manner; to this effect, the enhancement of training capabilities in the Union, as foreseen in Resolution 48 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) of this conference, should contribute toward the sustainability of the requisite expertise to enhance the project execution function;

b) that the strengthening of project execution and management expertise in BDT will also require the improvement of skills in the area of resource mobilization and financing;

~~c) the Union's implementation of results-based budgeting (RBB) and results-based management (RBM) to ensure that activities being carried out have adequate resources available to achieve planned results;~~

~~d) that the effectiveness of the ITU's project execution role would be enhanced through closer collaboration and coordination with expert organizations at the regional and international levels,-~~

resolves to instruct the Secretary-General, in close collaboration with the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau

~~1 — to review the experience of ITU-D in discharging its responsibility for implementing projects under the United Nations development system or other funding arrangements by identifying lessons learned and by developing a strategy for strengthening this function in the future;~~

~~1 to implement a strategy aimed at strengthening the project execution function, taking into account the experience and lessons learned by ITU-D, identifying suitable methods of implementation, possible means of funding and strategic partners for the implementation of regional initiatives;~~

2 to ~~undertake a review of~~continue reviewing best practices within the United Nations system and within organizations external to the United Nations in the area of technical cooperation, with a view to ~~adapting promoting~~ such practices ~~to the circumstances prevailing in ITU when offering, organizing, and coordinating technical cooperation and assistance activities, consistent with No. 118 of the Constitution;~~

~~3 to ensure that priorities and ways of financing are agreed, prior to the implementation and execution of initiatives fostering participatory and inclusive process with Member States and Regional Organizations;~~

~~34~~ to ensure that the requisite expertise in the areas of project management and execution as well as resource mobilization and financing is identified;

~~45~~ to encourage projects from all sources, ~~including the private sector taking into account achievement of the sector's Objectives as adopted by Resolution 71 (Rev. Busan, 2014), fostering the participation of the public, regional organizations, private and academic sectors;~~

~~56~~ to focus on the implementation of larger-scale projects, while carefully considering delivery of smaller-scale projects;

~~67~~ to ensure that a minimum support cost of 7 per cent, associated with the execution of projects under UNDP or other funding arrangements, is set as the target to be recovered, while allowing some degree of flexibility for negotiation during the funding discussion;

~~78~~ to continue to examine the percentage of support-cost resources in respect of such projects, with the aim of increasing them in order to exploit them to improve the implementation function;

~~89~~ to recruit qualified staff internally and/or externally, if necessary, within the financial limits set by plenipotentiary conferences, or under support-cost resources in respect of such projects, in order to strengthen, and ensure continuity as well as sustainability in, the execution of the Union's responsibility for organizing and coordinating technical cooperation and assistance activities;

~~10~~ to promote close collaboration with the Directors of the Telecommunication Standardization and Radiocommunication Bureaux for the implementation of Regional Initiatives;

~~911~~ to prepare reports annually to the Council on progress achieved in fulfilling the functions specified in No. 118 of the Constitution- ~~and in implementing this Resolution,~~

further resolves

~~to strengthen the project execution function consistent with No. 118 of the Constitution when providing technical cooperation assistance and when executing projects by:~~

- ~~1. collaborating and partnering with relevant expert organizations at the regional and international levels, particularly in those areas where the ITU would benefit from specialized expertise;~~
- ~~2. utilizing local and regional experts when offering and coordinating technical cooperation and assistance activities to maximize resources and ensure continuity beyond the duration of the project;~~
- ~~3. making available to the ITU membership any relevant materials from a technical cooperation or assistance activity so that they may be utilized for future efforts,~~

instructs the Council

~~to foster a participatory and inclusive process with the Member States and Regional Organizations to ensure that priorities and possible forms of funding be agreed upon prior to implementation and execution of the initiatives.~~