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## **Chairman of WG-PL**

### **REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF WG-PL TO THE PLENARY**

1. The Working Group of Plenary (WG-PL) was created by the Plenary with the Terms of Reference ([DT/2](#)) and allocation of documents listed in Document [DT/7](#)<sup>1</sup>. The following management team was appointed:

- Mr Musab Abdulla (Bahrain), Chairman;
- Mr Paul Charlton (Canada), Vice-Chairman;
- Mr Hubert Schoettner (Germany), Vice-Chairman;
- Mr Rufat Tagizade (Azerbaijan), Vice-Chairman;
- Mr Francis Wangusi (Kenya), Vice-Chairman;
- Mr Masanori Kondo (Japan) Vice-Chairman;

Secretary of WG-PL was Mr T. Lamanauskas (ITU).

2. The Working Group held twelve (12) sessions, as shown below, representing a total of 21 hours of Working Group discussion with full interpretation:

- 1 - Wednesday 22 October 2014, 9h30 to 12h30 (3h)
- 2 - Thursday 23 October 2014, 10h30 to 12h30 (2h)
- 3 - Friday 24 October 2014, 10h30 to 12h00 (1.5h)
- 4 and 5 – Tuesday, 28 October 2014, 11h00 to 12h30 and 14h30 to 17h30 (4.5h)
- 6 – Wednesday, 29 October 2014, 9h30 to 11h00 (1.5h)
- 7 – Thursday, 30 October 2014, 14h30 to 16h00 (1.5h)
- 8 and 9– Friday, 31 October 2014, 9h00 to 10h30 and 16h00 to 17h00 (2.5h)
- 10 and 11 – Monday, 3 November 2014, 11h00 to 12h30 and 16h00 to 17h30 (3h)
- 12 - Tuesday, 4 November 2014, 11h00 to 12h30 (1.5h)

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<sup>1</sup> As well as proposals IND/98/1, AFCP/69A2/1, SRL/140/1 and AZE/B/BLR/CBG/GRC/KAZ/KOR/LTU/POL/RUS/E/SNG/SUI/UGA/136/1, which were submitted after document DT/7 was generated.

3. In total, 85 different proposals from Member States were considered by the Working Group (compared with 101 in Guadalajara, PP-10). The working methods of the Group are described in Document [DT/10](#). The work covered a broad range of topics, as reflected in the resolutions listed in Annex 1.

4. A total of ten (10) ad hoc groups were established throughout the conference to expedite the work of the Working Group. They met for a total of 120 hours, enjoying broad-based participation from many delegations. These groups, listed alphabetically, comprised:

- Ad hoc Group on Decision 11 (Chaired by Ms Felicity Morrison, Australia);
- Ad hoc Group on Internet-related resolutions (Chaired by Mr Fabio Bigi, Italy);
- Ad hoc Group on new ICT applications resolution (Chaired by Ms Yoon Jeong Park, Republic of Korea);
- Ad hoc Group on new Internet of Things resolution (Chaired by Mr. Hyoung Jun Kim, Republic of Korea);
- Ad hoc Group on Resolution 130 (Chaired by Mr Jeferson Nacif, Brazil);
- Ad hoc Group on Resolution 136 (Chaired by Mr Stephen Bereaux, Bahamas);
- Ad hoc Group on Resolution 174 (Chaired by Ms Rachedi Nassima, Algeria);
- Ad hoc Group on Resolution 176 (Chaired by Mr Canh Nguyen Ngoc, Vietnam);
- Ad hoc Group on Resolution 64 (Chaired by Ms Yoon Jeong Park, Republic of Korea);
- Ad hoc Group on WSIS Resolutions (Chaired by Mr Vladimir Minkin, Russian Federation).

5. In addition a number of contributions for revised or new resolutions were addressed through informal consolidation work. This informal consolidation brought together interested parties to accelerate the work of the working group in the following items:

- Revision of Resolution 70 (led by Ms Amparo Arango, Dominican Republic);
- Revision of Resolution 123 (led by Mr Jim Paterson, South Africa);
- Revision of Resolution 131 (led by Ms Beatriz Egea, Argentina);
- Revision of Resolution 137 (led by Mr Farid Nakhli, Belarus);
- Revision of Resolution 139 (led by Ms Samar Sobeih, Egypt)
- Revision of Resolution 179 (led by Mr Phil Rushton, United Kingdom);
- Revision of Resolution 182 and suppression Resolution 35 (led by Mr Amr Farouk Safwat, Egypt);
- New Resolution WG-PL/2, "Protecting Telecommunication Service Users/Consumers "(led by Mr Víctor Manuel Martínez Venegas, Mexico);
- New Resolution WG-PL/4, "Empowerment of youth through telecommunication/information and communication technology" (led by Mr Marcin Krasuski, Poland);
- New Resolution WG-PL/5, "To promote efforts for early adoption of Software Defined Networking (SDN) in developing countries "(led by led by Mr Farid Nakhli, Belarus);

- New Resolution WG-PL/8, "Connectivity to Broadband Networks" (led by Mr Santiago Reyes-Borda, Canada).

6. The WG-PL has approved 9 new Resolutions and updated 21 Resolutions and 1 Decision. In addition, suppression of 2 Resolutions has been agreed. The table appended in Annex 1 indicates the outcome series of texts submitted to Committee 4 in which these documents appear. Annex 2 also presents two statements that were submitted for inclusion in this report. I therefore kindly request to note those statements and include them into the Summary Records of the Conference.

7. I wish to convey my sincere gratitude to all the distinguished delegates who participated in and contributed to the work of the Group for their cooperation, support and mutual understanding, and their efforts and willingness to reach consensus, bearing in mind that the issues before the WG-PL were highly complex, diverse and controversial. I am convinced that the decisions taken at the WG-PL will help pave the way forward for the future direction of the Union.

8. I would like to thank my Vice-Chairs and all the Chairs of the various ad-hoc groups and the leaders of consolidation work. I also wish to express my heartfelt thanks to the Chair of the Plenipotentiary Conference, as well as the Elected Officials, especially Secretary General and Directors Malcolm Johnson and Brahim Sanou, who were specifically assigned by the Secretary General to support work of the WG-PL, the officials of the Secretariat of ITU and the Administration of the Republic of Korea, the Secretary of the Working Group of the Plenary and his team, which included Jose Maria Diaz Batanero, Vaggelis Igglesis, Preetam Maloor, Marco Obiso, Jeoung-Hee Kim, Douglas Court and Ilijana Cvetkovic, as well as ITU advisors Bilel Jamoussi, Bruno Ramos, Andrew Rugege, Eun-Ju Kim, Alexander Ntoko, Jaroslaw Ponder, Joaquin Restrepo, Reinhard Scholl, Susan Teltcher, Yushi Torigoe and Cosmas Zavazava (listed alphabetically by surname).

9. Finally, but not least, I also want to express my appreciation to the many interpreters, translators, the document control team, the room management team and the technicians, without whom our work could not have been completed.

Musab Abdulla  
Chairman, WG-PL

**Annex 1 to WG-PL Chairman's Report to Plenary:**

**Resolutions and Decisions proposed for suppression, modification and adoption by WG-PL**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Series of Texts to COM 4</b>
<b>SUP</b>		
Res 35	Telecommunication support for the protection of the environment	6
Res 172	Overall review of implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society	6
<b>MOD</b>		
Dec 11	Creation and management of Council working groups	7
Res 2	World Telecommunication Policy Forum	2
Res 30	Special measures for the least developed countries, small island developing states, landlocked developing countries and countries with economies in transition	1
Res 64	Non-discriminatory access to modern telecommunication/information and communication technology facilities, services and applications, including applied research and transfer of technology, on mutually agreed terms	6
Res 70	Gender mainstreaming in ITU and promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women through information and communication technologies	2
Res 101	Internet Protocol-based networks	7
Res 102	ITU's role with regard to international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet and the management of Internet resources, including domain names and addresses	7
Res 123	Bridging the standardization gap between developing and developed countries	3
Res 130	Strengthening the role of ITU in building confidence and security in the use of information and communication technologies	6
Res 131	Measuring Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) to build an integrating and inclusive information society	4
Res 133	Role of administrations of Member States in the management of internationalized (multilingual) domain names	7
Res 135	ITU's role in the development of telecommunication/ information and communication technologies, in providing technical assistance and advice to developing countries, and in implementing relevant national, regional and interregional projects	1

Name	Title	Series of Texts to COM 4
Res 136	The use of telecommunications/information and communication technologies for monitoring and management in emergency and disaster situations for early warning, prevention, mitigation and relief	1
Res 137	Next-generation network deployment in developing countries	3
Res 139	Telecommunications/information and communication technologies to bridge the digital divide and build an inclusive information society	4
Res 140	ITU's role in implementing the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society and in the overall review by United Nations General Assembly of their implementation	6
Res 174	ITU's role with regard to international public policy issues relating to the risk of illicit use of information and communication technologies	3
Res 176	Human exposure to and measurement of electromagnetic fields	4
Res 179	ITU's role in child online protection	6
Res 180	Facilitating the transition from IPv4 to IPv6	7
Res 182	The role of telecommunications/information and communication technologies in regard to climate change and the protection of the environment	6
Res 183	Telecommunication/ICT applications for e-health	1
<b>ADD</b>	<b>New Resolutions</b>	
WG-PL/1	Implementation of Smart Africa Manifesto	1
WG-PL/2	Protecting Telecommunication Service Users/Consumers	1
WG-PL/3	Facilitating Internet of Things (IoT) to prepare for a Globally Connected World	1
WG-PL/4	Empowerment of youth through telecommunication/information and communication technology	3
WG-PL/5	To promote efforts for early adoption of Software Defined Networking (SDN) in developing countries	3
WG-PL/6	Creating an enabling environment for the deployment and use of ICT applications	5
WG-PL/7	Using ICTs to break the chain of health-related emergencies such as Ebola virus transmission	6
WG-PL/8	Connectivity to Broadband Networks	6
WG-PL/9	Connect 2020 Agenda for Global Telecommunication/ICT Development	7

**Annex 2 to WG-PL Chairman's Report to Plenary:**

**Statements submitted for inclusion in the report of the chairman of WG-PL to the plenary**

**Statement 1: made at the 12<sup>th</sup> session of WGPL by Mr Ram Narain, India, in relation to the approval of the revision of Resolution 101, 102, 133 and 180.**

Chairman of Working Group Plenary, Mr Musab Abdulla, Head of Delegations, delegates, ladies and gentlemen, good morning to you all. I was indeed impressed with the camaraderie with which discussions were held in spite of the fact that delegates discussing the issues have different cultures, languages, nuances, impressions and sometimes, interests.

Governance of Packet switched data Telecom Networks based on Internet Protocol (IP), popularly known as Internet, has become an important and contentious issue due to several reasons known to all of us. We proposed a draft resolution to address some of these key issues pertaining to IP based networks. When we put up the proposal, I had thought that the proposal would contribute in diminishing some of the differences. These issues and their probable solutions are given in our draft resolution, document 98, about which we were ready to take constructive inputs.

Information is power these days. The wise Lord Acton said about hundred and fifty years ago that Power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely. The countries in modern times have become great on the principles of equality, liberty and justice. As and when these principles were compromised great powers lost their hold. Broadband penetration and connectivity has been the important running theme of this conference. We believe this, like great empires, can only be built on the principles of fairness, justice, and equality. No Telecom Network whether IP based or otherwise can function without naming and numbering, which is the lifeline of a network. Their availability in a fair, just and equitable manner, therefore, is an important public policy issue and needs to be dealt that way. We believe that respecting the principle of sovereignty of information through network functionality and global norms will go a long way in increasing the trust and confidence in use of ICT.

There are number of existing Internet related resolutions, but they only touch the issue in general and, therefore, without focus concrete action does not happen. Our Resolution was with a view to deal with the issues in a focused manner. Some countries supported our draft resolution, while some others were not able to support it. Some stated since the proposal is a comprehensive one, dealing with a number of important issues, more time is needed for them to develop a view on it. Due to the number of proposals with Ad hoc group lined up before our draft resolution, there was no time left for detailed discussion on the proposal. Therefore, India agreed not to press the resolution for discussion due to paucity of time, with an understanding that for these issues of concerns for many Member States, contributions can be made in various fora dealing with development of IP based networks and future networks, including ITU. India would like that discussion should take place on these issues and we look forward to these discussions. We would request that this Statement is included in the records of plenipotentiary-14 meeting.

We would like to express our thanks for the cooperation extended by various Member States, particularly USA, for appreciating our concerns and all those who shared our concerns and supported the draft resolution. I would also like to thank Mr Fabio Bigi, Chairman of Adhoc Working Group for giving patient hearing to all us and tolerating all our idiosyncrasies and still arriving at consensus. This is because of his wisdom, which comes with experience. Thank you all.

**Statement 2: made at the 12<sup>th</sup> session of WGPL by Ms Felicity Morrison, Australia, chair of the WGPL Ad hoc group on Decision 11**

- The approved revision of Decision 11 should not be understood as a request to Council to amend Council Resolution 1333.
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