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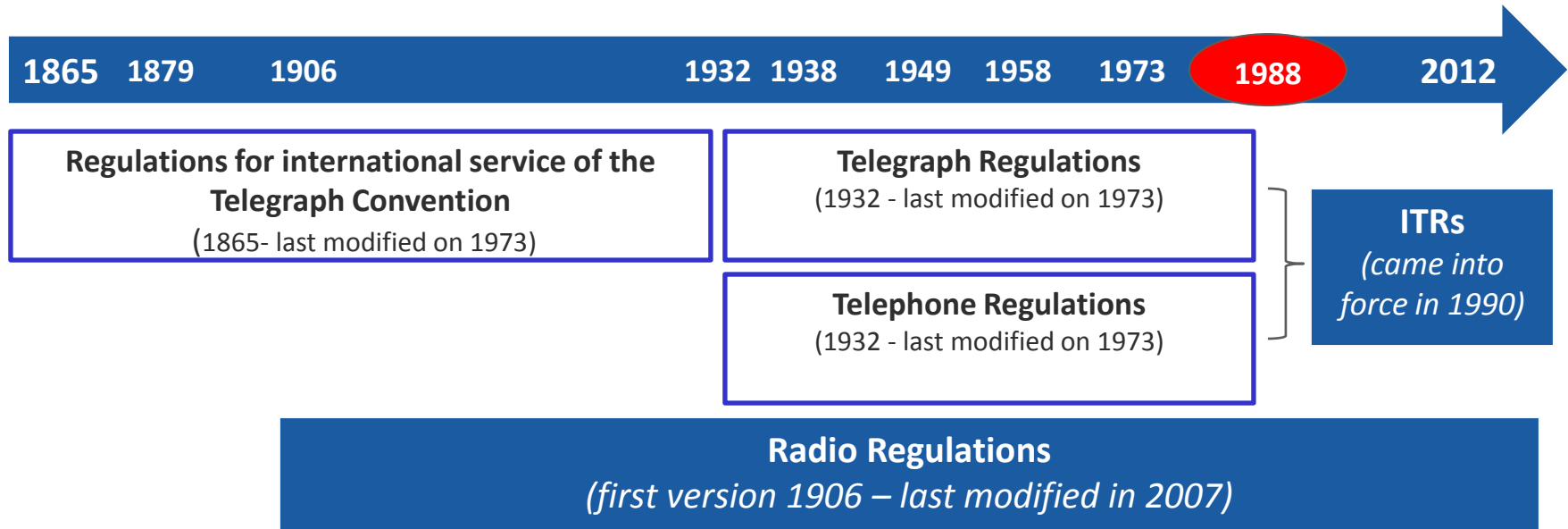
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Background

The International Telecommunication Regulations (ITRs) define the general principles for the provision and operation of international telecommunications



ITRs succeeded the Telegraph Regulations (1973) and Telephone Regulations (1973) in a new treaty adopted at WATTC-88 (Melbourne). [CS/Art. 4].

Background

- The current version of ITRs was adopted in 1988 in Melbourne, Australia, by WATTC-88
- ITRs came into force in 1990, and are one of the four treaties of ITU.



- Signed by 178 countries, ITRs are a truly global treaty applied around the world

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Why the ITRs are important

The ITRs ...

- Establish general principles relating to the provision and operation of international telecoms;
- Facilitate global interconnection and interoperability;
- Underpin harmonious development and efficient operation of technical facilities;
- Promote efficiency, usefulness, and availability of international telecommunication services;
- Treaty-level provisions are required with respect to international telecommunication networks and services.



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The need to revise ITRs

- The current version of the ITRS has remained unchanged since 1988.



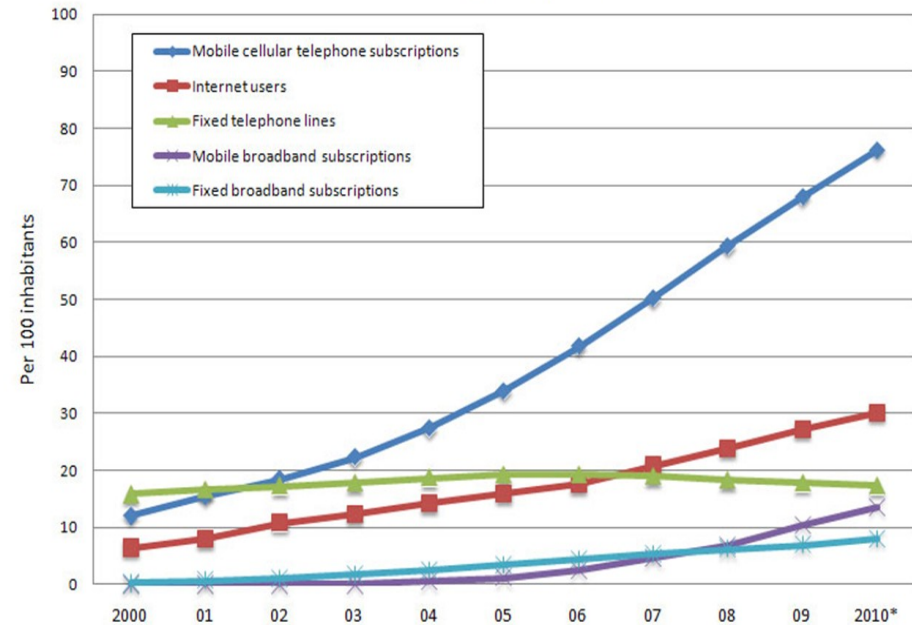
At that time:

- there were very few countries with a liberalized market;
- most operators were a monopoly regime, under government or state control;

The need to revise ITRs

- The international telecom environment has significantly evolved, both from the technical and policy perspectives, and that it continues to evolve rapidly;
- Advances in technology have resulted in an increased use of IP-enabled infrastructure and relevant applications, presenting opportunities and challenges for the ICT sector;
- As technology evolves, Member States are evaluating their policy and regulatory approaches to ensure an enabling environment.

Global ICT development, 2000-2010



*Estimates
Source: ITU World Telecommunication /ICT Indicators database

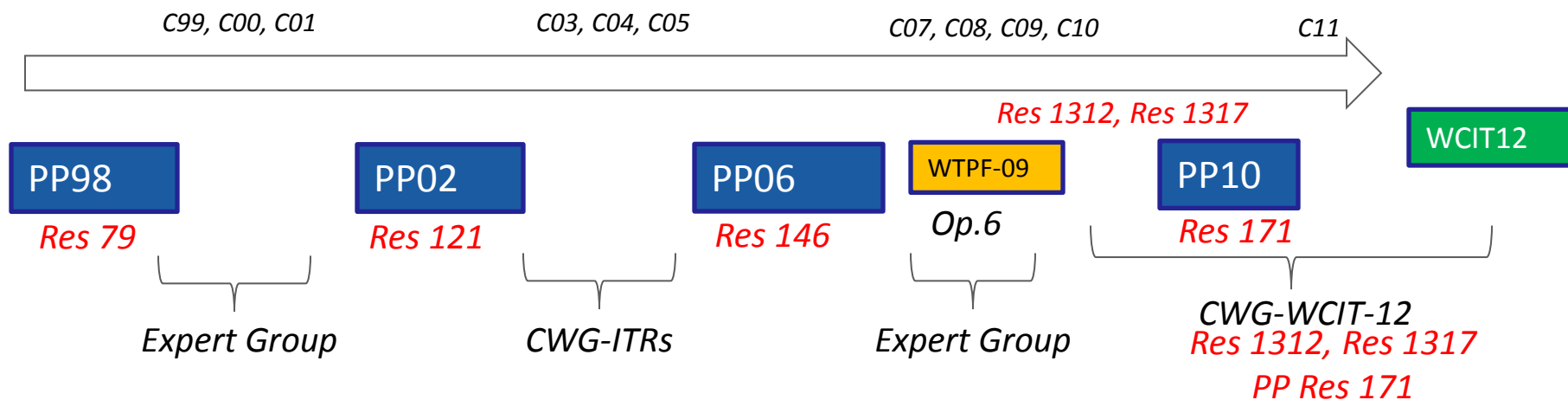
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Preparatory process – Timeline

The revision of ITRs has been under discussion since 1998



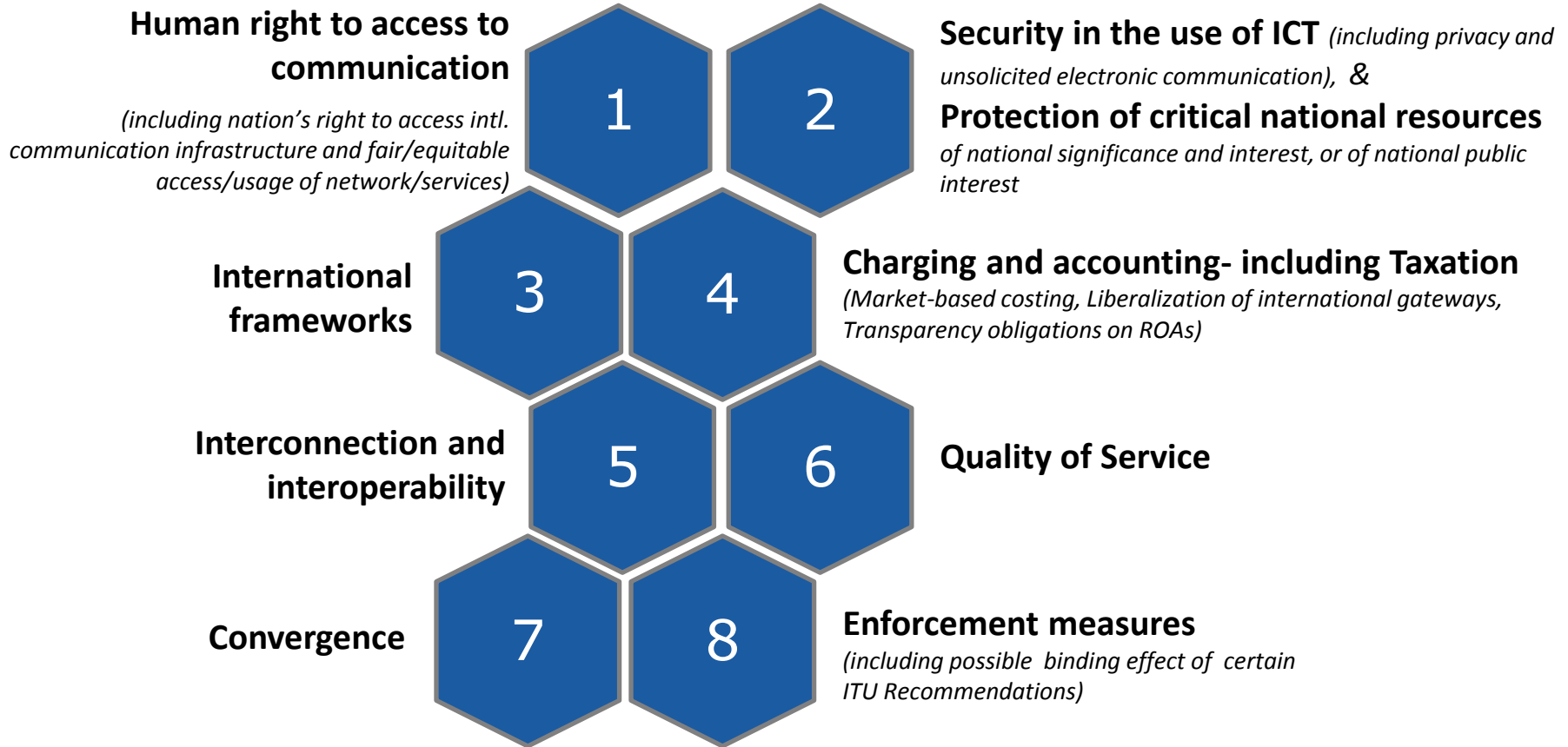
- ❖ C09 adopted Resolution 1312, creating the Council Working Group to Prepare for the WCIT 12 (CWG-WCIT12) initiating the preparatory process towards WCIT-12. Its task was to draw up a consolidated report on all ITR issues, to be used to support the work of WCIT-12.
- ❖ Following a report of the CWG-WCIT12, C10 adopted Resolution 1317 to fix the dates and agenda for the WCIT.
- ❖ The working group also reported to the PP10, which adopted Resolution 171 (Guadalajara) to guide the future work of the group.

Preparatory process – Current progress

- CWG-WCIT12 held three meetings in 2010 and one in April 2011.
- Last meeting established and published:
 - The latest version of the compilation of all proposals;
 - The structure of the WCIT-12;
 - Dates of future meetings and work-plans.
- Key issues brought up:
 - What core principles should guide discussions?
 - Do some provisions belong elsewhere? (*e.g. ITU Constitution/Convention, ITU-T Recommendations*)
 - What provisions should be added to cover new issues?

Proposals made during the preparatory process

Proposals made could be grouped as follows:



Preparatory process –Work Plan

- Work Plan agreed by CWG-WCIT12

27-30 Sep 11	27-29 Feb 12	23-25 Apr 12	20-22 Jun 12	3-14 Dec 12
Discussion of proposals compilation of proposals, including new proposals. Review 1 st draft of report to WCIT-12	1 st draft of new ITRs Progress the report to WCIT-12	2 nd draft of new ITRs Progress the report to WCIT-12	Final draft of the future ITRs Finalize report to WCIT-12	WCIT -12

Preparatory process – Regional preparation

- It is expected regional preparation to take place back-to-back with the WTSA-12 regional preparations;
- Some regions may organize their own regional preparatory meetings and invite ITU to participate;
- For some regions, ITU would organise a preparatory meeting in collaboration with the regional organisation;
- It is suggested that the regional meetings take place in the February-May 2012 timeframe.

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Expectations for WCIT-12

- WCIT-12 presents key opportunities to increase good collaboration between countries;
- Help countries to reach new levels of economic and social development by means of efficient telecom services;
- Make ITRs relevant, and valuable to the full membership, so that they address and alleviate the many concerns that are out there.

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Further information available at:

- CWG-WCIT12:

<http://www.itu.int/council/groups/cwg-wcit12/index.html>

- 2007 Background document:

<http://www.itu.int/md/T05-ITR.EG-INF-0002/en>

Thank you

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