OAS CITEL Inter American Proposals for WCIT12

3rd APT Preparatory Meeting for WTSA-2012 and WCIT-2012



1. Review and Revise the ITRs at the 2012 World Conference on International Telecommunications

Background:

PP-10 Res 171 resolved to consider and study all relevant work and outputs that have been developed in the ITU regarding the ITRs...and to discuss and examine all proposals for revision to the ITRs, provided that those proposals:

i) are consistent with the purposes of the Union set forth in Constitution Article 1;
ii) are in line with the scope and purpose of the ITRs as set out in its Article 1,
with the understanding that CWG-WCIT 12 could consider proposals for the revision of Article 1 of the ITRs;

iii) reflect, *inter alia*, strategic and policy principles, with a view to ensuring flexibility iv) are of relevance to be included in an international treaty.



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IAP has two elements:

• CWG-WCIT-12 should discuss all issues, including new and emerging issues, provided any provisions proposed for inclusion in the ITRs are consistent with the scope of review outlined in Plenipotentiary Resolution 171.

• Considering the current competitive environment, detailed regulatory provisions governing the exchange of international traffic are not necessary and, indeed, could impede further innovation."

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2. Landlocked developing country access to international fiber optic networks

IAP: New ITR Resolution: *Special measures for landlocked developing countries (LLDCs) for access to the international fiber optic network*



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Background: Aimed at promoting close cooperation between landlocked and transit countries that would enable joint and Regional growth and bridge digital divide between countries.

Instructs Sec-Gen, Directors of the Bureaux, Council, and Member States to keep in mind the needs of landlocked developing countries



3. Avoiding overlaps between Radio Regs and ITRs, and maintaining all radio-specific regulations within the Radio Regulations

IAP: Avoid overlaps between the revised ITRs and the Radio Regulations. As a general matter, all ITU's administrative regulations specific to radiocommunications should be contained within the Radio Regulations where they may be addressed by a competent World Radiocommunication Conference, as needed.



4. Maintaining the voluntary nature of ITU-T Recommendations

IAP: Maintain existing ITR Article 1.4 which establishes that ITU-T Recommendations are voluntary for ITU Member States.

Background: None of the ITU-T Recommendations provide technical details that would be required to enforce any provisions of the ITRs. There is neither a technical nor a regulatory basis for giving any of the ITU-T Recommendations the same legal status as the very general, high level provisions contained in the ITRs.

