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PP-14:

- 19th plenipotentiary conference of the Union;
- Hosted in Busan, Republic of Korea;
- 20 October – 7 November 2014;
- Conference demonstrated a new spirit of cooperation.



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RECORD PARTICIPATION:

- 2,505 delegates from 171 countries;
- Close to 2,500 local staff onsite;
- 240 ITU staff in Busan, supported by many more back here in Geneva;
- Presidents of Korea and Rwanda;
- 76 ministers, 36 deputy ministers, 56 ambassadors.



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ELECTED:

- New SG: Mr Houlin Zhao;
- New DSG: Mr Malcolm Johnson;
- Re-elected BR Director: Mr François Rancy;
- Re-elected BDT Director: Mr Brahima Sanou;
- New TSB Director: Mr Chaesub Lee;
- 12 members of RRB;
- 48 members of Council.



INNOVATIONS FOR PP-14:

- First-ever GEM-Tech Awards – recognized seven outstanding organizations & individuals and six ‘Global Achievers’;
- Young ICT Policy Leaders programme;
- Presentation of open letter from the Broadband Commission for Digital Development by President Kagame;
- New delegates briefing;
- Regular briefings for Civil Society
- A series of five ‘Connect 2020 Roundtables’.



THE WORK:

- PP-14 dealt with 452 proposals from members;
- Created 21 new Resolutions, and amended 51;
- Created 2 new Decisions, and amended 3;
- Approved Strategic and Financial Plans for 2016-2019;
- For the first time since 1992, the conference made no amendments to the ITU Constitution and Convention.
- Final acts signed by 150 countries;



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NEW RESOLUTIONS:

- Implementation of the Smart Africa Manifesto;
- Protecting telecommunication service users/consumers;
- Facilitating the Internet of Things to prepare for a globally connected world;
- Empowerment of youth through telecommunication/information and communication technology;
- To promote efforts for capacity building on software-defined networking in developing countries;
- Creating an enabling environment for the deployment and use of information and communication technology applications;



NEW RESOLUTIONS (CONT.)

- Connectivity to broadband networks;
- Connect 2020 Agenda for global telecommunication/information and communication technology development;
- Global flight tracking for civil aviation;
- Strengthening the role of ITU with regard to transparency and confidence-building measures in outer space activities;
- A review of participation rules for sector members, associates and academia;
- Combatting counterfeit telecommunications devices;
- The deterrence of mobile device theft;



NEW RESOLUTIONS (CONT.)

- Using information and communication technologies to break the chain of health related emergencies such as Ebola virus transmission;
- Countering the misappropriation and misuse of international telecommunication numbering resources;
- Strategy for the coordination of efforts among the three Sectors the Union;
- ITU participation in memoranda of understanding with financial and/or strategic implications;
- Options for the Union's headquarters premises over the long term and creation of a new Council Working Group;
- Support and assistance for Iraq to rebuild its telecommunication sector.



PP-14 FURTHER STRENGTHENED ITU'S MANDATE ACROSS EXISTING WORK AREAS:

- Revisions to key resolutions on Internet-related matters (Res 101, 102, 133 & 180), further enhancing ITU's engagement with all stakeholders;
- Bridging the digital divide;
- Strategies to accelerate broadband roll-out;
- Green ICT strategies to help combat climate change;
- The role of ICTs in disaster response;
- The use of ICTs to promote accessibility for persons with disabilities.



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KEY DECISIONS FOR THE FUTURE OF ITU

- To provide public access to all input and output documents of all conferences and assemblies of the union starting from the beginning of year 2015;
- One membership fee for Academia gives access to all three sectors;
- Council given greater autonomy to make key decisions in between Plenipotentiary.



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PP-14 APPROVED THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR 2016 – 2019

Vision - through the **Connect 2020 Agenda** ITU Member States committed to work towards:

“An information society, empowered by the interconnected world, where telecommunication/ICTs enable and accelerate social, economic and environmentally sustainable growth and development for everyone”



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PP-14 APPROVED THE FINANCIAL PLAN FOR 2016-2019

- Financial Plan balanced on the expenses side by savings amounting to CHF 13 million
- Reduction of 10 ½ contributory units from Member States: CHF - 3 356 000
- Efficiency measures (see Annex II to Decision 5)
- Possible withdrawal from Reserve Account, upon Council decision
- Authorized to study new measures to generate revenue
- Voluntary separation/Early retirement programme – criteria to be reviewed by Council



MAIN CONCLUSIONS: FORGING AHEAD

- Stronger ITU as we turn 150 years old
- One ITU
- Experienced team of Elected Officials
- Consensus on all matters



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