Summary of decisions of first teleconference of the New Council Oversight Group (NCOG)

Wednesday, 30 June 2004, 14h00-15h30

Participants

COG Members: Portugal (Acting as Chairman), Mexico, Brazil, France, Spain, Morocco, Uganda, Iran, Japan, Switzerland

CoCo members: R. Blois

ITU Project Team members: A. Levin (CEC, secretary), G. Hoberg (IS), S. Sergi (IS), R. Chalindar (FIN), F. Jemaa (FIN), T. Kelly (SPU), S. Poncet (SPU), J. Lindsay (CEC)

As Mr. Kirui (Chairman) was not available, Mr. Mendes (Vice Chairman) was designated to chair the teleconference.

1   Agenda

The following agenda, as proposed by the Chairman, was approved:

1) List of consultancies
2) Terms of Reference and Bidding Conditions and Procedure
3) Calendar of NCOG meetings
4) Peer Group

2   List of consultancies

The NCOG reviewed the proposed list of consultancies and reduced the list to 10 companies. The Group decided not to include consultancy companies that were also suppliers of equipment or software, namely Hewlett-Packard, IBM, PWC and SAP.

3   Terms of Reference and Bidding Conditions and Procedure

It was agreed that to follow the decisions of Council 2004 references to the Dalberg recommendations in the Terms of Reference should be replaced by references to the GoS recommendations.

It was proposed to add a clause to the Bid documents indicating that the consultancy company should not have agreements with suppliers of equipment and software and in the interests of time, it is preferable that the successful bidder should. not need to use subcontractors.

The Group decided that the draft documents, revised in light of the above comments, should be sent to the consultancy companies after review by ITU Legal Affairs.

4   Calendar of NCOG meetings

The calendar of NCOG meetings was revised as Legal Affairs required time to review the documentation (see annex). A physical Cog meeting would take place in Geneva on 2-3September. The COG secretary was requested to seek information on the possibility of electronic participation of NCOG Members who could not attend the presentations in Geneva.

5   Peer Group

The Chairman proposed the following list for the peer groups:

- A former GOS Member
- A member of the Swiss Administration
- A UN agency that has gone through a similar process

- A liaison person from the ITU project team (to be designated by the Secretary-General)

Mr. Riehl (Switzerland) proposed Mr. Liechti from the Swiss Administration. The secretariat will supply the names of a possible participant from UN agencies.

Mr. Riehl is to present a mandate for the Peer Group at the next full NCOG meeting
(2-3 September).