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[Background]

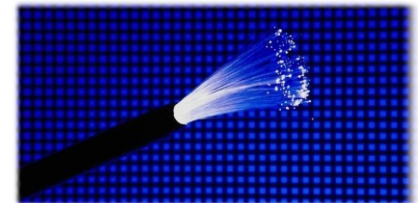
- The current version of ITRs was adopted in 1988 in Melbourne, Australia, by the WATTC
- The previous version (1973) was made up of two separate treaties:
 - the Telegraph Regulations; and
 - the Telephone Regulations.



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[Importance of ITRs 1/2]

- 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.

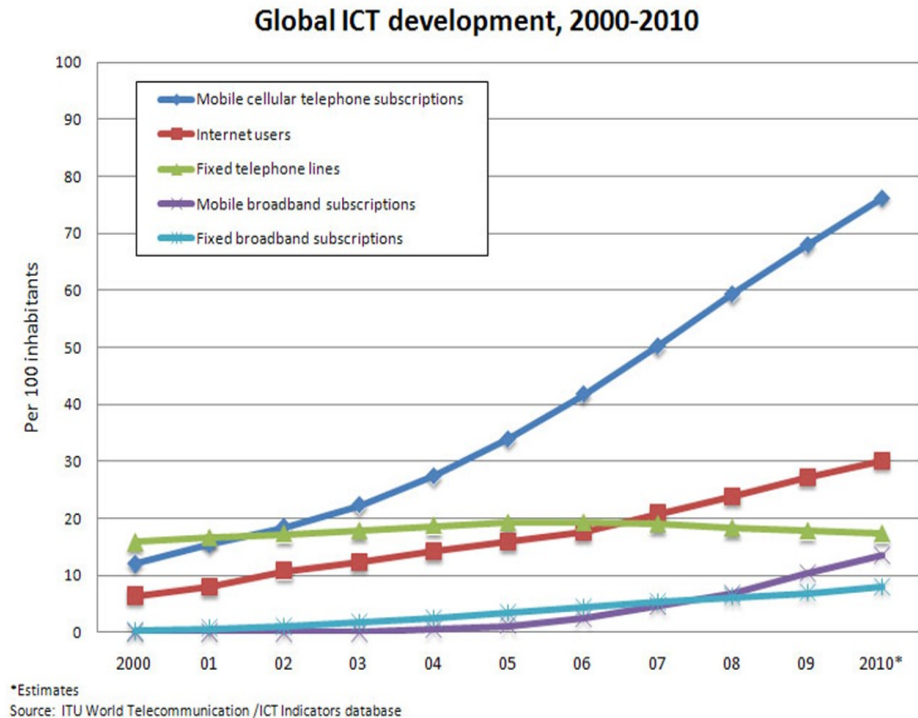


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[Importance of ITRs 2/2]

- 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 both opportunities and challenges for ITU Member States and Sector Members; and
- As technology evolves, Member States are evaluating their policy and regulatory approaches to ensure an enabling environment.



Shift from
fix to mobile,
from
voice to data
as the drivers
of traffic and
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[Why Revise]

- The current version of the ITRS has remained unchanged since 1988. At that time:



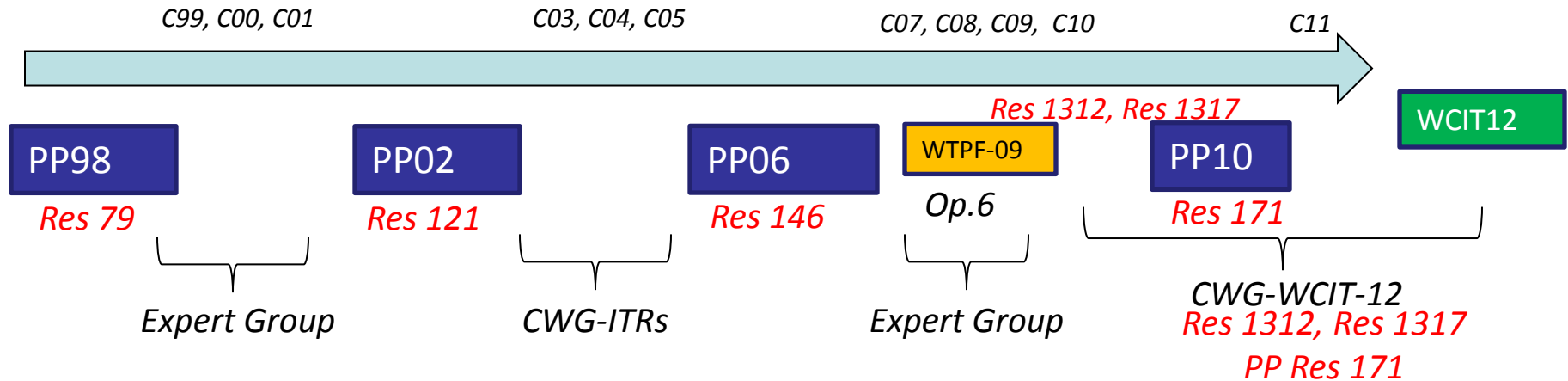
- there were very few countries with a liberalized market;
- most operators were a monopoly regime, under government or state control;
- Significant changes since then in the telecom environment such as liberalization and the introduction of competition, privatization of incumbents, Internet connectivity, and bilateral tariff and operator agreements all accompanied by rapid and ubiquitous technological change.



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The revision of ITRs has been under discussion since 1998



- ❖ Council 2009 adopted Resolution 1312, thus creating the Council Working Group to Prepare for the WCIT 12 (CWG-WCIT12) initiating steady progress in the preparatory process towards the 2012 World Conference on International Telecommunications (WCIT-12). Its task was to draw up a consolidated report on all ITR issues, which is 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.

[Outcomes of CWG-WCIT12]

- 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.

[Work Plan 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 presented in the compilation of proposals, and any new proposals; also review the first draft of the report to WCIT-12	A first draft of the future ITRs and progress the report to WCIT-12	A second draft of the future ITRs and progress the report to WCIT-12	Final draft of the future ITRs and finalize report to WCIT-12	WCIT -12 in Dubai

[Highlights of on-going discussions 1/2]

- What core principles should guide discussions?
- Do some provisions belong elsewhere?
 - Constitution/Convention
 - ITU-T Recommendations
- What provisions should be added to cover new issues?

Human right to access to communication

(including nation's right to access intl. communication infrastructure and fair/equitable access/usage of network/services)

Protection of critical national resources

of national significance and interest, or of national public interest

Charging and accounting

(Market-based costing, Liberalization of international gateways, Transparency obligations on ROAs)

Security in the use of ICT

(including privacy and unsolicited electronic communication)

Taxation in telecommunications and ICTs

International harmonization

Conformance and interoperability

Quality of Service

Convergence

Enforcement measures *(including possible binding effect of certain ITU Recommendations)*

[Regional Preparation]

- It is expected regional preparation to take place back-to-back with the WTSA 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.

[Expectations on WCIT12]

- WCIT present 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.



[Useful information and links]

- 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>
- BDT/IEE/ RME:
<http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/treg/index.html>



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[Thank you]

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