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Subject: **Creation of Sub-Groups in the Council Working Group on the review of International Telecommunication Regulations to start the work by correspondence**

Dear Colleagues,

1 Pursuant to Resolution 121 (Marrakesh, 2002), a Council Working Group on International Telecommunication Regulations (ITRs) has been established to review the ITRs and to report to Council. This Working Group is open to all Member States, whose delegation may include appropriate legal, regulatory and technical experts.

2 At the last Council in May 2003, I was nominated as the Chairman of this Working group. In order to advance the work, I had planned to have a first physical meeting in Geneva, but it was difficult to find an appropriate date for this year. Therefore, after some consultation, I have decided to implement the following action and plan the work in line with the decision of the Council.

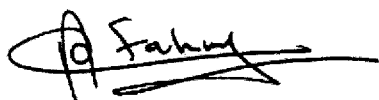
3 My plan is to establish three Sub-Groups with the following mandates, which are derived from Resolution 121, and start working by email correspondence:

- Sub-Group 1: Analyze past work and contributions submitted (Resolution 121, Terms of reference No. 1)
- Sub-Group 2: Study the ITRs and prepare recommendations on which provisions, if any, should be terminated, retained in the ITRs, transferred to the Constitution or Convention, or embodied in ITU Recommendations (Terms of reference No. 2)
- Sub-Group 3: Consider whether there is a need for new provisions in the ITRs and identify new issues that may be the subject of ITU Recommendations (Terms of reference No. 4 and 5)

4 Those Groups will work by email correspondence and when we obtain sufficient results, hopefully before the next Council 2004, I will organize a physical meeting to develop a first report to the Council. Of course, if we wish to have successful results, it is essential that we nominate a coordinator for each Sub-Group and good number of experts to participate in the work. Therefore, I would like to request your proposals for the appointment of coordinators and experts for the above-mentioned Sub-Groups, as well as your contributions for the work of the Group. I expect that the coordinators may be stepped up as Vice Chairmen of the Working Group after consultation with Councillors during the next additional Council in October or later.

5 I look forward to receiving your proposals and contributions, by email at: [WG-ITR@itu.int](mailto:WG-ITR@itu.int), and would like to invite you to visit our website at: <http://www.itu.int/osg/spu/stratpol/ITRs> . Work by correspondence will start at the end of October 2003 after holding an informal consultation during the additional Council.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Fahmy', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr Alaa Fahmy  
Chairman, Council Working Group on ITRs