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### COMMENTS BY THE FINNISH COMMUNICATIONS REGULATORY AUTHORITY (FICORA)

FICORA is pleased to provide the following comments regarding the management and functioning of the Union:

As regards the ITU services and publications, we welcome the access to the documents in the Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T) free of charge. This has proven a functional solution, which could be extended to other sectors, too. In our view a free access to the documents on the Internet would be economically viable, as the main source of income is the membership fees of the Member States.

We also believe it is extremely important that the dates for the World Radio Conferences would be confirmed several years beforehand in a reliable manner. World Radio Conferences require a significant amount of resources and preparatory work also at the national level. There is still uncertainty about the dates of the next World Radio Conference. This uncertainty is likely to cause difficulties to the national administrations as well as to the ITU. As regards the timing of World Radio Conferences, three major concerns can be identified: the feast days of different religious groups, financing of the Conference and the availability of meeting facilities. For solving these issues the first step forward could be a calendar of viable meeting dates, covering all those points of time which do not overlap with religious holidays.

To facilitate the timing of the future World Radio Conferences we would like to propose an authorisation, by a resolution, to the Secretary-General to prepare a solution in co-operation with the advisory bodies of the sectors and to issue a report to the next ITU Plenipotentiary Conference. This work could be seen as a follow-up of the PP Resolution 156.

Yours faithfully,

In the absence of Director-General,  
Director

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