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**Dear Secretary-General,**

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Regarding your circular letter 143 of 13 May 2009 concerning the management and functioning of the Union, the Danish administration replies as follows:

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1. Reporting structure in the Union.
  - For the time being we can accept the present reporting structure of the Union.
2. Role, accountability, number and tenure/term of office of elected officials; terminology used to designate the Directors of the Bureaux.
  - We accept for the time being to maintain the present rules for the election of the Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General and the three Directors. Taking into account the existing structure of the ITU, we can also accept to maintain the number of elected officials and the term of office as well as the terminology used to designate the Directors of the Bureaux. The present terminology to designate the Directors of the Bureaux should not be changed.
3. Functioning of the Coordination Committee.
  - We can accept for the time being the tasks and composition of the Coordination Committee if the present rules regarding elected officials is maintained.
4. Election procedures; appointed staff standing for election to an elected official position.
  - We propose to maintain the election procedures agreed at PP-06. The existing rules regarding appointed staff standing for election to an elected official position should be maintained.
5. Responsibility, accountability and transparency of the advisory groups.
  - We are in favour to maintain the existing provisions regarding TSAG taking into account the specificities of TSAG, and in particular Resolution 22 (WTSA-08)
6. Questions relating to Resolution 158 (Antalya, 2006):

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- 6.1. System in place for setting the contributory unit and for the membership to announce its choice of class of contribution at a Plenipotentiary Conference.
- The present provisions for the “free choice of contributory classes” must be maintained in the sense that Member States should be able to choose their class of contribution after knowing the value of the contributory unit.
- 6.2. Consideration of more detailed criteria for Associates and of the respective amount of Sector Member and Associate contributions.
- The present provisions for the “free choice of contributory classes” should be maintained.
- 6.3. New categories of membership for academic or educational entities or even, more generally, for intergovernmental organizations.
- The existing provisions allow for the participation of entities dealing with telecommunication matters and there is therefore no need for the time being to change the existing rules for Sector Members and Associate Members. We would however support a study on possible new categories of membership (e.g. academia).
- 6.4. Services provided by the Union: cost recovery, invoicing for services supplied by ITU to its membership, but also to non-members.
- We can accept cost-recovery for some products but not for all. In the case of services provided to both members and non-members, the non-members should pay the full cost. We would support a study on these issues.

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7. Questions relating to the basic instruments of the Union:

- 7.1. Amendments to the Constitution and Convention.
- We will favour a stable basic instrument that requires minimum changes at the future Plenipotentiary Conferences. Study on the best way to achieve this could be undertaken.
- 7.2. Compilation of Final Acts.
- We will favour a stable basic instrument that requires minimum changes at the future Plenipotentiary Conferences. A study on the best way to achieve this could be undertaken. Until this is achieved we support the existing procedure to develop consolidated basic texts of the Union.

Yours sincerely,

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