

COMMENTS ON MANAGEMENT AND FUNCTIONING OF THE UNION

1. Reporting structure of the Union

Article 7 of the ITU Constitution provides for the Structure of the Union. As follows:

The Union shall comprise:

- (a) the Plenipotentiary Conference , which is the supreme organ of the Union;
- (b) the Council which acts on behalf of the Plenipotentiary Conference.

While Article 7 (a) of the Constitution describes the Plenipotentiary Conference being the highest organ of the Union, Article 7(b) only explains about the Council acting on behalf of the Plenipotentiary Conference.

It is proposed that Article 7 (b) be amended to point out on the Council's role as follows:

The Council which is responsible for day to day functions of the Union.

2. Functioning of the Coordination Committee

Article 26 of the ITU Constitution provides for the functions of the Coordination Committee. It is proposed that the said committee be retained as it provides an important platform for the SG, Deputy SG and Directors of the Bureaux to meet and discuss issues which do not fall under a particular sector or General Secretariat.

3. Election Procedures

In election of the SG and Directors of the Bureaux it is proposed that all the elected official positions be maintained.

4. Composition of the Council

In accordance with No. 61 of the Constitution the number of Council members should be 25% of the total members. Currently while the total membership of the Union is 191 the number of Council Members is 46. If the formula given is upheld then the total Council membership ought to be 48. It is proposed that the number of Council members be increased to 47 as proposed at the PP-06 to increase the number of Council members for Region A- (Americas).