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| DRAFT NEW RESOLUTION (BUENOS AIRES, 2017)Assistance and support to Syria for rebuilding its telecommunication networks  |

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| **Priority area:**Streamlining WTDC Resolutions**Summary:**Recognizing the importance of the telecom services for promoting the socio-economic development of countries, in particular those having suffered from natural disasters, domestic conflicts or war; and the extensive damage afflicted to the telecom infrastructure due to the continuous conflict in Syria since 2011.Hence, ITU-D should provide all possible assistance and support to the rebuilding of the telecommunication networks in Syria.**Expected results:**Assistance and support to the rebuilding of the telecommunication infrastructure in Syria.**References:**a) Resolution 34 (Busan, 2014) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on assistance and support to countries in special need for rebuilding their telecommunications sector. |

**Proposal**

DRAFT NEW RESOLUTION [xx] (Buenos Aires, 2017)

Assistance and support to Syria for rebuilding its telecommunication networks

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The World Telecommunication Development Conference (Buenos Aires, 2017),

recalling

a) the noble principles, purpose and objectives enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

b) the purposes of the Union as enshrined in Article 1 of the ITU Constitution;

c) §16 of the Geneva Declaration of Principles adopted by the Wold Summit on the Information Society;

d) Resolution 34 (Busan, 2014) of the Plenipotentiary Conference,

recognizing

a) that a reliable telecommunication network is indispensable for promoting the socio-economic development of countries, in particular those having suffered from natural disasters, domestic conflicts or war;

b) that Syria's telecommunication facilities have been severely damaged due to wars in that country;

c) that the reconstruction and rehabitilation of telecommunication networks and services should be a matter of priority in restoring acceptable life conditions to damaged areas;

d) that the damage caused to Syria telecommunications should be a matter of concern for the entire international community, particularly ITU, as the United Nations specialized agency for telecommunications;

e) that, due to its geographic location, the development of the telecommunications networks in Syria could bring important benefits to the whole region;

f) that despite all the circumstances, the telecommunication sector in Syria has witnessed imoprtant modernisation efforts since 2010,

g) that, under the present conditions and in the foreseeable future, Syria will not be able to develop its telecommunication network and infrastructure to the required level of performance and resilience without help from the international community, provided bilaterally or through international organizations,

considering

a) that efforts will help rebuild and upgrade the telecommunication network infrastructure;

b) that efforts will also enhance the allow the Syrian administrative and security systems to meet the country's needs in terms of economic and telecommunication services and security,

resolves

1 that special and specific actions should be taken within the framework of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector's activities, with specialized assistance from the other two Sectors, in order to implement this resolution and provide appropriate assistance and support to Syria in rebuilding and securing its telecommunication networks

2 that the necessary funds should be allocated within the available resources of the Union for the implementation of this resolution

3 to build and develop human resources and capacity by instituting training programs as necessary, for experts to address the shortfall in expertise in key areas, meeting requests from the Syrian Administration for the required technical specialists and providing other forms of assistance,

calls upon member states

to ensure all possible assistance and support to the Government of Syria, either bilaterally or through, and, in any case, in coordination with, the special action of the Union referred to above,

invites the ITU council,

1 to add Syria to the Annex of Resolution 34 (Busan, 2014) of the Plenipotentary conference, and

2 to allocate the necessary funds for such actions, within available resources, and to trigger and actually take the said actions,

requests the secretary general,

3 to urge and coordinate the activities carried out by the three ITU Sectors in accordance with *resolves* above, to ensure that the Union's action in favour of Syria is as effective as possible, and to report on the matter periodically to the Council.

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