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for WTDC-17 for Europe (RPM-EUR)**

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STATUS OF RCC PREPARATIONS FOR WTDC-17

Summary:
The attached presentation contains the status of RCC preparations for WTDC-17.
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To be used as information for participants in RPM-EUR.
References:
N/A

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RCC Preparations for World Telecommunication Development Conference 2017

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Regional Preparatory Meeting for WTDC-17 for the RCC/CIS (9 – 11, November, 2016, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic):

✓ support the preliminary draft ITU-D contribution to the ITU Strategic Plan for 2020-2023, the preliminary draft ITU-D Action Plan 2018-2021 and the preliminary draft WTDC-17 Declaration

✓ agreed draft RCC common proposals on:

- the preliminary draft WTDC-17 Declaration

- revision of WTDC Resolutions: 1, 2, 8, 9, 23, 30, 45, 54, 59, 66, 67. 71, 73 and streamlining WTDC Resolutions 1 and 31, 17 and 32, 37 and 50

- 5 Regional Initiatives for RCC/CIS

✓ proposed candidates from RCC Administrations on management posts for WTDC-17, TDAG and ITU-D Study Groups

RCC WG ITU (16, February, 2017, Moscow, Russian Federation):

✓ update draft RCC common proposals and proposed candidates from RCC

recognised that

a)   telecommunications/ICTs are a key tools for the further implementation of the outcomes of World Summit on Information Society for the period after 2015, approved by the Resolution A/70/125 of the UN General Assembly (UNGA) and enabler for social and economic development; and consequently for accelerating the timely attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals and Targets set out in UNGA Resolution A/70/1 the **Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development***;*

g) despite all the progress made during past years, the digital divide still remains, and is compounded by disparities in access, use and skills between and within countries, in particular between ITU regions, individual countries, urban and rural areas, as well as in the availability of accessible and affordable telecommunications/ICTs, particularly for women, youth, children, indigenous people and persons with disabilities and specific needs;

therefore declares that

1   universally accessible and affordable telecommunications/ICTs are a fundamental contribution towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030 <u>and serve as a driving force behind the development of the national and global economy, and to build a global information society</u>;

2   innovation is essential in ushering high-speed, high-quality <u>telecommunication/</u> ICT infrastructure and services;

8   building trust, confidence and security in the use of telecommunications/ICTs <u>as well as ensuring the protection of personal data and privacy,</u> ~~,~~ requires further international cooperation and coordination between governments, relevant organizations, private companies and other stakeholders.

9   cooperation between developed and developing countries as well as among developing countries are encouraged as this paves way for technical cooperation, technological transfer, and joint research activities and also contributes to bridging the digital divide between countries;

13 ITU membership and other interested parties should cooperate in implementation of Connect 2020 global telecommunication/information and communication technology goals and targets.

Accordingly, we, the delegates to the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-17), declare our commitment to accelerate the expansion and use of telecommunication/ICT infrastructure, applications and services for building the information society and for the timely attainment of the **Sustainable Development Goals and Targets set out in UNGA Resolution A/70/1** the "**Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**".

STREAMLINING THE WTDC RESOLUTIONS

✓ **Rules of procedure of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector**

To merge WTDC Resolution 1 (Rules of procedure of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector) and WTDC Resolution 31 (Regional preparations for World Telecommunication Development Conferences)

✓ **Digital Divide**

To merge WTDC Resolution 37 (Bridging the digital divide) and WTDC Resolution 50 (Optimal integration of information and communication technologies)

✓ **Regional cooperation and coordination**

To merge WTDC Resolution 17 (Implementation of regionally approved initiatives at the national, regional, interregional and global levels) and WTDC Resolution 32 (International and regional cooperation on regional initiatives)

GENERAL ISSUES CONCERNING REVISION OF RESOLUTION 1   1 of 3

Resolution 1 Rules of procedure of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector

We are proposing:

a) to bring references to the ITU Constitution and the ITU Convention in line with the precise wording of the basic documents of the Union;

b) to provide missing definitions, missing procedures (for example a procedure for deletion of recommendations) and provisions clarifying the existing procedures;

c) to introduce new Section 2 *(similar to the texts introduced into WTSA Resolution 1)* – "Documentation of ITU-D" that contains definitions of documents and methods for their adoption/approval and deletion;

d) incorporate the relevant provisions of WTDC Resolution 31 – "Regional preparations for world telecommunication development conferences" into WTDC Resolution 1 and suppress WTDC Resolution 31;

e) to revise the text of Section 2 (now Section 3) on using the mechanism of Working Parties and Section 15 (now Section 16) on using electronic access;

f) to harmonize WTDC Resolution 1, in the extent practicable, with rules of procedure and working methods of other Sectors taking into account amendments introduced by RA-15 and WTSA-16 while respecting, at the same time, specificity of ITU-D;

g) to apply the same numbering scheme as being used by other Sectors (linked to Section). 7

Resolution 1 Rules of procedure of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector

We do not support introduction of Focus groups in ITU-D.

Taking into account the limited financial resources of ITU-D it would not be possible to provide:

a) financial support for participation of developing countries in focus group meetings;

b) translation of submitted input documents;

c) interpretation during meetings of focus groups;

These factors would not allow effective participation of developing countries in meetings of focus groups. Moreover, the previous experience in ITU-D clearly indicated that many documents submitted to focus group meetings were also submitted for consideration by study groups and that leads to duplication of work and wasting limited resources.

GENERAL ISSUES OF RULES OF PROCEDURE   3 of 3

Resolution 1 Rules of procedure of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector

General structure of new Section 2 – Documentation of ITU-D

2.1	General principles		2.5	ITU-D Resolutions/Decisions
2.1.1	Presentation of texts		2.5.1	Definition
2.1.2	Publication of texts		2.5.2	Approval
2.2	ITU-D Declaration		2.5.3	Deletion
2.2.1	Definition		2.6	ITU-D Questions
2.2.2	Approval		2.6.1	Definition
2.3	ITU-D Action Plan		2.6.2	Approval
2.3.1	Definition		2.6.3	Deletion
2.3.2	Approval		2.7	ITU-D Recommendations
2.4	ITU-D Objectives/Programmes		2.7.1	Definition
2.4.1	Definition		2.7.2	Approval
2.4.2	Approval		2.7.3	Deletion

GENERAL ISSUES OF RULES OF PROCEDURE

Resolution 2 Establishment of Study Groups

- Revision of text of Resolution relating to the structure of ITU-D Study Groups and distribution of Questions. Particularly, it is proposed to modify Annex to Resolution 2 by the arranging 2 Working Parties in each ITU-D Study Group and distribute Study Questions among of them. These changes considered with regard of proposed revisions of Resolution 1

COOPERATION, COLLABORATION, COORDINATION

Resolution 59 Strengthening coordination and cooperation among the three ITU Sectors on matters of mutual interest

- To reflect PP Resolution 191 and add the additional information related the Inter-Sector Coordination Team on Issues of Mutual Interest

Resolution 71 Strengthening cooperation between Member States, Sector Members, Associates and Academia of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector, including the private sector

- To add proposals for strengthening the participation of private sector and scientific organization in the work of the Sector

ELECTRONIC WORKING METHODS

Resolution 81 Further development of electronic working methods for the work of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector

- To continue developing software for regional systems supporting EWM, including worldwide video conferencing system based on the ITU regional and area offices

DEVELOPING COUNTRIES PARTICIPATION AND ASSISTANCE

Resolution 9 Participation of countries, particularly developing countries, in spectrum management

- To add information related to the new studies, conducting in ITU-R Study Groups

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REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION

Resolution 32 International and regional cooperation on regional initiatives

- To add the changes related to the implementation of regional initiatives and the need to develop collaboration in the area of extending the results of projects to other regions worldwide
- To incorporate Resolution 32 to Resolution 17

CLIMATE CHANGE AND DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

Resolution 66 Information and communication technology and climate change

- To add information on the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development and ITU-D SG1 Report on Q24/1 "Strategies and policies for the proper disposal or reuse of telecommunication/ICT waste material"

INTERNET ACCESS

Resolution 23 Internet access and availability for developing countries and charging principles for international Internet connection

- To add recognition to bridge the digital divide at different levels

ICT APPLICATION

Resolution 54 Information and communication technology applications

- To update para *recalling* of the Resolution

BUILDING CONFIDENCE AND SECURITY IN THE USE OF ICTS

Resolution 45 Mechanisms for enhancing cooperation on cybersecurity, including countering and combating spam

- To replace the term "cybersecurity" by the "Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs" in the text of Resolution for the aligning the terminology with WSIS output documents and Resolutions of PP-14

Resolution 67 The role of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector in child online protection

- To add the need to intensify the distribution of already implemented projects in the field of COP (including training courses and guidelines) to all regions

WSIS

Resolution 30 Role of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector in implementing the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society

- To update different sections with references on the outcomes of PP-14, WSIS+10, UN General Assembly, including the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development

OTHER TOPICS

Resolution 8 Collection and dissemination of information and statistics

- To add reference to the Report "Global Cybersecurity Index & Cyberwellness Profiles"

Resolution 73 ITU centres of excellence

- To updated texts related to the new strategy for Centers of excellence

Preliminary draft RCC/CIS Regional initiatives

1. Development of e-health to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all, at all ages;
2. Use of telecommunications/ICT to ensure inclusive, equitable, quality and safe education, including the enhancement of women's knowledge of ICTs and e-government;
3. Development and regulation of infocommunication infrastructure to make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe and resilient;
4. Monitoring of the ecological status and of the presence and rational use of natural resources;
5. Fostering innovative solutions and partnership for the implementation of Internet of Things technologies and their interaction in telecommunication networks, including 4G, IMT-2020 and next-generation networks, in the interests of sustainable development

RCC views on TDAG, SG ITU-D and WTDC-17 chairmanship

Candidates from RCC Member States

TDAG vice-chairmanship:

BOLJOBEKOVA Nurzat (Kyrgyzstan)
PLOSSKY Arseny (Russia)

SG vice-chairmanship:

SG1: TILINBAEV Almaz (Kyrgyzstan)
       BOLSHAKOVA Mary (Russia)

SG2 : GASS Yakov (Russia)

WTDC-17 vice-chairmanship:

ISMAILOV Rashid (Chairman, RCC International Cooperation Commission, Russia)

WTDC Committees vice-chairmanship:

Committee 3 DEMIRKHANYAN Boris (Armenia)
Committee 5 MINKIN Vladimir (Russia)

Thank you!

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