



**Telecommunication
Development Bureau (BDT)**

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Geneva, 3 March 2015

To:

ITU-D Sector Members

Subject: Observers to Council 2015

Dear Sir/Madam,

Within the framework of the implementation of Decision 519, Council 2012, in annex, I am pleased to invite the members of the ITU-D Sector willing to attend the [2015 Session of the Council](#) as observers, to submit their applications to the BDT before **20 March 2014**. For your information, please note that this year ITU Council meets from 12 to 22 May 2015.

Applications received by the above deadline will be submitted to the Chairman of the Telecommunication Development Advisory Group (TDAG) for evaluation and selection in conformity with the criteria adopted by the TDAG.

After the necessary consultations with the Directors of the two other Bureaux, each nominated Sector Member will be informed accordingly and will be notified to the Council Secretariat.

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

Brahima Sanou
Director

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DECISION 519 (MOD)

(adopted at the fifth Plenary Meeting)

Participation of Sector Members in sessions of the Council as observers

The Council,

considering

- a) Resolution 145 (Antalya, 2006), on participation of observers in conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union;
- b) Resolution 58 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010), on strengthening of relations between ITU and regional telecommunication organizations,

noting

the decision of the 2005 session of the Council regarding the participation of Member States of the Union with observer status in sessions of the Council,

recognizing

the decision of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Marrakesh, 2002) to make Council more transparent and inclusive to the membership,

taking into account

the Rules of Procedure of the Council (Rule 7.4), whereby observer Sector Members shall have neither the right to vote nor to submit contributions, whether written or oral,

conscious

- a) of the imperative to proceed cautiously in order to avoid impeding the important work of Council, given its broad and complex agenda and the serious constraints on its time and resources;
- b) of the need to respect Council's distinct characteristic, i.e., that it is the elected governing body of the Union in the interval between plenipotentiary conferences and, of the importance of ensuring accountability of the ITU Council to the Member States of the Union;
- c) of the need to avoid introducing divisive or competitive dynamics to Council sessions or eroding the integrity of the decision-making hierarchy within each Sector;
- d) of the imperative to avoid detracting from the important tasks of the Sector Advisory Groups as set out in Articles 11A, 14A and 17A of the Convention,

decides

1. to approve the audio webcasting of Council proceedings to Member States and Sector Members subject to the implementation of appropriate measures to respect, in particular, the restricted nature of Council's proceedings;
2. to approve the admission of observers representing Sector Members pursuant to No. 60B of the Convention to sessions of the Council on the basis of the criteria set out in Annex A,
3. to grant admission to the six principal regional telecommunication organizations, namely the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT), the European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations (CEPT), the Inter-American Telecommunications Commission (CITEL), the African Telecommunications Union (ATU), the Council of Arab Ministers of Telecommunication and Information represented by the Secretariat-General of the League of Arab States (LAS) and the Regional Commonwealth in the field of Communications (RCC), to participate as observer Sector Members in sessions of the Council on the invitation of the Secretary-General of ITU in addition to the quota established in Annex A.

instructs the Directors of the Bureaux

to bring this decision to the attention of the Sector advisory groups and invite them to take appropriate measures, taking into account in particular the conditions specified in Annex A below.

ANNEX A

(to Decision 519)

1. Each Sector Advisory Group, through consultations and taking into account *conscious d)* above, nominates up to three Sector Members to attend Council as observers representing the Sector Members of that Sector.
2. A facility at ITU headquarters shall be provided for all nominated Sector Member observers should it not be possible for all of them to be seated in the Council meeting room. This facility shall have a live one-way audio feed to the meeting.
3. The name of each nominated Sector Member observer shall be formally communicated to the Secretary-General by the Bureau Directors, with sufficient prior notice to facilitate the registration of these individuals.
4. At Council sessions, no contributions, either written or oral, shall be permitted by the observers representing Sector Members in Council meetings, its committees or working groups, or in any groups created by them.
5. These observers representing Sector Members shall attend Council meetings at their own expense and only one individual from the designated Sector Member may be admitted. This function is not to add to the cost of each Sector or to be factored into its budgetary appropriation or operational plan.
6. Each Sector's nomination of Sector Member observers should take into account the following factors: geographic distribution, Sector Member contributions to the Union, categories of Sector Members and commercial affiliation.