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| INCREASING THE VALUE OF ITU’S STATISTICAL PRODUCTS THROUGH BETTER VISIBILITY OF THE CHALLENGES FACED BY LLDCS AND SIDS | |
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| **Summary:**  This contribution presents a proposal for the work of the Statistics Division of the Development Bureau in accordance with Resolution 131 (Rev. Dubai, 2018), Measuring information and communication technologies to build an integrating and inclusive information society, Resolution 23 (Rev. Buenos Aires, 2017), Internet access and availability for developing countries and charging principles for international Internet connection; and Resolution 16 (Rev. Buenos Aires, 2017), Special actions and measures for the least developed countries, small island developing states, landlocked developing countries and countries with economies in transition.  **Action required:**  TDAG is kindly requested to examine this contribution and approve the proposals contained therein.  **References:**  Resolution 131 (Rev. Dubai 2018), Resolution 23 (Rev. Buenos Aires, 2017), Resolution 16 (Rev. Buenos Aires, 2017) | |

1. **Proposals**

It is widely understood that Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS) face special challenges in connectivity, affordability, and accessibility of telecommunications services. This reality has been repeatedly highlighted by ITU Plenipotentiary conferences and World Telecommunication Development Conferences in their outcomes.

The United Kingdom believes that the Union as a whole should better understand these particular challenges and one very practical way this can be done is to increase the visibility of statistical information about these groups. Accordingly, we propose that:

1. Wherever statistical products of the ITU provide a summary for LDCs as a group, the same summary for LLDCs and SIDS should be shown alongside that of LDCs.
2. Where statistical products provide country-level detail for LDCs, the same information should be provided for LLDCs and SIDS.

In this way we suggest that the Union will be able to better understand the issues facing these groups of countries and help to develop more effective and tailored approaches to promoting affordable connectivity.

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