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| PLENARY MEETING | **Addendum 30 toDocument WTDC-22/24-E** |
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| Member States of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL) |
| Proposal to modify WTDC Resolution 2 on establishment of Study Groups |
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| **Priority area:** - Resolutions and Recommendations**Summary:**CITEL proposes modifications to WTDC Resolution 2 to reflect the need to rationalize the BDT Thematic Priorities, associating Study Group 1 with Thematic Priority - Connectivity and Study Group 2 with Thematic Priority - Digital Transformation.**Expected results:**WTDC-22 is invited to examine and approve the proposal in this document.**References:**WTDC Resolution 2 |

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RESOLUTION 2 (Rev. Kigali, 2022)

Establishment of study groups

The World Telecommunication Development Conference (Kigali, 2022),

considering

*a)* that the mandate for each study group needs to be clearly defined, in order to avoid duplication between study groups and other groups of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU‑D) established pursuant to No. 209A of the ITU Convention and to ensure the coherence of the overall work programme of the Sector as provided for in Article 16 of the Convention;

*b)* that, for carrying out the studies entrusted to ITU‑D, it is appropriate to set up study groups, as provided for in Article 17 of the Convention, to deal with specific task-oriented telecommunication questions of priority to developing countries, taking into consideration the ITU strategic plan and goals, and prepare relevant outputs in the form of reports, guidelines and/or Recommendations for the development of telecommunications/information and communication technologies (ICTs);

*c)* the need as far as possible to avoid duplication between studies undertaken by ITU‑D and those carried out by the other two Sectors of the Union;

*d)* the successful results of the studies under the Questions adopted by the World Telecommunication Development Conference (Dubai, 2014) and assigned to the two study groups,

resolves

1 to create within the Sector two study groups, with a clear responsibility and mandates as set out in Annex 1 to this resolution;

2 that each study group and their relevant groups will study the Questions adopted by this conference and assigned to it in accordance with the structure shown in Annex 2 to this resolution, and those adopted between two world telecommunication development conferences (WTDCs) in accordance with the provisions of Resolution 1 (Rev. Buenos Aires, 2017) of this conference;

3 that the organization of the study groups should lead to increased synergy, transparency and efficiency with minimal overlap between study Questions;

4 that the study group Questions and Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) programmes should be directly linked in order to enhance awareness and use of the BDT programmes and the study group output documents, so that the study groups and the BDT programmes benefit from each other's activities, resources and expertise, and jointly contribute to the achievement of ITU-D objectives;

5 that the study groups should make use of the relevant outputs of the other two Sectors and the General Secretariat;

6 that the study groups may also consider other ITU materials relevant to their mandates, as appropriate;

7 that each Question will consider all aspects related to the topic, objectives, expected output and WTDC action plan in line with the related programme;

8 that the study groups will be managed by the chairmen and vice-chairmen as shown in Annex 3 to this resolution.

Annex 1 to Resolution 2 (Rev. Buenos Aires, 2017)

Scope of ITU‑D study groups

# 1 Study Group 1

Connectivity

– National policy and regulatory aspects of broadband telecommunication/ICT development.

– Economic methods of determining costs and financing incentives in telecommunications/ICTs, including for rural and remote areas and to facilitate the implementation of the digital economy.

– National policies, regulations, technologies and strategies for providing and increasing access to telecommunications/ICTs in rural and remote areas, with special focus on developing countries, including least developed countries, small island developing states, landlocked developing countries and countries with economies in transition.

− Consumer information, protection, and rights, including especially youth, women and children.

− Combating counterfeit telecommunication/ICT devices and combating theft of mobile telecommunication devices.

− Access to telecommunication/ICT services by persons with disabilities and other persons with specific needs.

− Migration and adoption of digital technologies for broadcasting via different media.

# 2 Study Group 2

Digital Transformation

− Challenges and prospects for developing countries in the access to emerging technologies, platforms, applications, and use cases (cloud computing, OTTs, machine learning, Internet of Things, etc).

− Telecommunications and information communications technologies for e-services, including e-health and e-education.

− The use of telecommunications/ICTs for disaster risk reduction and management, particularly on developing countries.

− Building confidence and security in the use of telecommunications/ICTs.

− Information and communication technology, environment, climate change and circular economy to protect the environment and address climate change.

− Implementation of conformance and interoperability testing for telecommunication/ICT devices and equipment.

– Human exposure to electromagnetic fields.

Annex 2 to Resolution 2 (Rev. Buenos Aires, 2017)

Questions assigned by the World Telecommunication
Development Conference to ITU‑D study groups

# Study Group 1

– **Question 1/1**: Strategies, policies and economic considerations for the deployment of broadband networks and technologies in developing countries

– **Question 2/1**: Telecommunications/information and communication technologies for rural and remote areas

– **Question 3/1:** Strategies, policies, regulations and methods of migration to and adoption of digital technologies for broadcasting, including to provide new services for various environments

– **Question 4/1**: Strategies to increase the adoption and use of broadband technologies and services and to improve digital skills

– **Question 5/1**: Economic methods of determining the costs and incentives in telecommunication/information and communication technologies and networks

– **Question 6/1**: Consumer information, protection and rights: Laws, regulation, economic bases, consumer networks

– **Question 7/1**: Telecommunications/ICTs Accessibility to enable inclusive communications for persons with disabilities and other persons with specific needs

# Study Group 2

– **Question 1/2**: Emerging technologies, platforms, applications and use cases, including IoT, cloud computing, m- services and OTTs: Challenges and opportunities for developing countries

– **Question 2/2**: Telecommunications/information and communication technologies for e-services including e-health and e-education

– **Question 3/2**: Securing information and communication networks: Best practices for developing a culture of cybersecurity

– **Question 4/2**: Assistance to developing countries for implementing conformance and interoperability programmes, including concerning human exposure to electromagnetic fields

– **Question 5/2**: Utilizing telecommunications/information and communication technologies for disaster risk reduction and management

– **Question 6/2**: Information and communication technologies to protect the environment, and to address climate change and circular economy

Annex 3 to Resolution 2 (Rev. Buenos Aires, 2017)

List of chairmen and vice-chairmen

# Study Group 1

**Chairman**: Mrs Regina Fleur Assoumou Bessou (Côte d’Ivoire)

**Vice-chairmen**:

Mr Peter Ngwan Mbengie (Cameroon)

Mr Amah Vinyo Capo (Togo)

Mr Roberto Mitsuake Hirayama (Brazil)

Mr Víctor Antonio Martínez Sánchez (Paraguay)

Mr Ahmed Abdel Aziz Gad (Egypt)

Ms Sameera Belal Momen Mohammad (Kuwait)

Mr Yasuhiko Kawasumi (Japan)

Mr Sangwon Ko (Republic of Korea)

Mr Almaz Tilenbaev (Kyrgyzstan)

Mr Vadym Kaptur (Ukraine)

Ms Amela Odobasic (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

Mr Krisztián Stefanics (Hungary)

# Study Group 2

**Chairman**: Mr Ahmad Reza Sharafat (Islamic Republic of Iran)

**Vice-chairmen**:

Mr Roland Yaw Kudozia (Ghana)

Mr Henry Chukwudumeme Nkemadu (Nigeria)

Ms Celina Delgado Castellón (Nicaragua)

Ms Nora Abdalla Hassan Basher (Sudan)

Mr Nasser Al Marzouqi (United Arab Emirates)

Ms Ke Wang (China)

Mr Ananda Raj Khanal (Republic of Nepal)

Mr Yakov Gass (Russian Federation)

Mr Tolibjon Oltinovich Mirzakulov (Uzbekistan)

Mr Filipe Miguel Antunes Batista (Portugal)

Mr Dominique Würges (France)

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