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| Report on the work of the Expert Group on International Telecommunication Regulations (EG-ITRs) to TDAG  |
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| **Summary:**This progress report presents the situation of the International Telecommunication Regulations (ITRs), as a follow up to Resolution 146 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022): Periodic Review of the International Telecommunication Regulations.**Action required:**Pursuant to Resolution 146 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) which “*instructs the Directors of the Bureaux each within their field of competence, with advice from the relevant advisory group, to contribute to the activities of EG-ITR, recognizing that the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector has most of the work relevant to the ITRs*.” TDAG is invited to take note of this document at its 30th meeting in June 2023. **References:**Resolution 146 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022): Periodic Review of the International Telecommunication Regulations. |

1. **Background**

The objective of this document is to present the instructions received from the 2022 Plenipotentiary Conference on the periodic review of the International Telecommunication Regulations (ITRs), as mandated by the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (Bucharest, 26 September to 14 October 2022) following the approval of Resolution 146 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) on Periodic review of the ITRs. Resolution 146 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) resolved to continue with the consideration of issues relating to the ITRs, including their review.

1. **Periodic review of the ITRs**

Resolution 146 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) instructs the Secretary-General to reconvene an EG‑ITR, open to the ITU Member States and Sector Members, with terms of reference and working methods established by the ITU Council and to submit the report of EG‑ITR on the outcome of the review to the Council for consideration, publication and subsequent submission to the 2026 plenipotentiary conference.

In this sense, Resolution 146 also instructs the ITU Council to review and revise the terms of reference for EG‑ITR, at its 2023 session (to be held from 11 to 21 June), to examine the reports of EG‑ITR at its annual sessions and submit the final report of EG-ITR to the 2026 plenipotentiary conference with the Council's comments.

It is important to highlight that this resolution “*instructs the Directors of the Bureaux 1) each within their field of competence, with advice from the relevant advisory group, to contribute to the activities of EG-ITR, recognizing that the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector has most of the work relevant to the ITRs; 2) to submit the results of their work to EG‑ITR; 3) to consider providing fellowships, where resources are available, for developing[[1]](#footnote-1) and least developed countries according to the list established by the United Nations, in order to widen their participation in the expert group*”.

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1. These include the least developed countries, small island developing states, landlocked developing countries and countries with economies in transition. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)