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| Proposals for the ITU Generation Connect Global Youth Summit 2024 | |
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| **Summary:**  This contribution proposes the necessary actions for the ITU Global Youth Summit 2024.  **Action required:**  TDAG is invited to note this document and provide guidance as deemed appropriate.  **References:**  Documents [TDAG-23/27](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0027/), [TDAG-23/35](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0035/), [TDAG-23/48](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0048/), [BDT-CIR-18](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-BDT-CIR-0018/) | |

1. **Introduction**

During the TDAG 2023 Meeting, the issue to hold the Global Youth Summit before the next World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC) was considered. Taking into account the ambiguity of the final documents of the previous Summit, the Russian Federation proposed the creation of a TDAG Working Group on the organization of the Summit. Alternative proposals of the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) were also presented, in particular, that all issues of preparation and program content should be entrusted to the Secretariat.

The discussion of this agenda item did not yield a significant result. In the Report on the 30th TDAG Meeting (Document [TDAG-23/48](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0048/)), the following was reflected: “TDAG unanimously agreed to hold a Youth Summit. Further discussions are needed to decide on the format and timing of the event.”

Despite the above decision, Circular [BDT/DNS/DGS/018](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-BDT-CIR-0018/) dated January 9, 2024 contains the following provision: “The 2024 Global Youth Summit (GYS) to be hosted by the Government of El Salvador during the 4th quarter of 2024, was endorsed by the Telecommunication Development Advisory Group (TDAG) last year, is expected to attract participants from all the regions and will adopt an aspirational Youth ICT Declaration that will be shared with all the Member States who could take the contents into consideration as the countries prepare for the next WTDC-25.”

1. **Proposal**

As can be seen from the above text, the provisions of the Circular and the resolution on holding the Summit contradict the decision of the TDAG 2023 Meeting. In this regard, the Russian Federation suggests that the BDT hold formal consultations with Member States on the organization of the Summit in 2024, including aspects of the program content of the event, similar to the consultations held in 2023 on the ICT Development Index. At the same time, preliminary proposals in this area should be submitted by the BDT Secretariat during this TDAG meeting in order to avoid possible negative results of consultations.

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