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| Use of all the official languages on an equal footing in ITU-D | |
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| **Summary:**  TDAG's attention was again drawn to the examples of unequal use of all official languages of the Union on ITU-D websites and to the absence of the issue of the use of all official languages of the Union on an equal basis in ITU-D publications and websites in the TDAG agenda despite the decision of Resolution 154 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) PP-22.  **Action required:**  TDAG is invited to consider the document and take appropriate action.  **References:**  Resolution 154 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) of the Plenipotentiary conference  Documents TDAG-23/32 and TDAG-23/48 (Rev.2) | |

1. **Introduction**

The Plenipotentiary Conference in its Resolution 154 (Rev. Bucharest 2022) “Use of the six official languages of the Union on an equal footing”, instructs the Sector Advisory Groups to review annually the use of all official languages of the Union on an equal footing in ITU publications and on ITU websites.

Russia submitted the contribution (document TDAG-23/32) to the TDAG 2023 meeting, where it was proposed to include on the TDAG agenda the issue of using all official languages of the Union on an equal basis in ITU-D publications and websites and to recommend to the BDT Director to eliminate the inequitable use of languages on ITU-D sites.

TDAG-23 included the issue of the use of all languages on an equal basis on the agenda and, noting the efforts made by BDT to increase the use of automatic translation, noted the need to implement Resolution 154 on the use of all languages on an equal basis.

Unfortunately, the draft agenda for the TDAG 2024 meeting once again does not include the issue of languages. At the same time, concerns related to the equal use of all official languages of the Union on the ITU-D websites still remain. Thus, the navigation to the “Impacting People's live” web page mentioned in the contribution TDAG-23/32 is still only possible from the English version of the “Joint ITU-D” website.

There is also no harmonization of websites between ITU Sectors, in spite of the requirements of the Resolution 154.

1. **Proposals**

2.1 Keep the item “the use of all official languages of the Union on an equal basis in ITU-D publications and websites” on the agenda of TDAG.

2.2 Recommend to the BDT Director:

* to eliminate inequitable use of the languages on ITU-D websites;
* intensify efforts to harmonize ITU-D websites with other Sectors and the General Secretariat in all official languages of the Union to ensure visibility, ease of navigation and the implementation of the image of “One ITU”;
* regularly provide TDAG with information on the status of translation and interpretations and harmonization of ITU websites.

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