|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Telecommunication DevelopmentAdvisory Group (TDAG)****32nd Meeting, Geneva, Switzerland, 12-16 May 2025** | A close up of a sign  Description automatically generated |
|  |  |
|  | **Document** **TDAG-25/****27-E** |
|  | **1 April 2025** |
|  | **Original: English** |
| Director, Telecommunication Development Bureau |
| Report on the work of the Expert Group on International Telecommunication Regulations (EG-ITRs) to TDAG |
|  |
| **Summary:**This progress report presents the main results of the third and fourth meetings of the EG-ITRs, held on 30 September – 1 October 2024 and 20-21 February 2025 respectively. These meetings are organized in line with PP Resolution 146 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) and Council Resolutions 1379 (Mod. 2023).**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 note this document.**References:**[Resolution 146 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022)](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts-2023/RES-146-E.pdf): Periodic Review of the International Telecommunication Regulations.[Council Resolution 1379 (Mod. 2023)](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-CL-C-0121/en): Expert Group on the International Telecommunication Regulations (EG-ITRs) |

1. **Background**

The objective of this document is to present the situation of the works of the Expert Group on the International Telecommunication Regulations (EG-ITRs)[[1]](#footnote-2), 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. This report focuses on the main results of the third and fourth meetings of the EG-ITRs.

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.

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[[2]](#footnote-3) and least developed countries according to the list established by the United Nations, in order to widen their participation in the expert group*”.

1. **Activities**

The EG-ITRs held its third and fourth meetings at the ITU Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, on 30 September - 1 October 2024 and 20 - 21 February 2025, respectively. The Reports of the [third](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-EGITRS3-C-0012/en) and [fourth](https://www.itu.int/md/S25-EGITRS4-C-0009/en) meetings of EG-ITRs were approved by the Group.

In the **third meeting** of the EG-ITRs, the Group deliberated on the [contributions received](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-EGITRS3-C/en), including those on new trends which may impact the ITRs, empirical data on the current use of the ITRs, format and content of the Group’s Final Report to Council 2026, and other general contributions.

In the **fourth meeting** of the EG-ITRs, the Group deliberated on the [contributions received](https://www.itu.int/md/S25-EGITRS4-C/en), with the meeting agreeing on an outline of the Final Report to Council 2026 as set out in Annex 1 to the Fourth Meeting Report. The Group also requested that the Management Team and the Secretariat produce a first draft version of the Final Report at least one month before the next meeting of the EG-ITRs. Two statements, from Hill and Canada respectively, are also attached as Annex 2 and 3 to the Fourth Meeting Report.

Considering the working agenda and received contributions for these EG-ITRs meetings, there were not any specific issue requiring BDT intervention.

1. **Next Steps**

**Progress Report to Council 2025**: in keeping with past practice, the meeting agreed that the third and fourth meeting reports of the Group, held in September-October 2024 and February 2025 respectively, will be presented and hyperlinked in a short document by the Chair and submitted as a Progress Report to be presented to Council 2025.
**Final Report**: the Management Team and the Secretariat will produce a first draft version of the Final Report at least one month before the next meeting of the EG-ITRs.

**Annex 1 – Agenda and contributions of the Third EG-ITRs meeting (30 Sept.-1 Oct. 2024)**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Revision 3 to Document EG-ITRs-3/1-E |
| 30 September 2024 |
| English only |
|  |  |

AGENDA

EXPERT GROUP ON
INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION REGULATIONS

Monday, 30 September 2024, 0930 – 1230 and 1430 – 1730 hours
Tuesday, 1 October 2024, 0930 – 1230 and 1430 – 1730 hours

Room Popov, ITU Headquarters, Geneva

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Item |  | Documents |
| **1** | Introductory remarks |  |
| **2** | Adoption of the Agenda and allocation of documents | EG-ITRs-3/1(Rev.3) |
| **3** | Discussion on contributions received on new trends which may impact the ITRs | [EG-ITRs-3/2](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-EGITRS3-C-0002/en)[EG-ITRs-3/6](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-EGITRS3-C-0006/en)[EG-ITRs-3/11](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-EGITRS3-C-0011/en) |
| **4** | Discussion on contributions received on empirical data on the current use of the ITRs | [EG-ITRs-3/7](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-EGITRS3-C-0007/en)[EG-ITRs-3/9](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-EGITRS3-C-0009/en) |
| **5** | Discussion on general contributions received | [EG-ITRs-3/3](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-EGITRS3-C-0003/en)[EG-ITRs-3/5](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-EGITRS3-C-0005/en)[EG-ITRs-3/8](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-EGITRS3-C-0008/en)[EG-ITRs-3/10](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-EGITRS3-C-0010/en) |
| **6** | Format and Content of Final Report | [EG-ITRs-3/4](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-EGITRS3-C-0004/en)[EG-ITRs-3/10](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-EGITRS3-C-0010/en) |
| **7** | Next steps |  |
| **8** | Any other business |  |

Shahira SELIM
 Chair

**Annex 2: Agenda and contributions of the Fourth EG-ITRs meeting (20-21 February 2025)**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Revision 1 toDocument EG-ITRs-4/1 |
| 17 February 2025 |
| English only |
|  |  |

DRAFT AGENDA

EXPERT GROUP ON
INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION REGULATIONS

Thursday, 20 February 2025, 1430 – 1730 hours
and
Friday, 21 February 2025, 0900 – 1200 and 1430 – 1730 hours

Room A, ITU Headquarters, Geneva

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Item |  | Documents |
| **1** | Introductory remarks |  |
| **2** | Adoption of the Agenda and allocation of documents | EG-ITRs-4/1 |
| **3** | Introduction/Discussion of general contributions from Member States and Sector Members | [EG-ITRs-4/2](https://www.itu.int/md/S25-EGITRS4-C-0002/en)[EG-ITRs-4/6](https://www.itu.int/md/S25-EGITRS4-C-0006/en)[EG-ITRs-4/7](https://www.itu.int/md/S25-EGITRS4-C-0007/en) |
| **4** | Introduction/Discussion of contributions from Member States and Sector Members on the Final Report | [EG-ITRs-4/3](https://www.itu.int/md/S25-EGITRS4-C-0003/en)[EG-ITRs-4/4](https://www.itu.int/md/S25-EGITRS4-C-0004/en)[EG-ITRs-4/5](https://www.itu.int/md/S25-EGITRS4-C-0005/en)[EG-ITRs-4/8](https://www.itu.int/md/S25-EGITRS4-C-0008/en) |
| **5** | Discussion on next steps |  |
| **6** | Any other business |  |

Shahira SELIM
 Chair

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. <https://www.itu.int/en/council/Pages/eg-itrs.aspx> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. These include the least developed countries, small island developing states, landlocked developing countries and countries with economies in transition. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)