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RESOLUTION 12 (WRC‑15)

Assistance and support to Palestine

The World Radiocommunication Conference (Geneva, 2015),

recalling

*a)* the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

*b)* the terms of Resolution 67/19 of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), which decides to accord to Palestine non-member observer State status in the United Nations;

*c)* Resolution 68/235 of the United Nations General Assembly, which recognizes the Palestinian people’s right to permanent sovereignty over their natural resources, specifically land, water, energy and other natural resources, in the occupied Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem;

*d)* Resolution 32 (Kyoto, 1994) of the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference, on technical assistance to Palestine for the development of telecommunications;

*e)* Resolution 125 (Rev. Busan, 2014), Resolution 125 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010), Resolution 125 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) and Resolution 125 (Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on assistance and support to Palestine for rebuilding its telecommunication networks;

*f)* Resolution 99 (Rev. Busan, 2014) and Resolution 99 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on the Status of Palestine in ITU;

*g)* Resolution 18 (Rev. Dubai, 2014), Resolution 18 (Rev. Hyderabad, 2010) of the World Telecommunication Development Conference, on Special Technical Assistance to Palestine;

*h)* Resolution 9 (Rev. Dubai, 2014) of the World Telecommunication Development Conference, which recognizesthat it is the sovereign right of every State to manage spectrum use within its territories;

*i)* Nos. 6 and 7 of the ITU Constitution indicating among the purposes of the Union “to promote the extension of the benefits of the new telecommunication technologies to all the world’s inhabitants” and “to promote the use of telecommunication services with the objective of facilitating peaceful relations”,

considering

*a)* that the ITU Constitution and Convention are designed to strengthen peace and security in the world for the development of international cooperation and better understanding among the peoples concerned;

*b)* Resolution 125 (Rev. Busan, 2014) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, which recognizes that ITU’s policy of assistance to Palestine for the development of its telecommunication and ICT sector has been efficient;

*c)* the statement by the Chairman of WRC‑07 relating to the procedure to be applied by Palestine to obtain for its exclusive use assignments/an allotment in the Appendix **30B** Plan, in accordance with the Interim Agreement and Resolution 99 (Rev. Busan, 2014) of the Plenipotentiary Conference,

mindful

of the fundamental principles contained in the ITU Constitution,

reaffirming

*a)* the acceptance of the requirements of Palestine under the digital broadcasting and television plan at the Regional Radiocommunication Conference (Geneva, 2006);

*b)* Palestine’s right, pursuant to the Appendix **30B** Plan, to submit a request for assignments/an allotment intended for exclusive use by Palestine, in accordance with the Interim Agreement and Resolution 99 (Rev. Busan, 2014), without prejudging future agreements between the concerned parties,

welcomes

the bilateral agreement on principles for assignment of frequencies in the 2 100 MHz band for Palestinian cellular operators elaborated through the Joint Technical Committee and signed by concerned parties on 19 November 2015,

invites Member States

to support the timely implementation in 2016 in Palestine of new technologies in accordance with the bilateral agreement signed on 19 November 2015 and of 2G in accordance with previously agreed upon bilateral arrangements,

resolves

that assistance to Palestine, pursuant to the relevant ITU resolutions and decisions shall be continued, in particular through capacity building, with the view to enabling Palestine to obtain and manage the required radio spectrum in order to operate its telecommunication networks and wireless services,

instructs the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau and the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau

to encourage all concerned parties in continuing bilateral negotiations and facilitate implementing the agreements and relevant resolutions, in order to undertake additional measures required for enhancing and developing the wireless telecommunication infrastructures, new technologies and services for Palestine,

further instructs the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau

1 to continue providing specialized assistance and support, in particular in the field of spectrum management and frequency assignment, to Palestine in collaboration with ITU-D, pursuant to the relevant ITU resolutions;

2 to report to the next WRC‑19 on the progress achieved in the implementation of this Resolution.

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