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| SummaryThe attached document presents the liaison statement containing the proposed revised Terms of Reference of the Inter-Sector Coordination Group (ISCG) on issues of mutual interest.Action requiredRAG is invited to review, comment and approve, as deemed appropriate. |

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| **Summary:**This liaison statement contains proposed revised Terms of Reference of the Inter-Sector Coordination Group (ISCG) on issues of mutual interest presented in Annex 1, and being submitted to RAG, TSAG and TDAG for review, comment and approval. Efforts for collaboration and coordination among Sectors are ongoing. In particular, the electronic calendar of events is facilitating collaboration and coordination of various meetings and events of the ITU Sectors. |

This liaison statement contains in its **Annex 1** proposed revised Terms of Reference of the Inter-Sector Coordination Group (ISCG) on issues of mutual interest for review, comment and approval. The revisions are based on the discussions that took place during TDAG-18 in March and Council-18 in April, as well as on Resolution 191 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on strategy for the coordination of efforts among the three Sectors of the Union.

Efforts for collaboration and coordination among Sectors are ongoing. In particular, the electronic calendar of events for years 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 is facilitating collaboration and coordination of various meetings and events of the ITU Sectors. These yearly event calendars are updated regularly and are available to members at the following link:
<https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Pages/default.aspx>

**Annex 1**

**[Draft revised] Terms of Reference for ISCG**

**Background documents**

1. Resolution 191 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on strategy for the coordination of efforts among the three Sectors the Union;
2. Resolution ITU-R 6-2 (Rev. Geneva, 2015) of the Radiocommunication Assembly (RA), on liaison and collaboration with the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T), and Resolution ITU-R 7-3 (Rev. Geneva, 2015) of RA, on telecommunication development including liaison and collaboration with the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D);
3. Resolution 45 (Rev. Hammamet, 2016) of the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA), on effective coordination of standardization work across study groups in ITU‑T and the role of the Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group (TSAG);
4. Resolution 18 (Rev. Hammamet, 2016) of WTSA, on principles and procedures for the allocation of work to, and coordination between, the ITU Radiocommunication and ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sectors;
5. Resolution 5 (Rev. Buenos Aires, 2017) of the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC), on enhanced participation by developing countries[[1]](#footnote-1)1 in the activities of the Union;
6. Resolution 59 (Rev. Buenos Aires, 2017) of WTDC, on strengthening coordination and cooperation among the three ITU Sectors on matters of mutual interest.

The Inter-Sector Coordination Group (ISCG) on issues of mutual interest was set up under decisions of the Sector advisory groups, in order to eliminate duplication of effort and optimize the use of resources. While carrying out its functions ISCG will:

* identify subjects common to the three Sectors or, bilaterally, and consider an updated list (prepared by the secretariat) containing the areas of mutual interest to the three Sectors pursuant to the mandates assigned by each ITU assembly or conference, and in accordance with the objectives of the ITU Strategic Plan;
* identify the necessary mechanisms to strengthen cooperation and joint activity among the three Sectors, or with each Sector, on issues of mutual interest, paying particular attention to the interests of the developing countries, and taking into account the activities of the regional offices, including their role in the organization of events (workshops, seminars, symposia, etc.);
* report annually to the respective advisory groups on the progress of the work undertaken, highlighting key issues to be raised with the respective Bureau Directors, as well as the Inter-Sector Coordination Task Force.

**Composition of the Inter-Sector Coordination Group on issues of mutual interest**

1. The ISCG will consist of representatives from the three Advisory Groups, keeping in mind the need for regional balance;
2. The ISCG is chaired by Mr Fabio Bigi (Italy);
3. Radiocommunication Advisory Group (RAG) representatives: Mr Peter Major and Mr Albert Nalbandian (Vice-Chairmen of RAG);
4. Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group (TSAG) representatives: Mr Vladimir Minkin and Mr Matano Ndaro (Vice-Chairmen of TSAG);
5. Telecommunication Development Advisory Group (TDAG) representatives: Ms Nurzat Boljobekova and Mr Arseny Plossky (Vice-Chairmen of TDAG);
6. The ISCG is open to observers who are not the above representatives.

**Secretariat support**

The support of the group activity will be provided in accordance with Resolution 191 (Rev. Dubai, 2018).

**Working methods**

* The ISCG interactions may include e-mail exchange via the e-mail list or through electronic meetings;
* The ISCG will use the e-mail list int-sect-team@lists.itu.int;
* Possible physical meetings may be held, preferably in conjunction with Sector advisory group meetings, and within available resources;
* A dedicated website is developed with links from Sector advisory Groups.

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