

## RESOLUTION 12 (REV.WRC-23)

**Assistance and support to Palestine**

The World Radiocommunication Conference (Dubai, 2023),

*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)* UNGA Resolution 72/240, 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. Bucharest, 2022), Resolution 125 (Rev. Dubai, 2018), 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 infrastructure development and capacity building in the telecommunication and information technology sector;
- f)* Resolution 99 (Rev. Dubai, 2018), 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. Kigali, 2022), Resolution 18 (Rev. Buenos Aires, 2017), Resolution 18 (Rev. Dubai, 2014) and Resolution 18 (Rev. Hyderabad, 2010) of the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC), on special technical assistance to Palestine;
- h)* Resolution 9 (Rev. Kigali, 2022), Resolution 9 (Rev. Buenos Aires, 2017) and Resolution 9 (Rev. Dubai, 2014) of WTDC, which recognize that 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 Constitution and ITU 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. Bucharest, 2022), which recognizes that ITU's policy of assistance to Palestine for the development of its telecommunication sector has been efficient but has not yet fulfilled its goals due to the prevailing situation,

*considering further*

- a) the need to continue assisting Palestine to manage, similar to ITU administrations, its radio spectrum resources required to advance the economic and social development of Palestine;
- b) that the frequency assignments and frequency spectrum management requirements of Palestine must be respected and safeguarded in accordance with the provisions and resolutions of ITU and international law in this regard;
- c) the right of Palestine to manage and plan its own spectrum resources in accordance with the Interim Agreement and the provisions of the Radio Regulations and the various resolutions adopted by global and regional radiocommunication assemblies and conferences;
- d) The Israeli-Palestinian Interim Agreement signed between the parties,

*mindful*

of the fundamental principles contained in the Constitution,

*noting with concern*

the restrictions and difficulties related to the current situation in Palestine, preventing access to telecommunication means, services and applications, which constitute a continuing obstacle for the telecommunication sector in Palestine,

*welcomes*

- 1 the recent bilateral agreement elaborated through the JTC by concerned parties on 27 December 2022, for assignment of frequencies which will enable the deployment of IMT-Advanced and IMT-2020 technologies in Palestine,
- 2 the commitment of concerned parties to advance efforts to facilitate the entry of necessary equipment for the construction and operation of telecommunication networks for use by Palestinian operators;
- 3 the continued support of ITU, including its Secretary-General, in achieving the goals of this Resolution,

*urges Member States*

including concerned parties, to make every effort with a view to facilitating the acquisition and deployment of the equipment needed by Palestine for the establishment of their networks,

*resolves*

1 to continue to provide assistance to Palestine, through the ITU Radiocommunication Sector and in collaboration with the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector, pursuant to the relevant ITU resolutions and decisions, in particular in the areas of capacity building, spectrum management and frequency assignment, with a view to enabling Palestine to manage and exploit its radio spectrum;

2 to enable Palestine to modernize its telecommunication networks, including building and operating 4G and 5G networks, through support and technical assistance;

3 that Palestine should operate its telecommunication networks, including building and operating 4G and 5G networks, through support and technical assistance;

4 to urgently empower Palestine, through assistance provided to it, in order to ensure that Palestine is able to obtain and manage the necessary frequencies for microwave links, which are considered essential to the operation of 4G and 5G services, and identify mechanisms to ensure that Palestine is able to exploit the additional bands needed for new, modern mobile telecommunication networks, such as IMT-2020 in accordance with the Interim Agreement;

5 to enable Palestine to urgently extend, install, own, manage and operate optical fibre broadband telecommunication networks (and optical fibre links) between governorates and major cities to ensure a more robust digital transformation in Palestine in accordance with the Interim Agreement;

6 to support Palestine in obtaining VHF and UHF frequencies for fixed and mobile telecommunication services;

7 to enable Palestine to obtain FM frequencies for the broadcasting service;

8 to instruct the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau to ensure the implementation of this Resolution,

*urges concerned parties*

1 to make all possible efforts to achieve the following:

- i) facilitation of the import and deployment of equipment for the implementation of the agreement signed on 27 December 2022 with respect to the operation of 4G and 5G services, for the Palestinian operators in accordance with the Interim Agreement;
- ii) enabling the establishment of Palestine's own international access networks including satellite earth stations, submarine cables, optical fibre and microwave systems in accordance with the Interim Agreement,

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*instructs the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau*

1 to take appropriate measures within the mandate of the Radiocommunication Bureau, in cooperation with the respective Sectors, in order to assist in the implementation of this Resolution;

2 to report to the next world radiocommunication conference on progress achieved in the implementation of this Resolution;

3 to ensure support and assistance in the mobilization and development of financial and human resources and capacity building for the radiocommunication sector in Palestine through innovation and financing in various fields;

4 to assist in the delivery of telecommunication networks and Internet services to remote areas (and all health centres in Palestine);

5 to assist in the implementation of projects of the three ITU Bureaux, including the regional initiatives,

*instructs the Secretary-General*

1 to ensure the implementation of this Resolution and to submit an annual report to the ITU Council on progress made in implementing this Resolution;

2 to coordinate the activities carried out by the three ITU Sectors in accordance with *resolves* above, to ensure that the Union's action in favour of Palestine is as effective as possible, and to report on the matter to the Council on the progress achieved on these issues.