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| Report by the Secretary-General | |
| PROPOSED DATES AND DURATION OF THE 2018, 2019 AND 2020  sessions of the Council | |

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| Summary  As per Resolution 77 (Rev. Busan, 2014), and taking into consideration the decisions taken at its last 2016 session, the Council is invited to “schedule its next three ordinary sessions in June-July and to review the Council schedule on a rolling basis”.  Action required  The Council is invited to consider and **approve** the dates for the 2020 session, and to **adopt** the draft Decision contained in Annex to this document.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  References  [Rule 1, Council Rules of Procedure](http://www.itu.int/council/pd/rop-e.pdf); [Resolution 77 (Rev. Busan, 2014)](http://www.itu.int/dms_pub/itu-s/opb/conf/S-CONF-ACTF-2014-PDF-E.pdf), [Resolution 111 (Rev. Busan, 2014)](http://www.itu.int/dms_pub/itu-s/opb/conf/S-CONF-ACTF-2014-PDF-E.pdf); documents [C15/123](http://www.itu.int/md/S15-CL-C-0123/en), [C15/125](http://www.itu.int/md/S15-CL-C-0125/en), [C16/120](http://web.itu.int/md/S16-CL-C-0120/en) and [C16/121](http://web.itu.int/md/S16-CL-C-0121/en), and [Council Decision 591](http://www.itu.int/md/S16-CL-C-0129/en) |

*Annex:* **1**

**Background**

1. Resolution 77 (Rev. Busan, 2014) related to the ***scheduling and duration of conferences, forums, assemblies and Council sessions of the Union***, *resolves* that“the Council shall, in principle, hold its ordinary session within or around June-July of the calendar year”, and *further instructs* the Council “at each ordinary session, to schedule its next three ordinary sessions in June-July and to review the Council’s schedule on a rolling basis”.
2. Resolution 111 (Rev. Busan, 2014), on ***considering major religious periods in the scheduling of ITU conferences, assemblies and Council sessions*** resolves that “the Union and its Member States of the Council should make every effort, as far as practicable, in order that the planned period of any Council session not be scheduled during a period which is considered a major religious period by a Member State of the Council”.
3. During its 2016 session, the Council agreed that duration of Council sessions would need to be extended by one day and approved Decision 591 regarding the dates and duration for the 2018 and 2019 sessions. Discussions held during Council 2016 are summarized in documents [C16/120](http://web.itu.int/md/S16-CL-C-0120/en) and [C16/121](http://web.itu.int/md/S16-CL-C-0121/en).

**Confirmed dates as per** [**Decision 591**](http://www.itu.int/md/S16-CL-C-0129/en)**:**

- 2018 session of the Council (eight working days):   
 **Wednesday, 18 April to Friday, 27 April 2018[[1]](#footnote-1)**

- 2019 session of the Council (nine working days):   
 **Monday, 10 June to Thursday, 20 June 2019**

**Proposed dates for the 2020 session:**

- 2020 session of the Council (eight working days):   
 **Wednesday, 27 May to Friday, 5 June 2020**

The Council is invited to consider and approve the date for the session of the Council in 2020, and to adopt the Draft Decision as proposed in the Annex.

Annex

DRAFT DECISION [ ... ]

Dates and duration of the 2018, 2019, and 2020 Sessions of the Council

The Council,

recalling

1. Resolution 77 (Rev. Busan, 2014) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, which instructs the Council “at each ordinary session, to schedule its next three ordinary sessions in June-July and to review the Council’s schedule on a rolling basis”;
2. Council Decision 591:

i) that the 2018 session of the Council will open in Geneva for a period of 8 working days from **Wednesday, 18 April to Friday, 27 April 2018[[2]](#footnote-2);**

ii) that the 2019 session of the Council will open in Geneva for a period of 9 working days from **Monday, 10 June to Thursday, 20 June 2019**,

taking into account

Resolution 111 (Rev. Busan, 2014) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, which resolves “that the Union and the Member States of the Council should make every effort, as far as practicable, in order that the planned period of any Council session not be scheduled during a period which is considered a major religious period by a Member State of the Council”,

decides

that the 2020 session of the Council will open in Geneva for a period of 8 working days from **Wednesday, 27 May to Friday, 5 June 2020.**

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1. As per past practice, the last meeting of the Council 2018 session will take place just before the Plenipotentiary Conference 2018 (PP-18). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. As per past practice, the last meeting of the Council 2018 session will take place just before the Plenipotentiary Conference 2018 (PP-18). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)