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I have the honour to transmit to the Member States of the Council a contribution submitted by the **Russian Federation.**

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 Secretary-General

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| SummaryThe document sets out proposals for ensuring compliance with CS51 of Article 8 - Plenipotentiary Conference, which reads: “*c)* in the light of its decisions taken on the reports referred to in No. 50 above, establish the strategic plan for the Union and the basis for the budget of the Union, and determine related financial limits, until the next plenipotentiary conference, after considering all relevant aspects of the work of the Union in that period”, taking account of the practice applied in the course of a number of previous plenipotentiary conferences. The aim of these proposals is to ensure that PP-18 adopts a budgeted strategic plan for the Union.Action requiredThe Council is invited to **consider** **the proposals and submit appropriate recommendations to the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference in 2018.**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_References*Documents*[*С16/4*](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=S16-CL-C-0004)*,* [*CWG-FHR 7/10*](http://www.itu.int/md/S17-CLCWGFHRM7-C-0010/en)*,* [*С17/78(Rev.2)*](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=S17-CL-C-0078)*,*[*C17/130(Rev.1)*](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=S17-CL-C-0130)*,* [*C17/DL/8*](https://www.itu.int/md/S17-CL-170515-DL-0008/en) |

# 1 Introduction

At the Council sessions of 2016 and 2017, a number of documents on possible ways of improving the roll‑out of the plenipotentiary conference were discussed. One of the most important proposals considered and endorsed by the Council was the proposal to ensure that PP-18 adopts a realistic strategic plan, budget and financial limits for the Union for the period 2020-2023. These proposals correspond to the provisions of Article 8 of the ITU Constitution while taking account of the practice of a number of previous ITU plenipotentiary conferences.

It should be noted that, starting with the Plenipotentiary Conference of 2002 in Marrakesh, the size of the contributory unit remained constant. In addition, there was no review of the unit once ITU Member States declared the class of contribution definitively chosen by them. Applying the practice already used at a number of plenipotentiary conferences, when establishing the amount of the contributory unit at the start of the plenipotentiary conference there is no need to apply the procedure for reviewing the definitive upper limit of the amount of the contributory unit, but to approve definitively the amount of the contributory unit on the first day of work of the plenipotentiary conference.

In this case, Member States can already declare their definitively chosen class of contribution on the second or third day of PP-18, in accordance with No. 116E of the Constitution.

# 2 Proposals

2.1 In order to ensure that a realistic strategic plan, basis for the budget and financial limits for the Union are established for the period 2020-2023, to propose to the Plenipotentiary Conference 2018 that it:

a) approve the definitive upper limit of the amount of the contributory unit on the first day of PP-18 (as was done at PP-14);

b) establish the third day of the plenipotentiary conference as the day on which ITU Member States declare their definitive choice of class of contribution;

c) publish the classes of contribution definitively chosen by ITU Member States before 2400 hours Geneva time on the third day of PP-18.

2.2 To propose to the Secretary-General of ITU that he:

a) announce these proposals, together with other proposals concerning improvements to the roll-out of the plenipotentiary conference, at informal and formal meetings of heads of delegation;

b) include these proposals in the draft agenda of the first plenary meeting of the Plenipotentiary Conference 2018.

The proposed measures are fully in line with Nos. 161B-F of the Constitution subject to certain adjustments with regard to dates. This approach also makes it possible to ensure the adoption of mutually balanced and reasonable strategic and financial plans for the Union.

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1. This document was endorsed by a meeting of a working group of the RCC Commission on Coordination of International Cooperation, from 30 November to 1 December 2017. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)