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| CONTRIBUTION FROM THE rUSSIAN FEDERATION | |
| STREAMLINING PP AND SECTOR RESOLUTIONS | |

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

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STREAMLINING PP AND SECTOR RESOLUTIONS

# I Introduction

A number of resolutions in all three Sectors are based directly on relevant PP resolutions. In practice, the texts of the documents are very close, and the main operative sections of Radiocommunication Assembly (RA), World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA) and World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC) resolutions reproduce and/or expand on element(s) in the relevant PP resolution, for example:

| Subject area | PP Resolution | WTSA Resolution | WTDC Resolution | RA Resolution |
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| Regional presence | PP Res. 25 | WTSA Res. 54 | WTDC Res. 17 | ITU-R Res. 48 |
| WSIS + SDG | PP Res. 140 | WTSA Res. 75 | WTDC Res. 30 | ITU-R Res. 61 |
| Sector Members, Associates | PP Res. 152 | WTSA Res. 31 | WTDC Res. 27 | ITU-R Res. 43 |
| Use of languages on an equal footing | PP Res. 154 | WTSA Res. 67 | WTDC Res. 86 | ITU-R Res. 35/36 |
| Chairmanship in SGs/advisory groups | PP Res. 166 | WTSA Res. 35 | WTDC Res. 61 | ITU-R Res. 15 |
| Accessibility | PP Res. 175 | WTSA Res. 70 | WTDC Res. 58 | ITU-R Res. 67 |
| Conformance and Interoperability | PP Res. 177 | WTSA Res. 76 | WTDC Res. 47 | ITU-R Res. 62 |
| Inter-Sector coordination | PP Res. 191 | WTSA Res. 18 | WTDC Res. 59 | ITU-R Res. 6 & 7 |

It seems appropriate, in the period of preparation for the plenipotentiary conference, to consider the possibility and desirability of drafting and endorsing at PP-18 resolutions on issues covering three or, in some cases, two Sectors, so as, when considering the issue at sectoral assemblies/conferences, either not to adopt Sector resolutions, or to include in their content only references to the relevant PP resolution, new developments and documents directly affecting the activities of a particular Sector and occurring after the PP, and specific instructions addressed to the Sector in question.

For example, in the case of endorsing a common approach to the appointment of chairmen/vice-chairmen of the sector SGs/advisory groups, there will be no need for an analogous sectoral resolution and an appropriate link in Resolution 1 will suffice.

A preliminary draft of the new PP resolution on the appointment and maximum term of office for chairmen and vice-chairmen of sector advisory groups, study groups and other groups has been submitted in a different document.

# II Proposals

2.1 In the light of the results of PP-18, with the assistance of the secretariat, to identify specific instructions to each ITU Sector contained in PP-18 outcome documents, and on the basis thereof to revise the relevant [Sector] resolutions in the sense of simplifying them using only links to the relevant PP resolution and defining specific instructions to the Sector on the subject area in question, or by suppressing the relevant Sector resolution and reflecting the relevant instructions in another Sector resolution.

2.2 In addition, taking into the account the goals and challenges of the Sectors as reflected in the Strategic Plan for the Union for 2020-2023, to identify primary, general or similar "instructions" and specifically Sector-oriented ones when considering matters related to the revision of existing PP resolutions or the development of new PP resolutions in preparation for the plenipotentiary conference.

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