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Most Russian telecommunication operators apply to the ITRs (2012) when entering into commercial contracts, resolving disputes, including in courts, and performing other relevant in law actions. At the same time, a number of Russian operators use the ITRs (rev. 2012, Dubai), which is published on the ITU website at <https://www.itu.int/en/wcit-12/Documents/final-acts-wcit-12.pdf>, and other companies apply to the ITRs (2012) publication posted on the ITU website on the ITU publications page at <https://www.itu.int/pub/S-CONF-WCIT-2012/en>. For the latter case, downloading the document requires registration/authorization.

Taking into account that the ITRs is the international legally binding document which regulates international relations in the field of telecommunications/information and communication technologies, and the use of different versions of the same treaty (with differing Article numbering) leads to legal collisions and significantly complicates consideration and resolution of disputes between telecommunication operators.

In this regard we request the Legal Adviser to clarify which version of the ITRs (2012) should be used by telecommunication operators for their relevant in law actions. We also request the ITU Secretary-General to issue a circular letter to Member States, Sector Members and general public with the information on this matter and publish this information on the ITU website together with the final version of the ITRs (2012) for public access and without the need for any registration/authorization.