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| PROPOSALS FOR THE REVISION OF Resolution 925 "Financial conditions for the participation of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and other international organizations in the conferences and meetings of the ITU", in the light of the content of resolution 741 "Conditions governing the attendance of liberation organizations at meetings of the ITU" |

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

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 Secretary-General

Contribution by the Russian Federation

PROPOSALS FOR THE REVISION OF RESOLUTION 925 "FINANCIAL CONDITIONS FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS, THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN THE CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS
OF THE ITU", IN THE LIGHT OF THE CONTENT OF RESOLUTION 741 "CONDITIONS GOVERNING THE ATTENDANCE OF LIBERATION ORGANIZATIONS AT
MEETINGS OF THE ITU"

# I Introduction

In Resolution 71 (Rev. Dubai, 2018), the 2018 ITU Plenipotentiary Conference, inter alia, set the goal of strengthening cooperation among the ITU membership and all other stakeholders, including intergovernmental and international organizations (Goal 5 – Partnership), and recognized the need for the Union to contribute to the global partnership to strengthen the role of telecommunications/ICTs as a means of implementation of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) action lines and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

ITU’s activities to achieve its strategic goals and tasks are performed based on the financial limits established pursuant to Decision 5 (Rev. Dubai, 2018), which considers the participation of ITU and its regional offices, in collaboration with United Nations agencies, in programmes relating to the Sustainable Development Goals and WSIS as a means of enhancing the effectiveness of ITU’s work, taking into account the benefits and advantages that the Union can derive from the participation of such organizations in its work.

In the light of the foregoing, we consider it appropriate to amend Resolution 925 (C‑1985, last amended C01) "Financial conditions for the participation of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and other international organizations in the conferences and meetings of the ITU", which has not been considered since 2001 and was established pursuant to the International Telecommunication Convention (Nairobi, 1982), which was abrogated and replaced on 1 July 1994 (see Nos 238 and 239 of Article 58 of the ITU Constitution "Entry into Force and Related Matters").

Resolution 741 (C-1947, last amended C-1984) "Conditions governing the attendance of liberation organizations at meetings of the ITU" addresses matters relating to conditions for the participation of organizations in ITU events. It is based on the abrogated Resolution 4 (Nairobi, 1982), while current Resolution 6 (Kyoto, 1994) "Attendance of liberation organizations recognized by the United Nations at conferences and meetings of the International Telecommunication Union as observers" resolves "that the liberation organizations recognized by the United Nations may attend at any time conferences, assemblies and meetings of the International Telecommunication Union as observers" and instructs the Council "to take the necessary action to implement this Resolution". Taking this into account and noting the general trend towards streamlining the number of the Union’s decisions/resolutions, Resolution 741 should either be revised or removed from the list of Council resolutions in force, after the incorporation of the relevant provisions of Resolution 741 into Resolution 925.

# II Proposals

Further to the foregoing, it is proposed:

1) To review and approve draft revised Resolution 925 (C-1985, last amended C01) “Financial conditions for the participation of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and other international organizations in the conferences and meetings of the ITU”, incorporating the provisions of Resolution 741 (C-1947, last amended C-1984) “Conditions governing the attendance of liberation organizations at meetings of the ITU” (see Annex A to this document).

2) Not to include in Resolution 925 the list of organizations which are specified as exempted from contributions to defraying the expenditure of ITU assemblies, conferences and meetings, as the list of these organizations is unwieldy and may be subject to constant changes that must be approved by the Council.

3) To make publicly available on the ITU website a list of organizations which are specified as exempted from contributions to defraying the expenditure of ITU assemblies, conferences and meetings.

4) To arrange the list of organizations into groups of organizations specified in the ITU Convention, including liberation organizations, which are specified as exempted from contributions to defraying the expenditure of ITU assemblies, conferences and meetings, namely:

– specialized agencies of the United Nations, including the International Atomic Energy Agency;

– regional telecommunication organizations;

– regional and other international organizations;

– intergovernmental organizations operating satellite systems;

– liberation organizations recognized by the United Nations.

5) To remove Resolution 741 (C-1947, last amended C01984) from the list of Council Resolutions in force.

6) To instruct the Secretary-General to report to Council sessions on updates, as appropriate, to the list of organizations which are specified as exempted from contributions to defraying the expenditure of ITU assemblies, conferences and meetings.

7) To instruct the Secretary-General to provide access to the texts of agreements between ITU and the relevant international organizations, including the agreement between the United Nations and the International Telecommunication Union.

Annex A

Resolution 925 (C-1985, last AMENDED C19)

Financial conditions for the participation of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and other international organizations in the conferences, assemblies and meetings of the ITU

The Council,

recalling

that the agreement between the United Nations and the ITU provides for that body to be invited to participate in all conferences and assemblies of the Union, as well as in meetings of ITU Sector study groups and working bodies and all other meetings convened by the Union,

considering

*a)* that the Council, under the terms of No. 80 of Article 4 of the ITU Convention, is responsible for the coordination with all international organizations having related interests and activities, as referred to in Articles 49 and 50 of the Constitution;

*b)* that it is in the general interests of the specialized agencies in relation with the United Nations to cooperate within the limits of their powers in solving their common, related or complementary problems;

*c)* that under the terms of No. 476 of Article 33 of the Convention, the Council may exempt “subject to reciprocity” certain international organizations from any share in defraying the expenses of ITU conferences, assemblies and meetings;

*d)* that the only criterion in such cases should be the benefits and advantages that both the ITU and the organization in question may derive from their participation in the activities concerned,

having regard to

relevant resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly dealing with the question of liberation movements,

resolves

1 that the United Nations shall be exempted from all contributions to defraying the expenditure of ITU conferences and meetings in which it participates;

2 that, subject to the provisions of Articles 23, 24 and 25 of the Convention and the General Rules of conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union, the specialized agencies of the United Nations, the International Atomic Energy Agency and other organizations referred to in Nos 269A–269E of Article 23 of the Convention, shall be invited to take part in conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union in an advisory capacity;

3 that, provided they accord reciprocity to the Union, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and other organizations in accordance with Nos 269A–269E of Article 23 of the Convention shall be exempted from all contributions to defraying the expenditure of any ITU conferences, assemblies and meetings in which they participate;

4 that liberation organizations, in accordance with Resolution 6 (Kyoto, 1994), may attend at any time ITU conferences, assemblies and meetings as observers and shall be exempted from all contributions to defraying the expenditure of ITU conferences, assemblies and meetings in which they participate;

5 to instruct the Secretary-General:

5.1 in accordance with Nos 3 and 4 above, to establish and update, as required, a list of organizations exempted from all contributions to defraying the expenditure of ITU conferences, assemblies and meetings, comprising the following sections:

– regional telecommunication organizations;

– intergovernmental organizations operating satellite systems;

– regional and other international organizations;

– specialized agencies of the United Nations and the International Atomic Energy Agency;

– liberation organizations recognized by the United Nations;

5.2 to present the list of organizations, in accordance with No. 5.1 above, to the Council for consideration and approval;

5.3 to make publicly available on the ITU website the list of organizations, as approved by the Council;

5.4 to report to the Council on measures to implement this Resolution.

Ref.: Documents С19/ХХ, С19/ХХ.

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