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| Note by the Secretary-General | |
| Contribution from the Republic of Côte d’Ivoire  Terms of Reference of EG-ITR | |

I have the honour to transmit to the Member States of the Council a contribution submitted by the Republic of Côte d’Ivoire.

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Secretary-General

Contribution from the Republic of Côte d’Ivoire

Terms of Reference of EG-ITR

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| Summary  Proposal of new mandate for EG-ITR.  Action required  To be considered.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  References |

PP-18 held in Dubai 2018 revised Resolution 146 to reconvene the Expert group on the ITRs (EG-ITR) with new terms of reference to be adopted by ITU council on its first session.

It was noted that the report of the previous expert group highlighted no consensus between Member States. This situation came mainly from a misinterpretation of the terms of reference by the expert group which did not allow Member States to open discussion on policy issues raised by new trends in telecommunications/ICT that could only be solved at the global level.

Convinced that clear terms of reference will allow discussions to happen on substantive issues and address concerns raised by countries particularly developing countries regarding ITR in this evolving Telecommunication/ICT environment, we propose on behalf of the African group the following text to be included in the terms of reference of the Expert group on the ITRs to give a chance to reach consensus:

“**The Expert group EG-ITR, open to all Member States and Sector Members, and working in the six ITU official languages, will:**

1. **Examine the current operating environment and identify telecommunication/ICT International policy concerns of Member States taking into account:**
   1. **Technological changes, emerging issues and new trends which did not exist when the ITRs were formulated, as well as future technological changes and trends;**
   2. **ITU PP Resolutions relating to various emerging issues and trends.**
2. **Recommend proposals that can be included in a global/new ITRs;**
3. **Consider as appropriate, relevant work regarding the ITRs that took place prior to the beginning of the ITRs review process;**
4. **Examine contributions and note information documents submitted to it, including the contributions presented to Council 2018 and PP-18;**
5. **Provide a report on the outcomes of all discussions including those on trends and emerging issues;**
6. **Prepare recommendations of required draft texts for amending the Constitution and Convention, if deemed appropriate.”**