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RESOLUTION 1396

(adopted at the ninth Plenary Meeting)

Biennial Budget of the
International Telecommunication Union for 2020-2021

The Council,

in view of

the provisions of the Convention of the International Telecommunication Union,

bearing in mind

*a)* the provisions of Decision 5 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) of the Plenipotentiary Conference on the Revenue and Expenses of the Union for the period 2020-2023, which specifies that the contributory unit for Member States for the years 2020-2021 shall not exceed CHF 318,000;

*b)* the provisions of Article 11 of the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules of the Union relating to the transfers of appropriations,

resolves to approve

the biennial budget of the Union for 2020-2021, amounting to CHF 167,478,000 for 2020 and to CHF 164,535,000 for 2021, or CHF 332,013,000 for the biennium 2020-2021, appropriated as follows:



further resolves

1 to set the amount of the annual contributory unit for 2020 and 2021 at CHF 318,000 on the basis of the class of contribution chosen by Member States under No. 160 of the Constitution and No. 468 of the Convention of the International Telecommunication Union, i.e. on the basis of a total of 343 11/16 units;

2 to set at CHF 63,600 the annual value of the contributory unit for 2020 and 2021 for defraying the expenses of meetings of the Radiocommunication Sector (ITU-R), the Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T) and the Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D) payable by Sector Members, in accordance with No. 480 of the Convention of the International Telecommunication Union;

3 to set the financial contribution for Associates as follows:

1. CHF 10,600 for Associates participating in the work of ITU-T and ITU-R;
2. CHF 3,975 for Associates participating in the work of ITU-D;
3. CHF 1,987.50 for Associates from developing countries participating in the work
of ITU-D;
4. to set the annual fee for academia, universities and their associated research establishments as follows:
5. CHF 3,975 for organizations from developed countries participating in the work of the three Sectors;
6. CHF 1,987.50 for organizations from developing countries participating in the work of the three Sectors;
7. to authorize the Secretary-General to adjust the appropriations in relation to the items of expenses in a) and b) below in accordance with the incurred changes through the use of the Reserve Account, and provided that the Reserve Account is kept at the level prescribed in Decision 5 (Rev. Dubai, 2018):
8. increases in salary scales, pension contributions and allowances, including post adjustments, applicable to Geneva, as adopted by the United Nations common system;
9. fluctuations in the exchange rate between the US dollar and the Swiss franc in so far as this affects the staff costs for those staff members on United Nations scales;
10. to grant the Secretary-General for the 2020-2021 biennium, with respect to *Rule 6.1* of the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules, the necessary flexibility to compensate overspend on categories 1 and 2 (Staff costs) from savings on categories 3 to 9 (Non-staff costs) and make the necessary transfers, if so needed;

6 to authorize to balance the 2020-2021 accounts, should the need arise, from surplus in revenue;

7 to instruct the Secretary-General to transfer CHF 1,000,000 from the Reserve Account in January 2020 to the ASHI fund in order to address the unfunded long-term liabilities.

**Annexes:** Tables 1-12

























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