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**Contribution by the Secretariat**

Overview of the progress of the Request for Proposal for Auditing the Accounts of the International Telecommunication Union

1 At its April 2018 meeting, the Council appointed the individuals recommended by the six regional telecommunication organizations to serve as members of an Appraisal Committee (Documents C18/67 and C18/121). With the support of the ITU Secretariat, the Appraisal Committee initiated its work on the tender process for identifying a Supreme Audit Institution (SAI) of an ITU Member State that best meets the criteria set out in a Request for Proposal (RfP) for auditing the accounts of the Union.

2 The ITU Secretariat prepared a first draft of the RFP and consulted with the Appraisal Committee and IMAC to obtain feedback on various elements included in that RFP. Comments received were taken into consideration and the RFP was amended accordingly.

3 On 12 December 2018, the Secretary-General invited Member States of the ITU to inform their respective SAIs that the RfP has been published under the General Documentation heading of the ITU Council web page (<https://www.itu.int/en/council/Pages/documents.aspx>).

4 Detailed instructions and specific timelines have been outlined in the RfP, including an opportunity for the interested parties to request complementary information, through the ITU’s Procurement Division, by 15 February 2019. Final deadline for submission of proposals is fixed on 15 March 2019.

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| **Action** | **Milestone date** |
| Closure of RFP | 15 March 2019 |
| Finalization Technical and Financial evaluation | 1 May 2019 |
| Evaluation Report to ITU Council with recommendation of Bidder for appointment by Council as ITU External Auditor for ITU accounts 2020-2023 | 10 May 2019 |

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