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issues to be considered in the itu biennial budget for 2020-2021

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| **Summary**  The ITU biennial budget for 2020-2021 shall contain budgetary allocation for the 2021 World Telecommunication Policy Forum (WTPF-21) and for all meetings of Council Working Groups (CWGs) and Expert Groups (EGs) during that period.  **Action required**  The ITU Secretariat should present detailed information to CWG-FHR and the ITU Council on these issues, to support decision-making during Council 2019.  References  *Plenipotentiary Decision* 5 *(Rev. Dubai, 2018); Plenipotentiary Resolutions* 2, 77, 146 *(Rev. Dubai, 2018), Document*  CWG-FHR 9/2 |

# 1 Background

1.1 The 2018 Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-18) amended Resolution 2 and Resolution 77 with the inclusion of a World Telecommunication Policy Forum (WTPF-21) to be held back to back with the WSIS Forum in 2021.

1.2 The draft ITU biennial budget for 2020-2021 presented in document CWG-FHR 9/2 proposes a budget allocation of CHF 307,000 for WTPF-21 and of CHF 1,436,000 for two annual Council sessions and Council Working Group (CWGs) meetings during that period.

1.3 Council 2019 should approve the agenda and the theme of WTPF-21, establish an Expert Group on WTPF (EG-WTPF), and allocate a proper budget for WTPF-21 itself and to the meetings of EG-WTPF. Issues to take into consideration include remote participation, languages to be provided for interpretation and translation of documents, and the number and duration of preparatory meetings of EG-WTPF.

1.4 Furthermore, PP-18 amended Resolution 146 to reconvene the Expert Group on the International Telecommunication Regulations (EG-ITRs). Council 2019 shall establish the new Terms of Reference and the new management team of the Group, and the number and duration of EG-ITRs meetings.

**2 Possible calendar of meetings in 2020-2021**

2.1 Table 1 below presents a potential calendar of EG-WTPF and EG-ITR meetings in the cluster of Council Working Group meetings in 2020-2021, leading up to WTPF-21:

Table 1: Possible calendar of EG-WTPF and EG-ITR meetings in 2020-2021

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| Number | Groups | Month - Year | Duration |
| 1 | EG-WTPF and EG-ITRs | September 2019 | 5 days |
| 2 | EG-WTPF and EG-ITRs | February 2020 | 5 days |
| 3 | EG-WTPF | June 2020 (during Council) | 2-3 days |
| 4 | EG-WTPF and EG-ITRs | September 2020 | 5 days |
| 5 | EG-WTPF and EG-ITRs | February 2021 | 5 days |

**3 Proposal**

3.1 Brazil kindly asks the Secretariat to propose a detailed calendar of meetings and budgetary allocation in the ITU 2020-2021 biennial budget for the events described in this contribution.

3.2 Brazil proposes that the cluster of CWGs meetings do not exceed two weeks in duration, including meetings of CWGs (with the exception of “EG on Decision 482”), EG-WTPF and EG-ITRs.

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