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STATUS REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF   
COUNCIL DECISIONS 600 AND 601 (UIFN, IIN)

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| **Summary**  Following the approval of Decision 600 and 601 at the Council 2017 session, ITU has been in the process of implementing these Decisions. Council 2018 approved the proposal to remove from the ITU database all records relevant to the entities for which national Administrations/regulators have lost contact and for which no contacts could be found by the end of Council 2019 based on confirmations/notifications from national Administrations/regulators. Council 2018 also instructed the secretariat, as an interim step, to undertake consultations with national administrations in order to submit a report on the status of those consultations to CWG-FHR. This report summarizes the status of the implementation and provides a report on the status of the consultations with Member States.  **Action required**  The CWG-FHR is invited to note the report. |

# 1 Background

Following the approval of Decisions 600 ([C17/133](https://www.itu.int/md/S17-CL-C-0133/en)) and 601 ([C17/134](https://www.itu.int/md/S17-CL-C-0134/en)) at the Council 2017 session, the ITU Secretariat has been in the process of implementing these Decisions.

The ITU Secretariat gave a status report on the implementation ([CWG-FHR 8/18](https://www.itu.int/md/S18-CLCWGFHRM8-C-0018/en)) to the eighth CWG-FHR meeting (22-23 January 2018) and also provided some observations and made two proposals. Document ([CWG-FHR 8/28](https://www.itu.int/md/S18-CLCWGFHRM8-C-0028/en)) contains the summary of the discussion at the CWG-FHR meeting.

TSB presented document [C18/100](http://www.itu.int/md/S18-CL-C-0100/en), which provides updates of the status of implementation of Council Decisions 600 and 601, including the status of the contacts for UIFN service providers and IIN assignees. It reproduces the first proposal presented to CWG-FHR in January 2018 and modifies the second proposal following the recommendation by CWG-FHR. Council is invited to take note of the first proposal and endorse the revised second proposal.

Council 2018 took note of the first proposal in Document [C18/100](https://www.itu.int/md/S18-CL-C-0100/en):

*National Administrations/regulators are invited to provide a focal point for providing or investigating up-to-date contacts for UIFN service providers (RoAs) and the assignees of IINs.*

Council 2018 approved the revised second proposal in Document C18/100:

*For Entities for which national Administrations/regulators have lost contact and for which no contacts could be found by the end of Council 2019, all records relevant to these entities will be removed from the ITU database based on confirmations/notifications from national Administrations/regulators.*

Council 2018 also instructed the Secretariat, as an interim step, to undertake consultations with national administrations in order to submit a report on the status of those consultations to CWG-FHR.”

# 2 Status of implementation of Decisions 600 and 601

2.1 The upgraded UIFN and IIN assignment and registration systems went live on 16 January 2018.

2.2 As of the end of 2018, 505 new UIFNs have been reserved or assigned following the new fee structure approved in Council Decision 600 via the upgraded systems, and 35 new IINs have been registered following the new fee structure approved in Council Decision 601. Both a one-time fee and an annual maintenance fee were paid by non ITU-T and ITU-R Sector Members.

2.3 For the UIFN annual maintenance fee for 2018, invoices representing CHF 752 700 was sent out in January 2018, still CHF 671 700 was not paid.

2.4 The list of invoices for IIN annual maintenance fee for 2018 has not been generated yet due to absence of confirmation of contacts for a significant percentage of IIN assignees.

2.5 Any UIFN service provider who joined as ITU-T or ITU-R Sector Member after 1 January of a given year would be charged a pro rata fee for the annual maintenance fee up to the effective date of their Sector membership.

2.6 Revisions were proposed to Recommendation ITU-T E.169.1 “Application of Recommendation E.164 numbering plan for universal international freephone numbers for international freephone service” and ITU-T E.118 “The international telecommunication charge card” to reflect Council Decision 600 and 601. The draft revised ITU-T E.169.1 and Amd.1 to ITU-T E.118 were agreed for determination at the meeting of ITU-T SG2 from 4 to 13 July 2018.

# 3 Status of the contacts for UIFN service providers and IIN assignees

3.1 In 2017, TSB initiated the process to notify 166 service providers of UIFN (Universal International Freephone Number) and 787 assignees of IIN (Issuer Identifier Number). Over 3000 emails were sent out to assignees, to regulators, and to answer queries in 2017.

3.2 Following Council 2018, TSB contacted 103 national Administrations/regulators or authorized agencies (for 573 IINs). 32 of them (for 148 IINs) have responded and provided assistance. Based on notifications and responses received in 2018, 154 IINs have been updated; 29 IINs have been withdrawn. 35 IINs have been added. These updates have all been published in the ITU Operational Bulletin.

3.3 As of 15 January 2019, there are 798 IINs kept in the ITU database.

3.4 Investigation on contacts of 15 unreachable service providers for UIFN is ongoing. National Administrations/regulators were contacted.

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