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| ITU-T work continuity plan until WTSA in February/March 2022 | |

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| Summary  Considering India’s Contribution VC2/2 to the Second Virtual Consultation of Councillors proposing to postpone WTSA to 1-11 March 2022 preceded by GSS on 28 February 2022, this document provides guiding points and references on the process to ensure the continuity and stability of the ITU-T Sector.  Action required  The Council is invited **to take note** ofthis document.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  References  Council document [C20/24 (Rev.1)](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0024/en), [VC2/2](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CLVC2-C-0002/en) |

Considering India’s Contribution [VC2/2](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CLVC2-C-0002/en) to the Second Virtual Consultation of Councillors proposing to postpone WTSA from 1 to 11 March 2022 preceded by GSS on 28 February 2022, to ensure the continuity and stability of the ITU-T Sector, the following guiding points and references are prepared by the Secretariat for consideration by Membership:

1. Leadership (SG/TSAG/SCV Chairmen and Vice Chairmen)
   1. The current leadership team (SG, TSAG, SCV, Chairmen and Vice Chairmen) continues until the next WTSA in Q1 2022.
      1. WTSA Resolution 35 refers to terms in office in between two consecutive WTSAs (but not in terms of the number of years in office) for instance resolve 4) “*that the term of office for both chairmen and vice-chairmen should not exceed two terms of office between consecutive assemblies*;”
   2. If a Chairman or Vice Chairman is no longer available to continue until the next WTSA, then CV 244 would be invoked:
      1. CV 244: “*3 If, in the interval between two assemblies or conferences of the Sector concerned, a study group Chairman is unable to carry out his duties and only one Vice Chairman has been appointed, then that Vice-Chairman shall take the Chairman’s place. In the case of a study group for which more than one Vice-Chairman has been appointed, the study group at its next meeting shall elect a new Chairman from among those Vice-Chairmen and, if necessary, a new Vice-Chairman from among the members of the study group. It shall likewise elect a new Vice Chairman if one of the Vice-Chairmen is unable to carry out his duties during that period.”*
   3. New Leadership candidates received so far for WTSA will continue to be recorded on the WTSA website and could be revised at any time by the nominating Member State or Sector Member up to the new nomination deadline which will be published in due course.
2. New/Revised Question Texts:
   1. All Study Groups have prepared their Part I and Part II Reports to WTSA and as such have revised the text of their Questions.
   2. WTSA Resolution 1 Section 7.2 *Approval of new or revised Questions between WTSAs* would be followed using the text of the Questions now prepared in Part II of the SG reports to WTSA.
   3. With the extension of this study period until Q1 2022, Study Groups will continue their work and revise Part I and II of their Reports to WTSA before the last TSAG meeting (Dates TBD) preceding WTSA.
3. Study group mandate updates (which, as per TSAG instructions, do not concern inter-SG transfer of mandate) being prepared by the Study groups and found in Annex 2 of Part I of the SG reports to WTSA can be put into force by TSAG with its current delegation of power from WTSA-16. The intra-SG updates are separated from and do not pre-judge outcomes of discussions on SG structure (see next item).
   1. See WTSA Resolution 22 resolve 1.c) “*restructure and establish ITU-T study groups, taking into account the needs of the ITU-T membership and in response to changes in the telecommunication marketplace, and assign chairmen and vice-chairmen to act until the next WTSA in accordance with Resolution 35 (Rev. Hammamet, 2016) of this assembly;”*
4. Study Group structure discussions and decisions would be considered at the next WTSA.
5. Updates to the working Methods
   1. TSAG is competent to review and revise the A-Series of Recommendations as per WTSA Resolution 22 resolve 1.b) “*to assign to TSAG the following specific matters within its competence between this assembly and the next assembly to act in the following areas in consultation with the Director of TSB, as appropriate:* *assume responsibility, including development and submission for approval under appropriate procedures, for the ITU-T A-series Recommendations (Organization of the work of ITU-T);”*
6. ADD/MOD/SUP to WTSA Resolutions would have to be considered at the next WTSA:
   1. Contributions received so far for WTSA will be kept on the corresponding WTSA website and could be revised and updated up to the new deadline of Contributions based on the new WTSA dates.
   2. Membership is invited to continue finding consensus on WTSA Resolutions through TSAG and Inter-regional meetings in preparation for the next WTSA.
7. Once WTSA is held in Q1 2022, the following WTSA would hopefully resume the normal cycle and would be held in 2024.

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