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Guiding principles for the creation, management and termination of Council working groups

**I Introduction**

PP-18 approved the revision of Decision 11 on the creation and management of Council working groups.

It seems appropriate to streamline PP-18 Decision 11 and Council Resolution 1333 on guiding principles for the creation, management and termination of Council working groups.

It should also be borne in mind that the holding of Council working groups’ meetings at the same time with meetings of sector advisory groups and other high-level ITU events negatively affects the ability of delegates, especially from developing countries, to participate in these meetings.

**II Proposal**

Amend Council Resolution 1333 as follows:

MOD RESOLUTION 1333 (REVISED 2020)

**Guiding principles for the creation, management and termination of  
Council working groups**

The Council,

*considering*

*a)* Articles 7 and 10 of the Constitution, according to which, in the interval between plenipotentiary conferences, the Council acts as governing body of the Union, on behalf of the Plenipotentiary Conference within the limits of the powers delegated to it by the latter;

*b)* Decision 11 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) on the creation and management of Council working groups, identifying the main principles of the creation and work of the Council working groups;

*resolves*

1 that CWGs shall address issues, goals, strategies, and priorities identified in the Strategic and Financial Plans of the Union and in the decisions of the Plenipotentiary Conferences and the Council, and provide advice to the Council for its consideration;

2 that in creating a Council working group, the terms of reference (ToR) of CWGs shall be clearly defined, and duplication and overlapping of tasks shall be avoided with other CWGs; ToRs may be modified, as appropriate, in order to respond to changing requirements;

3 that appointment of CWG Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen for each CWG should be guided by provisions of Decision 11 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) and the Procedure of the Annex 1, including submission of the information given in the Annex 2;

54 that it is necessary to plan and conduct CWG meetings in an efficient and cost effective manner, within the limits of the budget allocated by the Council; a CWG should normally hold one meeting and not more than two CWG meetings per year; and, if appropriate, meetings of the CWGs can be integrated into the time allocation of the annual sessions of the Council; CWG meetings shall not coincide in time with Sector assemblies, conferences and advisory group meetings; electronic meetings should be envisaged when necessary and feasible;

65 that, as far as possible, CWGs should advance their activity by electronic means and working methods;

76 that termination of a CWG is executed after completion of tasks within the framework of the group’s mandate or in accordance with other decisions of the Council and/or the Plenipotentiary Conference, including Decision 11 (Rev. Dubai, 2018),

*resolves further*

1 that the number and mandates of the CWGs, in particular, on any modifications required to existing groups in response to this resolution and to changing requirements should be examined, on an ongoing basis,

*instructs the Secretary-General*

1 to submit to each Plenipotentiary Conference a table that identifies the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of each CWG, their tenure of office and region;

2 to ensure uniformity of the CWG websites that includes, at a minimum, terms of reference, the objective, composition, chairman and vice-chairmen, the secretariat, key Decisions and Resolutions, CWG documents and Reports.

ANNEX 1

**Procedure for the appointment of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of   
Council working groups**

1 After a decision on the creation of a Council working group is adopted by the Plenipotentiary Conference or by the Council, the Secretary-General, in consultation with Member States, will prepare and publish, on the Council’s webpage, a list of candidates and their profiles for each working group.[[1]](#footnote-1)

2 Appointment decision shall be taken on the corresponding session of the Council (immediately after the Plenipotentiary Conference or on the Council’s session which has taken the decision to create a CWG) taking into account the competency of candidates and with a view to promoting equitable geographical distribution and gender balance.

3 If a CWG Chairman could not continue his/her activity, a new Chairman is nominated, as a rule, from the existing Vice-Chairmen of this CWG; with the “partial” term of office not taken into account in the appointment for the next term.

Annex 2

**Qualifications of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen**

In appointing Chairmen or Vice-Chairmen, particular consideration shall also be given to the following data on competency and qualifications:

− knowledge and experience in the corresponding field;

− experience in ITU meetings and other intergovernmental organizations;

− managerial skills;

− ability to immediately proceed to duties and continue working until the next Plenipotentiary Conference or the CWG termination;

− succession planning.

Particular reference to the above qualifications should be included in the biographical profile to be published by the Secretary-General.

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1. Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the working group on use of the six official languages of the Union are appointed through linguistic groups. Their term of office is determined by the Council considering proposals from corresponding linguistic groups. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)