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To Member States of ITU Council

Subject: **Consultation by correspondence on outcomes of discussions of the second Virtual consultation of councillors**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I would like to thank you for your participation in the second Virtual consultation of councillors. The outcomes of this meeting are contained in [DT/1\(Rev.4\)](#).

In line with the outcomes of the virtual consultation, after consultation with the Vice-Chair of the Council and the Secretary-General, I would like to submit the items presented in the table of Annex 1, for the decision of the Council by correspondence as per rules 3.2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council. A simple majority of Council Member States having the right to vote would apply.

I hereby invite Member States of the Council to reply to the consultation using the [new online tool](#)*, or using the template in [Annex 1](#) by e-mail to memberstates@itu.int, **not later than 21 December 2020**. The Secretariat remains at your disposal if needed.

I look forward to receiving your reply.

Yours faithfully,

(signed)

Dr Elsayed Azzouz
Chair of the Council

***New online tool:** Each Council Member State wishing to use the online tool is invited to provide, via memberstates@itu.int, the **name and email address of one (1) focal point** who will be entitled to respond. An email with a unique ID and password will be issued by ITU to the identified focal point so to allow him/her to complete the consultation. Please note that the online tool is in English only.

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ANNEX 1

Consultation on outcomes of discussions of the second Virtual consultation of councillors, 16-20 November

Name of the Member State of the Council:

Subject	Reference document No.	Proposal	Yes	No	Abstention
List of candidatures for Chairs and Vice-Chairs of CWGs, EGs, IEGs	C20/21 (Rev.3(Cor.1))	To appoint the two new vice-chairs for the Council Working groups, as follow:			
		- Ms D.V. Kalyuga from the Russian Federation, as Vice-Chair of CWG-FHR			
		- Ms Yana Brugier from France, as Vice-Chair of CWG-Lang			
World Telecommunication and Information Society Day	C20/17 C20/68	- To approve the theme of “ Accelerating digital transformation in challenging times ” for WTISD-21			
Report by the Chairman of the Council Working Group on Financial and Human Resources (CWG-FHR)	C20/50	- To note the report			
		- To approve the revision of Resolution 1299 contained in Annex 2			
		- To approve the amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules contained in Annex 3			
		- To approve the new guidelines on fellowships as contained in Annex 4			
Audited accounts: Audited Financial operating report for 2019	C20/42(Rev.1)	- To approve the draft Resolution on Financial operating report for the 2019 financial year as contained in Annex 5			
External Auditor report: Union’s accounts 2019	C20/40	- To approve the accounts as audited in the report of the External Auditor			
Report of the Internal Auditor on internal audit activities	C20/44	- To note the report of the Internal Auditor on internal audit activities			
Report of the Independent Management Advisory Committee (IMAC)	C20/22(Rev.1)	- To approve the IMAC report and its recommendations for action by the secretariat.			
Report by the working group on internal controls	C20/63(Rev.1)	- To note the report of the Working Group on Internal Controls			
Preparations for WTDC-21	C20/30(Rev.1)	- To note the report			
Preparations for WTSA-20 Modified Decision 608	C20/24(Rev.1)	- To note the report			
	C20/72	- To approve the modification of Decision 608 to schedule WTSA to 1-9 March 2022, preceded by GSS on 28 February 2022 contained in Annex 6			
	VC-2/3				
	VC-2/2	- To note the ITU-T work continuity plan until WTSA in February/March 2022 contained in VC-2/3			
	VC-2/4(Cor.1)				
	VC-2/7				
	VC-2/8				
	VC-2/9				
	C20/INF/23				

Subject	Reference document No.	Proposal	Yes	No	Abstention
Preparations for WTPF-21	C20/5(Rev.1) VC-2/DT/3	- To note the report contained in document C20/5(Rev.1)			
		- To re-schedule the physical meeting of WTPF from 16 to 18 December 2021			
		- To approve a revised Decision 611 modified with the new dates and preparatory schedule as contained in Annex 7			
Decisions of the UNGA on the conditions of service under the UN common system	C20/23	- To approve the draft Resolution as contained in Annex 8			
New investigation function and process	C20/60 C20/78 VC/8	- To endorse the reinforcement of ITU's investigation function, through the creation of an independent and dedicated position, at the P.5 or P.4 level, to be financed through a withdrawal from the Reserve Account			
Appointment of a new External auditor	C20/49	- To adopt the draft Decision contained in Annex 9			
Report of the Council Working Groups	C20/12 C20/8 C20/51 C20/57	To note these reports and endorse their recommendations:			
		- Report of the CWG-Lang			
		- Report of the CWG-WSIS&SDGs			
		- Report of the CWG-Internet			
		- Report of the CWG-COP			
Arrears and special arrears accounts	C20/11(Rev.1)	- To take note of the report			
		- To authorize the Secretary-General to write off CHF 2 720 252.63 of interest on arrears and irrecoverable debts			
		- To adopt the draft decision as contained in Annex 10			
Contributory shares of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for defraying Union expenses	C20/73	- To approve the Draft resolution contained in Annex 11 related to the contributory shares of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, with the agreed date of 1 January 2020, , with the understanding that this should not create a precedent* *It implies the payment of the supplementary unit in 2018 and 2019 for a total of CHF 636,000.			
Report on the implementation of risk management action plan	C20/61(Rev.1)	- To approve the recommendations in the report, as well as the revised ITU Risk Management policy and Risk appetite statements, to be implemented within the available budget			

Subject	Reference document No.	Proposal	Yes	No	Abstention
Requests for exemption	C20/39(Rev.1)	To approve the requests for exemptions as follow:			
		African Network Information Centre Ltd.:			
		ITU-D			
		American Registry for Internet Numbers:			
		ITU-T			
		ITU-D			
		African Organization for Standardization (ARSO):			
		ITU-T			
		Gulf Cooperation Council Standardization Organization (GSO):			
		ITU-T			
		International Mobile Satellite Organization (IMSO)			
		ITU-T			
		ITU-D			
		ITU-APT Foundation of India:			
		ITU-R			
		Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC):			
		ITU-R			
		Asia Pacific Network Information Centre (APNIC):			
		ITU-T			
		Latin America and Caribbean Internet Addresses Registry (LACNIC):			
		ITU-T			
		ITU-D			
		Wireless World Research Forum (WWRF):			
		ITU-R			
		ITU-T			
		ITU-D			

Councillors are kindly invited to send the reply via the [new online tool](#), or alternatively by e-mail to memberstates@itu.int not later than **21 December 2020**.

ANNEX 2

Reference: [Document C20/50](#)

RESOLUTION 1299 (C08, LAST AMENDED C20)

ITU Strategic Plan for Human Resources

The ITU Council,

recognizing

- a) No. 154 of the ITU Constitution, according to which ITU's paramount consideration in the recruitment of staff and in the determination of the conditions of service shall be the necessity of securing for the Union the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity;
- b) Resolution 71 (Rev. Dubai, 2018), which establishes, in its Annex 1, table 11, as an objective to ensure efficient use of human resources in a work-conducive environment and to develop and implement the HR framework fostering a sustainable and satisfied workforce, including the elements of career development and training;
- c) Resolution 48 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) on human resources management and development which recognizes the high value of the human resources of ITU and of the effective management of those resources for the fulfilment of its goals during the period 2020-2023, and contains references to resolutions and decisions that address issues relating to the planning and management of the Union's human resources,

noting

- a) that Resolution 48, *inter alia*, instructed the Secretary-General to prepare and implement, with the assistance of the Coordination Committee, and in collaboration with the regional offices, a four-year Human Resources Strategic Plan (HRSP) aligned with the ITU strategic and financial plans, to respond to the needs of the Union, its membership and its staff;
- b) that, in accordance with Resolution 48, it is necessary to improve and implement recruitment policies and procedures designed to facilitate equitable geographical and gender representation among appointed staff,

considering

that long-term planning in the area of human resources is essential for the proper management and development of ITU staff, succession planning, and to effectively address the needs of the Union,

resolves

- 1 to approve the four-year Human Resources Strategic Plan (HRSP) for the period 2020-2023, drawn up in accordance with *instructs the Secretary-General* 2 in Resolution 48 (Rev. Dubai, 2018);
- 2 to consider contributions submitted by Council Members during Council sessions from 2020 to 2023 with a view to address the issues listed in the annexes to Resolution 48 (Rev. Dubai, 2018), and ensure that any measures considered and taken are in support of HRSP implementation;
- 3 to consider annual reports of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the HRSP and Resolution 48 and decide on the measures needed,

resolves further to instruct the Secretary-General

- 1 to make any necessary changes to the HRSP, in cooperation with the ITU Staff Council, in accordance with *resolves 2* above, and to submit the updated HRSP to the Council for consideration;
- 2 to monitor recommendations made by the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) and approved by the UNGA with a view to making the necessary changes to the ITU Staff Regulations and Staff Rules applicable to appointed staff, in accordance with the rules and procedures adopted by the Council.

ANNEX 3

Reference: [Document C20/50](#)

Proposed amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules - 2018 Edition

Introduction

1 This document proposes amendments to referenced Articles of the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules that need to be aligned with the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) and the recommendations of the External Auditor.

Article 18, Rule 18.6

2 Article 18, Rule 18.6 covers inventories and assets of the Union. The title has been adjusted accordingly by inserting the text “and assets”.

Article 18, Rule 18.6, paragraph 2

3 Article 18, Rule 18.6, paragraph 2 requires capitalization of assets with a purchase value above CHF 5,000 only. This complicates the application of IPSAS capitalization rules for assets below CHF 5,000. The capitalization rules are very clear and well guided under the IPSAS rules. Therefore, a text to meet IPSAS capitalization criteria is inserted to replace the capitalization threshold of CHF 5,000.

Article 18, Rule 18.6, paragraph 3

4 Article 18, Rule 18.6, paragraph 3 does not include a procedure for governing assets. The text “and assets” is inserted to cover procedures for assets.

Article 21, paragraph 2

5 Article 21 paragraph 2 refers to capitalization of expenses from the capital budget fund. IPSAS rules are very strict and clear on the capitalization criteria. Therefore, the text “that meet IPSAS capitalization criteria” is added to be aligned with the IPSAS rules.

Current Financial Regulations and Financial Rules 2018	Proposal	Comments
Article 18, Rule 18.6 Title. Rule 18.6 Inventories	Rule 18.6 Inventories and assets	Adjusting the heading accordingly with the purpose of the rule 18.6
Article 18, Rule 18.6, paragraph 2 2. Any assets acquired having a unit value exceeding CHF 5 000 shall be not only inventoried but also entered in the appropriate accounts on the assets side of the financial position. They shall then be amortized over a period corresponding to their expected useful lifetime.	Article 18, Rule 18.6, paragraph 2 2. Any assets acquired that meet IPSAS capitalization criteria shall be capitalized and inventoried and shown in the statement of financial position . having a unit value exceeding CHF 5 000 shall be not only inventoried but also entered in the appropriate accounts on the assets side of the financial position. They shall then be amortized over a period corresponding to their expected useful lifetime.	The capitalization rules are very clear and well guided under IPSAS rules
Article 18, Rule 18.6, paragraph 2 3. The Secretary-General shall establish the procedures governing the inventories of the Union.	Article 18, Rule 18.6, paragraph 2 3. The Secretary-General shall establish the procedures governing the inventories and assets of the Union.	The text includes reference to procedures governing the assets of the Union
Article 21 Capital budget fund, paragraph 2 2. All the expenses shall be capitalized and entered as assets in the statement of the financial position of the Union.	Article 21, Capital budget fund, paragraph 2 2. All the expenses that meet IPSAS capitalization criteria shall be capitalized and entered as assets in the statement of the financial position of the Union.	IPSAS rules are very strict and clear on the capitalization criteria

ANNEX 4

Reference: [Document C20/50](#)

Revised policy for awarding fellowships for events and activities funded through the ITU regular budget and revised list of eligible countries

A fellowship in the United Nations system is a specially tailored or selected training activity that provides a monetary grant to a qualified individual for the purpose of fulfilling special learning objectives.

In the ITU context, fellowships are further intended to promote inclusiveness and participation by Member States* in ITU events and activities, which also include trainings, study-tours and in-service trainings, the primary objective being to enhance expertise in telecommunications and information and communication technologies, particularly in developing countries.

The following policy applies to fellowships funded through the ITU regular budget and awarded to eligible Member States requesting financial support from the Union to attend ITU events and activities that offer fellowship opportunities. Such events and activities, organized by the General Secretariat or by any of the three Bureaux will be published on a dedicated website for fellowships.

Within the approved budget for the event or activity in question, and within the stipulated deadline for the receipt of requests, the following criteria shall apply:

- 1) Member States eligible to receive ITU fellowships are those classified by the United Nations as developing countries, which also include the least developed countries, small island developing States, landlocked developing countries and countries with economies in transition.
- 2) Consideration to grant fellowships to high-income developing countries on the list shall only be made subject to available resources and after first fulfilling requests from other eligible Member States listed as low-income, lower-middle-income, and upper-middle-income developing countries.
- 3) Member States wishing to apply for an ITU fellowship must not have any type of debt related to the contributions derived from their contributory unit, except those who have agreed to a repayment plan and are in compliance with their obligations.
- 4) A fellowship application shall be made online and duly approved by a national designated focal point and/or a senior official from an administration of a Member State.
- 5) In awarding a fellowship, account shall be taken of:
 - The candidate's professional background, current position and the practical use the beneficiary intends to make of the knowledge and experience to be gained.
 - The long-term commitment of a candidate to the country's national capacity development needs.
 - The candidate's academic meritocracy.
 - The candidate's linguistic proficiency.
 - The candidate's leadership potential.

* This policy shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to fellowships awarded to the State of Palestine, Resolution 99 (Rev. Dubai, 2018).

- The candidate’s conduct, in terms of presence and commitment, during any previous event or activity for which a fellowship was granted.
 - Candidates that make a significant contribution to the work of the event or activity, including written contributions.
- 6) One full fellowship, or one or two partial fellowships can be granted per eligible Member State for an event or an activity.

A full fellowship includes one return economy class air ticket by the most direct and economical route from the duty station to the venue of the event or activity as well as an appropriate daily subsistence allowance to cover accommodation, meals and incidental expenses based on the rates established by the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC).

A partial fellowship covers either a return economy class air ticket or a daily subsistence allowance. In the case of partial fellowships, ITU will bear the cost of air tickets or daily subsistence allowances; the Member State concerned shall cover the remainder of the fellowship. Partial fellowships are to be encouraged to the extent possible to ensure efficient use of the available funds.

- 7) Trainings, study-tours and in-service trainings may incur training charges which shall be included in the cost of the fellowship.
- 8) To ensure good governance in the use of fellowships, any one individual may not be awarded more than one full fellowship, or two partial fellowships in a financial year. In this respect, the amount granted to any one individual shall not exceed ten thousand (10 000) Swiss Francs in a financial year.
- 9) Fellowships shall be awarded in a fair and transparent manner with a view to maintaining equitable geographical distribution, gender balance and the inclusion of people with disabilities and people with specific needs[†]. In particular, the fellowship programme should be expanded in order to enable people with disabilities and with specific needs to participate in the events and activities of ITU.
- 10) The highest-ranking officials (Head of State, Head of Government, Minister, Vice-Minister, Secretary of State or equivalent, high-ranking diplomats) shall not be considered for fellowships.

11) Fellowships shall not be granted for treaty-making conferences (Plenipotentiary Conferences, World and Regional Radiocommunication Conferences and World Conferences on International Telecommunications)-and for the ITU Council). Additionally, Fellowships shall not be granted to the Radiocommunication Assembly ~~and to the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly.~~

~~11)~~ 12) When granting a fellowship, ITU could exceptionally take into consideration the particular needs of developing countries that have been affected by severe natural disasters during the previous year.

The above criteria shall be indicated clearly in the invitation letters for events and activities offering fellowship opportunities.

In line with the relevant provisions of Resolution 213 (Dubai, 2018) of the Plenipotentiary Conference on measures to improve, promote and strengthen ITU fellowships:

[†] Within the context of this policy, the expression “people with specific needs” shall be understood to include indigenous people.

- a) an annual report shall be prepared to the ITU Council covering, *inter alia*, information and analysis on ITU Sectors and the General Secretariat; number of fellowships awarded per region and per country; gender; people with disabilities and people with specific needs; and on expenses.
- b) Member States shall be encouraged, through invitation letters for events and activities offering fellowships, to consider gender balance and the inclusion of persons with disabilities and persons with specific needs when proposing candidates for fellowships.

A dedicated website for fellowships shall serve as a one-stop shop for all information on ITU fellowships, including an annual list of events and activities offering fellowship opportunities, statistical reports as well as guidelines for fellowship beneficiaries.

Member States eligible for fellowships funded through the ITU regular budget

Member States eligible for fellowships are those classified by the United Nations[‡] as developing countries. These include the least developed countries, small island developing states, landlocked developing countries (Table 1) and countries with economies in transition (Table 2).

Table 1

Developing countries			
Country	Least developed countries	Small island developing States	Landlocked developing countries
Africa	Low-income (USD 995 or less)		
	Benin	✓	
	Burkina Faso	✓	✓
	Burundi	✓	✓
	Central African Rep.	✓	✓
	Chad	✓	✓
	Dem. Rep. of the Congo	✓	
	Eritrea	✓	
	Ethiopia	✓	✓
	Gambia	✓	
	Guinea	✓	
	Guinea-Bissau	✓	✓
	Liberia	✓	
	Madagascar	✓	
	Malawi	✓	✓
	Mali	✓	✓
	Mozambique	✓	
	Niger	✓	✓
	Rwanda	✓	✓
	Senegal	✓	
	Sierra Leone	✓	
	South Sudan	✓	✓
	Tanzania	✓	
	Togo	✓	
	Uganda	✓	✓
	Zimbabwe		✓
	Lower-middle-income (USD 996 - USD 3895)		
	Angola	✓	
	Cabo Verde		✓
	Cameroon		
	Congo (Rep. of the)		
	Côte d'Ivoire		
	Eswatini		✓
	Ghana		
	Kenya		
	Lesotho	✓	✓
	Nigeria		
	Sao Tome and Principe	✓	✓
	Zambia	✓	✓

[‡] United Nations report World Economic Situation and Prospects 2019, published in January 2019. In the report, countries with a gross national income (GNI) per capita of USD 995 or less are classified as low-income countries; those with a GNI per capita between USD 996 and USD 3895 as lower-middle-income countries and between USD 3896 and USD 12 055 as upper-middle-income countries; and those with a GNI per capita of USD 12 056 and above as high-income countries.

	Upper-middle-income (USD 3896 - USD 12 055)			
	Botswana			✓
	Equatorial Guinea			
	Gabon			
	Mauritius		✓	
	Namibia			
	South Africa			
	High-income (USD 12 056 and above)			
	Seychelles		✓	
Developing countries				
Country		Least developed countries	Small island developing States	Landlocked developing countries
Americas	Low-income (USD 995 or less)			
	Haiti	✓	✓	
	Lower-middle-income (USD 996 - USD 3895)			
	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)			✓
	El Salvador			
	Honduras			
	Nicaragua			
	Upper-middle-income (USD 3896 - USD 12 055)			
	Belize		✓	
	Brazil			
	Colombia			
	Costa Rica			
	Cuba		✓	
	Dominica		✓	
	Dominican Rep.		✓	
	Ecuador			
	Grenada		✓	
	Guatemala			
	Guyana		✓	
	Jamaica		✓	
	Mexico			
	Paraguay			✓
	Peru			
	Saint Lucia		✓	
	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines		✓	
	Suriname		✓	
	Venezuela			
	High-income (USD 12 056 and above)			
	Antigua and Barbuda		✓	
	Argentina			
	Bahamas		✓	
	Barbados		✓	
	Chile			
	Panama			
	Saint Kitts and Nevis		✓	
	Trinidad and Tobago		✓	
	Uruguay			
Arab States [§]	Low-income (USD 995 or less)			
	Comoros	✓	✓	
	Somalia	✓		

[§] This list shall apply mutatis mutandis to the State of Palestine, Resolution 99 (Rev. Dubai, 2018), a lower-middle-income economy.

	Syrian Arab Republic			
	Yemen	✓		
	Lower-middle-income (USD 996 - USD 3895)			
	Djibouti	✓		
	Egypt			
	Mauritania	✓		
	Morocco			
	Sudan	✓		
	Tunisia			
	Upper-middle-income (USD 3896 - USD 12 055)			
	Algeria			
	Iraq			

Developing countries				
	Country	Least developed countries	Small island developing States	Landlocked developing countries
Arab States ¹	Jordan			
	Lebanon			
	Libya			
	High-income (USD 12 056 and above)			
	Bahrain		✓	
	Kuwait			
	Oman			
	Qatar			
	Saudi Arabia			
	United Arab Emirates			
Asia-Pacific	Low-income (USD 995 or less)			
	Afghanistan	✓		✓
	Dem. People's Rep. of Korea			
	Nepal (Republic of)	✓		✓
	Lower-middle-income (USD 996 - USD 3895)			
	Bangladesh	✓		
	Bhutan	✓		✓
	Cambodia	✓		
	India			
	Indonesia			
	Kiribati	✓	✓	
	Lao P.D.R.	✓		✓
	Micronesia		✓	
	Mongolia			✓
	Myanmar	✓		
	Pakistan			
	Papua New Guinea		✓	
	Philippines			
	Solomon Islands	✓	✓	
	Sri Lanka			
	Timor-Leste	✓	✓	
	Vanuatu	✓	✓	
	Viet Nam			
	Upper-middle-income (USD 3896 - USD 12 055)			
	China			
	Fiji		✓	
	Iran (Islamic Republic of)			
	Malaysia			

	Maldives		✓	
	Marshall Islands		✓	
	Nauru		✓	
	Samoa		✓	
	Thailand			
	Tonga		✓	
	Tuvalu	✓	✓	
	High-income (USD 12 056 and above)			
	Brunei Darussalam			
	Korea (Rep. of)			
	Singapore		✓	
Europe	Upper-middle-income (USD 3896 - USD 12 055)			
	Turkey			
	High-income (USD 12 056 and above)			
	Israel			

Countries with economies in transition				
	Country	Least developed countries	Small island developing States	Landlocked developing countries
CIS	Low-income (USD 995 or less)			
	Tajikistan			✓
	Lower-middle-income (USD 996 - USD 3895)			
	Kyrgyzstan			✓
	Uzbekistan			✓
	Upper-middle-income (USD 3896 - USD 12 055)			
	Armenia			✓
	Azerbaijan			✓
	Belarus			
	Kazakhstan			✓
	Russian Federation			
	Turkmenistan			✓
Europe	Lower-middle-income (USD 996 - USD 3895)			
	Georgia			
	Moldova			✓
	Ukraine			
	Upper-middle-income (USD 3896 - USD 12 055)			
	Albania			
	Bosnia and Herzegovina			
	Montenegro			
	North Macedonia			✓
	Serbia			

Source: Adapted from the United Nations report *World Economic Situation and Prospects 2019*.

ANNEX 5

Reference: [C20/42\(REV.1\)](#)

DRAFT RESOLUTION [...]

Financial operating report for the 2019 financial year

The ITU Council,

in view of

[No. 101](#) of the Convention of the International Telecommunication Union and [Article 30](#) of the Financial Regulations of the Union,

having examined

the financial operating report for the 2019 financial year, covering the audited accounts for the 2019 financial year of the budget of the Union, the situation of the ITU TELECOM 2019 accounts and the audited 2019 accounts for technical cooperation projects, voluntary contributions and the ITU Staff Superannuation and Benevolent Funds,

having noted

that the External Auditor's reports are set out in [Document C20/40](#),

resolves

to approve the financial operating report for the 2019 financial year ([Document C20/42 \(Rev.1\)](#)), covering the audited accounts of the Union, the situation of the ITU TELECOM 2019 accounts and the 2019 audited accounts for technical cooperation projects, voluntary contributions and the ITU Staff Superannuation and Benevolent Funds.

ANNEX 6

Reference: [C20/72](#) and [VC-2/2](#)

DECISION 608 (C19, LAST AMENDED C20)

Convening of the next World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA-20)

The ITU Council,

noting

- a) that WTSA-20 was scheduled to be held in the last quarter of 2020 in accordance with Resolution 77 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) (Scheduling and Duration of future conferences, forums, assemblies and Council sessions of the Union (2019-2023));
- b) Council [Decision 608](#) adopted at the 2019 Session of Council which first decided on the convening of the next WTSA in Hyderabad, India, from 16 to 27 November 2020;
- c) that, further to the first virtual consultation of councillors, Council Decision 608 was modified and approved by correspondence to reschedule the next WTSA in Hyderabad, India, from 23 February to 5 March 2021, subject to the restoration of normal work and travel conditions in India and in other Member States,

noting further

- a) that due to uncertainty created by COVID pandemic, several meetings continued to be postponed or converted into virtual mode due to international travel restrictions;
- b) due to outbreak of COVID-19 in several countries, it may take many more months before the situation stabilizes and life becomes normal;
- c) that several countries have banned international travels and the movement of persons across different countries is still restricted and limited travel only is allowed; and
- d) that in view of the COVID-19 pandemic resulting on restrictions on work and travel, the administration of India proposed to reschedule the next WTSA from 1 March to 9 March 2022 subject to the restoration of normal work and travel conditions in India and in other Member States,

decides

that, subject to the concurrence of the majority of the Member States of the Union, the next World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA-20) will take place in Hyderabad, India, from 1 March to 9 March 2022 preceded by the Global Standards Symposium on 28 February 2022 and subject to the restoration of normal work and travel conditions in India and in other Member States,

instructs the Secretary-General

to carry out a consultation with all Member States on the exact dates of WTSA-20.

ANNEX 7

Reference: [VC-2/DT/3](#)

DECISION 611 (C19, LAST AMENDED C20)

Sixth World Telecommunication/Information and Communication Technology Policy Forum

The ITU Council,

recognizing

Resolution 2 (Rev. Dubai 2018) of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Dubai, 2018) on the world telecommunication/information and communication technology policy forum (WTPF),

considering

that the purpose of WTPF is to provide a venue for exchanging views and information and thereby creating a shared vision among policy-makers worldwide on the issues arising from the emergence of new telecommunication/ICT services and technologies, and to consider any other policy issue in telecommunications/ICTs which would benefit from a global exchange of views, in addition to the adoption of opinions reflecting common viewpoints,

decides

1 to convene the sixth WTPF in Geneva, Switzerland, for a duration of three days, from 16 to 18 December 2021 (WTPF-21);

2 that the theme for WTPF-21 is as follows:

“Policies for mobilizing new and emerging telecommunications/ICTs for sustainable development”:

The WTPF-21 would discuss how new and emerging digital technologies and trends are enablers of the global transition to the digital economy. Themes for consideration include AI, IoT, 5G, Big Data, OTTs etc. In this regard, the WTPF-21 will focus on opportunities, challenges and policies to foster sustainable development”;

3 that the preparatory process for WTPF-21 shall be in accordance with Resolution 2 (Rev. Dubai, 2018);

4 that the Agenda for WTPF-21 shall be based on the draft agenda contained in Annex 1 to this Decision;

5 that WTPF-21 shall not produce prescriptive regulatory outcomes; however, it shall prepare reports and adopt opinions by consensus for consideration by Member States, Sector Members and relevant ITU meetings;

6 that the report of the Secretary-General shall be developed in the following manner:

- i. the Secretary-General shall convene a balanced, informal group of experts, each of whom is active in preparing for WTPF-21 in his/her own country, to assist in this process;
- ii. preparation of the WTPF-21 report by the Secretary-General shall be in accordance with Annex 2 to this Decision;
- iii. WTPF-21 meetings should be conducted in line with the Rules of Procedure used at the previous two Fora;
- iv. the final report of the Secretary-General shall be circulated at least six weeks before the opening of WTPF-21.

7 that participation in WTPF-21 shall be open to all Member States and Sector Members;

8 that arrangements for WTPF-21 shall be in accordance with applicable Plenipotentiary Conference and Council decisions for such fora,

instructs the Secretary-General

to encourage ITU Member States, Sector Members and other interested parties, to make voluntary contributions to help defray the costs of the WTPF-21 and facilitate attendance of the LDCs.

Annexes: 2

ANNEX 1

Draft Agenda Sixth World Telecommunication/Information and Communication Technology Policy Forum

1. Inauguration of the sixth World Telecommunication/ICT Policy Forum
2. Election of the chairman
3. Opening remarks and presentations
4. Organization of the work of the WTPF
5. Presentation of the Secretary-General's report
6. Presentation of comments by the membership on the report
7. Discussion
8. Consideration of draft opinions
9. Adoption of the chairman's report and opinions
10. Other business

ANNEX 2

Procedure and Schedule for Preparation of the WTPF-21 Report by the Secretary-General

1 August, 2019	A First Draft outline of the report by the Secretary-General shall be posted online for comments
21 August, 2019	Deadline for receipt of comments on the First Draft Deadline for nominations for a balanced group of experts to advise the Secretary-General on further elaboration of the report and of draft opinions associated with it
1st IEG Meeting (September 2019 during the CWG cluster)	First meeting of the group of experts to discuss the First Draft of the report by the Secretary-General and the comments received
1 November, 2019	The Second Draft of the report by the Secretary-General will be posted online, incorporating discussions from the 1st IEG meeting This draft will also be made available online for open public consultations
23 December, 2019	Deadline for receipt of comments on the Second Draft, and for contribution on broad outlines for possible draft opinions Deadline for inputs from the open public consultations
2nd IEG Meeting (January/February 2020 during the CWG cluster)	Second meeting of the group of experts to discuss the Second Draft of the report by the Secretary-General and the comments received, including from the open public consultation
1 April, 2020	The Third Draft of the report by the Secretary-General will be posted online, incorporating discussions from the 2nd IEG meeting and including outlines of draft Opinions This draft will also be made available online for open public consultations
June 15, 2020	Deadline for receipt of comments on the Third Draft, and for contribution on possible draft Opinions Deadline for inputs from the open public consultations
3rd IEG Meeting (September 2020 during the CWG cluster)	Third meeting of the group of experts to discuss the Third Draft of the report by the Secretary-General and the comments received, including from the open public consultation
1 November, 2020	The Fourth Draft of the report by the Secretary-General will be posted online, including the possible draft Opinions, and incorporating discussions from the 3rd IEG meeting

23 December, 2020	Deadline for receipt of comments on the Fourth Draft
4th IEG Virtual Meeting (January-February 2021 during the CWG cluster)	Fourth meeting of the group of experts to discuss the Fourth Draft of the report by the Secretary-General, including the possible draft Opinions, and the comments received
15 March, 2021	The Fifth Draft of the report by the Secretary-General will be posted online, incorporating discussions from the 4th IEG meeting, and including the text of the possible draft Opinions as an Annex This draft will also be made available online for open public consultations.
1 May, 2021	Deadline for receipt of comments on the Fifth Draft, including the possible draft Opinions Deadline for receipt of comments from the open public consultation
5th IEG Virtual Meeting (Mid-May, 2021 close to the WSIS Forum 2021 duration)	Fifth meeting of the group of experts to discuss the Fifth Draft of the report by the Secretary-General, as well as the draft Opinions and the comments received, including from the open public consultation
1 July, 2021	The Sixth Draft of the report by the Secretary-General will be posted online incorporating discussions from the 5th IEG meeting and including the draft Opinions as an Annex
15 August, 2021	Deadline for receipt of comments on the Sixth Draft, including the text of the draft Opinions
6th IEG Meeting (September 2021 during the CWG Cluster)	Sixth meeting of the group of experts to finalize the Draft Report by the Secretary-General, including the final text of the draft Opinions to be submitted to the sixth WTPF
4 November, 2021	The final report of the Secretary-General to WTPF will be posted online, including the draft Opinions
16-18 December, 2021	Sixth World Telecommunication/Information and Communication Technology Policy Forum

ANNEX 8

Reference: [C20/23](#)

DRAFT RESOLUTION [...]

Conditions of service of ITU Elected Officials

The ITU Council,

in view of

Resolution 46 (Kyoto, 1994) adopted by the Plenipotentiary Conference,

having considered

the report by the Secretary-General on the measures taken within the United Nations Common System as a result of the decisions of the United Nations General Assembly at its 74th session with regard to conditions of service (Resolution 74/255B of 27 December 2019),

resolves

to approve the following salaries with effect from 1 January 2020, and pensionable remuneration with effect from 1 February 2020 for ITU elected officials:

	USD per annum		
	Gross (1 January 2020)	Net (1 January 2020)	Pensionable remuneration (1 February 2020)
Secretary-General	243'441	176'171	389'964
Deputy Secretary-General and Directors of Bureaux	221'529	161'709	361'677

ANNEX 9

Reference: [C20/49](#)

DRAFT DECISION [...]

Appointment new External Auditors

The ITU Council,

considering

a) Resolution 94 (Rev. Dubai, 2018);

b) the report of the Appraisal Committee for the selection of the External Auditor of the ITU in document [C20/49](#),

taking into account

the ITU Financial Regulations and Financial Rules (2018);

decides

to appoint the UK's National Audit Office as the external auditor of the ITU for auditing its 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 financial statements,

instructs the Secretary-General

to bring this Decision to the notice of the Comptroller and Auditor General of the UK's National Audit Office and to enter into an agreement with him, as appropriate.

ANNEX 10

Reference: [C20/11\(Rev.1\)](#)

DRAFT DECISION [...]

Cancellation of interest on arrears and irrecoverable debts

The ITU Council,

having examined

the report by the Secretary-General on arrears and special arrears accounts ([Document C20/11 \(Rev.1\)](#)),

decides

to approve the writing off of the following interest on arrears and irrecoverable debts in the amount of **CHF 2 720 252.63** against a corresponding withdrawal from the Reserve for Debtors' Accounts. Please refer to the details in the table below.

Country	Company Name	Year	Principal	Interest	Total
Belgium	AnSem, Heverlee	2010	0.00	7,980.05	7,980.05
Sub-total 3.2			0.00	7,980.05	7,980.05
Algeria	Orascom Telecom Algérie, Alger	2010	3,975.00	2,992.55	6,967.55
Argentina	Cooperativa Telefónica López Camelo (COTELCAM), Buenos Aires	2003-2006	15,787.50	22,394.60	38,182.10
Argentina	Impsat Corp., Buenos Aires	1999-2006	23,662.50	37,308.20	60,970.70
Belarus	Belarsat LLC, Minsk	2009-2010	12,366.20	9,673.30	22,039.50
Canada	Avvasi Inc, Waterloo	2015	10,600.00	2,498.20	13,098.20
France	VIABLE France Sarl, Paris	2010-2012	11,925.00	1,170.30	13,095.30
Haiti	Haiti Télécommunications Internationales S.A. (HaiTel S.A.), Pétiion-Ville	2008	31,800.00	30,829.55	62,629.55
India	Reliance Communications (Ex. Reliance Infocomm Ltd.), Navi Mumbai	2009	67,575.00	57,979.60	125,554.60
Indonesia	PT Bakrie Telecom Tbk, Jakarta	1997-2002	21,752.05	42,734.20	64,486.25
Israel	Gilat Satellite Networks Ltd., Petah Tikva	1997-2002	36,000.00	77,629.75	113,629.75
Israel	Telrad Networks Ltd, Lod	1998-2006	39,450.00	59,681.35	99,131.35
Italy	Leonardo (Ex. Selex Communications S.p.A), Rome	2001-2007	254,400.00	324,693.00	579,093.00
Korea (Rep. of)	SUNY Korea, Incheon	2018	1,821.88	181.75	2,003.63
Lebanon	Al-Iktissad Wal-Aamal Group, Beirut	2015	3,975.00	1,231.55	5,206.55
Lebanon	IMDI, Sal offshore, Beirut	2011	3,975.00	2,598.15	6,573.15
Pakistan	Sysnet Pakistan (Pvt) Ltd., Karachi	2003-2006	13,818.75	18,961.55	32,780.30
Togo	Centre régional de Maintenance des Télécommunications de Lomé (CMTL), Lomé	2003-2007	101,137.50	149,640.95	250,778.45
United Kingdom	Times Publications Ltd., London	1998-2002	29,775.00	57,560.25	87,335.25
USA	Calient Networks, Inc., San Jose	2003-2006	126,300.00	161,865.80	288,165.80
USA	Ezenia, Inc., Nashua	2000-2006	157,800.00	213,652.25	371,452.25
USA	The Gores Technology Group LLC, Los Angeles (Ex. Forgent Networks Inc.)	1998-2006	185,133.30	239,814.70	424,948.00
USA	WI-FI Alliance (Ex. Wireless Gigabit Alliance), Austin	2013	31,800.00	12,351.35	44,151.35
Sub-total 3.3			1,184,829.68	1,527,442.90	2,712,272.58
Grand Total			1,184,829.68	1,535,422.95	2,720,252.63

ANNEX 11

Reference: [C20/73](#)

DRAFT RESOLUTION [...]

Contributory shares for defraying Union expenses

The ITU Council,

in view of

the provisions of Article 28, No. 165A of the ITU Constitution,

having taken cognizance of

the note by the Secretary-General contained in [Document C20/73](#),

resolves

to authorize the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to contribute to defraying Union expenses in the 1 unit class with effect from 1 January 2020.
