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| ON the second DRAFT of the Report of THE ITU SECRETARY-GENERALfor the Sixth World Telecommunication/Information and Communication Technology Policy Forum 2021 |

**I Introduction**

Pursuant to the ITU Council Decision 611, the Secretary-General submitted the Second Draft of the Report by the ITU Secretary-General for the Sixth World Telecommunication/Information and Communication Technology Policy Forum 2021 (WTPF-21).

In accordance with the Schedule for Preparation of the WTPF-21 Report by the Secretary-General, the Russian Administration developed several proposals.

**II Proposals:**

Having considered the second draft report of the ITU Secretary-General for the Sixth World Telecommunication / ICT Policy Forum (WTPF-21), taking into account the discussion held at the first meeting of the Informal Expert Group on the preparation of WTPF-21 (IEG-WTPF-21), the Russian Administration offers the following offers the following comments:

1. We support the use of the terminology “new and emerging digital technologies and trends” in the report in accordance with Decision 611.

2. Decision 611 (Council 2019) clearly stated that WTPF-21 would address topics such as AI, IoT, 5G, big data and OTT. It follows that each of these topics should be discussed separately in the corresponding separate section of the Report.

3. In paragraph 2.7, a new subparagraph is proposed to be added:

2.7.3bis What risks may arise from the introduction of new and emerging digital technologies and trends? What measures of a political, regulatory and technological nature should be envisaged in this regard by the world community to unconditionally ensure trust and security, human rights and freedoms, privacy, especially with regard to the most vulnerable groups of the population, as well as prevention of racial and gender discrimination? What role should ITU play in this process within its mandate?

4. In subparagraph 2.8.1.2, it is proposed to add new subparagraphs:

e) What measures should be taken at the national and international levels to ensure security in the use of AI technologies and systems?

f) What initiatives in the field of the national and international levels of legislation should to be taken to ensure such principles of AI technology development as transparency, protection of human rights and freedoms, security, support for competition, etc.?

5. In paragraph 2.8.2, a new subparagraph is proposed to be added:

2.8.2.3 What role and priority tasks should be performed within ITU to create opportunities for the development and implementation of IoT in Member States?

6. In paragraph 2.8.5, a new subparagraph is proposed to be added:

2.8.5.4 How should ITU promote cooperation and dialogue among ITU Members as well as other stakeholders on activities related to OTT, including the dissemination of best practices, technologies and applications, especially for developing countries?

7. Issues of possible risks and ensuring confidence and security in the development and implementation of new and emerging digital technologies, especially AI, IoT and OTT, ITU's tasks in the analysis and development of appropriate international measures should be reflected when formulating corresponding Opinions.

8. When formulating an Opinion on 5G, the capabilities of the technology, the methods and approaches for using virtual and augmented reality (VR and AR) should be mentioned in particular.