|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Council 2021Virtual consultation of councillors, 8-18 June 2021** |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
| **Agenda item: PL 3.5** | **Document C21/14-E** |
| **22 February 2021** |
| **Original: English** |
| Report by the Secretary-General |
| COMPILATION OF THE OUTCOMES OF DISCUSSIONS OF THE vIRTUAL CONSULTATIONS OF COUNCILLORS HELD IN 2020 AND CONCLUSIONS REACHED BY CORRESPONDENCE |

|  |
| --- |
| SummaryAs part of the organization of the two virtual consultations of councillors which were held 9-12 June and 16-20 November 2020, the secretariat was invited to submit a compilation of outcomes of discussions of these two events to the next session of the Council. Action requiredThe Council is invited the note the document. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_References[VC/DT/1(Rev.3)](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CLVC-200609-TD-0001/en), [DM-20/1011](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-DM-CIR-01011/en), [CL-20/40](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-SG-CIR-0040/en), [VCC-2/DT/1(Rev.4)](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CLVC2-201116-TD-0001/en), [DM-20/1022](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-DM-CIR-01022/en), [CL-20/51](https://www.itu.int/dms_pub/itu-s/md/20/sg/cir/S20-SG-CIR-0051%21%21PDF-E.pdf). |

Outcomes of discussions of the first virtual consultation of councillors, 9-12 June 2020 ([VC/DT/1(Rev.3)](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CLVC-200609-TD-0001/en))
and conclusions reached by correspondence ([DM-20/1011](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-DM-CIR-01011/en), [CL-20/40](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-SG-CIR-0040/en))

| **Agenda item** | **Doc refs** | **Outcome** | **Outcome of written consultation by correspondence** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Tuesday, 9 June, 12.00-15.00** |  |  |  |
| Opening remarks by the Secretary-General | -- | The Secretary-General delivered his opening remarks. | -- |
| Intervention by UAE | -- | UAE delivered remarks. | -- |
| Nomination of Chair of the Virtual consultation | -- | Mr Saif Bin Ghelaita from UAE was nominated as the Chair of the Virtual consultation of councillors.  | -- |
| Opening remarks by the Chair | -- | The Chair delivered his opening remarks. | -- |
| Approval of the draft agenda of the Virtual consultation | [VC/1(Rev.2)](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CLVC-C-0001/en)  | The councillors approved the agenda of the Virtual consultation contained in VC/1(Rev.2). | -- |
| Comments on the draft TMP of the Virtual consultation | [ADM/1(Rev.2)](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CLVC-ADM-0001/en) | The councillors approved the draft time management in ADM/1(Rev.2).As the time management plan is rolling, it was agreed that if the foreseen items are finished and there remains time at the end of the meeting, the next day’s subjects could be addressed.  | -- |
| Organizational matters | -- | The Secretary informed the meeting of organizational matters.  | -- |
| World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (Res. 68)* *Contribution from Russian Federation*
 | [C20/17](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0017/en)[C20/68](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0068/en) | * Postpone the discussion of this item to the next physical meeting.
 | -- |
| Preparations for WTSA-20* *Contribution from India*
 | [C20/24](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0024/en)[VC/5](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CLVC-C-0005/en) | * Propose to the next physical meeting of the Council that it note document C20/24.
* Propose to the Council to approve the change of date of WTSA-20 to 23 February-5 March 2021, as proposed by India.
* Keeping in mind the fact that this decision should be taken urgently, a consultation by correspondence should be organized, in line with the relevant provisions of Article 3 of the Convention and Section 7 of the General Rules of Conferences, Assemblies, and Meetings of the Union relating to *Change in the place or dates of a conference or an assembly*.
 | The changes of dates of WTSA-20 were approved (modified [Decision 608](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0072/en)). |
| Preparations for WTDC-21 | [C20/30](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0030/en) | * Propose to the next physical meeting that it note document C20/30.
 | -- |
| Preparations for WTPF-21 (Res. 2, D611) | [C20/5](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0005/en) | * Propose to the next physical meeting that it note the report contained in document C20/5.
* Encourage the secretariat to engage in a consultation with Council Member States on new dates for WTPF in 2022, keeping in mind the fact that the item is urgent.
* Encourage the secretariat to further review possible rescheduling of WTPF-21 and to submit options when reviewing the schedule of events on Friday, 12 June.
* Encourage the secretariat to prepare a revised schedule for the preparatory process for discussion at the next meeting of the IEG-WTPF.
 | -- |
| **Wednesday, 10 June, 12.00-15.00** |  |  |  |
| Outcomes of discussions of the Virtual consultation of councillors, 9-12 June 2020 | [DT/1](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CLVC-200609-TD-0001/en) | * The councillors expressed appreciation for the document and indicated that it accurately captured the outcomes of the discussions.
 | -- |
| Cost Recovery for the processing of Satellite network Filings (D 482(MOD)) | [C20/16](http://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0016/en) | * Propose to the next physical meeting of the Council that it note the report contained in document C20/16
* Keeping in mind the fact that this item is urgent, a consultation by correspondence of Council Member States on the approval of the draft modified Decision 482 contained in [DT/2](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CLVC-200609-TD-0002/en) should be organized.
 | Modified [Decision 482](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0070/en) was adopted.  |
| Report on RA-19 and WRC-19 | [C20/27](http://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0027/en)[VC/11](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CLVC-C-0011/en)[VC/9](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CLVC-C-0009/en) | * Propose to the next physical meeting of the Council to take note of the report contained in document C20/27.
* Keeping in mind the fact that this item is urgent, a consultation by correspondence of Council Member States to support the requests made in documents VC/11 and VC/9 should be organized.
* Encourage the BR to continue to assist the Member States in the implementation of Resolution 559, in particular those who have not filed yet to do so by the end of 2020.
 | The requests made in documents VC/11 and VC/9 were approved. |
| Outcome of WRC-19 with financial implications | [C20/56](http://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0056/en) | * Propose to the next physical meeting of the Council to authorize the Secretary-General to take relevant measures as a matter of priority:
* to allocate funds from annual savings generated during budget implementation in 2020, or
* to call for voluntary contributions,
* but not to withdraw from the reserve account.
 | -- |
| World Radiocommunication Conference 2023 | [C20/55](http://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0055/en) | * Propose to the next physical meeting of the Council to take note of the expression of interest by the Administration of the United Arab Emirates to host the WRC-23 in the UAE.
* Keeping in mind the fact that this item is urgent, a consultation by correspondence of Council Member States should be organized to establish the agenda for WRC-23 by adopting the Resolution in Annex C.
 | The agenda for WRC-23 was adopted ([Resolution 1399](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0069/en)).  |
| Support for TSB | [C20/14](http://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0014/en) | * Encourage the TSB to provide additional information and clarification in support of their request for additional staff in order to continue the discussion on document C20/14 at the next physical meeting of the Council.
 | -- |
| External Auditor report: Union's account of ITU TELECOM World 2019 | [C20/41](http://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0041/en) | * Propose to the next physical meeting of the Council to approve the accounts of ITU Telecom World 2019 as contained in document C20/41.
 | -- |
| **Thursday, 11 June, 12.00-15.00** |  |  |  |
| Outcomes of discussions of the Virtual consultation of councillors, 9-12 June 2020 | [DT/1(Rev.1)](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CLVC-200609-TD-0001/en) | * No objection was observed from the meeting that a consultation to support the decisions requested in VC/11 and VC/9 should be organized.
* No objection was observed regarding the removal of the word “final” from the summary on WRC-23.
* It was confirmed that there would be summary records which would contain more details of discussions, including any reservations expressed.
 | -- |
| Appointment of a new External auditor (Res 94, D 614) | [C20/49](http://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0049/en) | * Propose to the next physical meeting of the Council to note the report contained in document C20/49.
* Continue the discussion of this item at the next physical meeting of the Council.
* In the event the Secretary-General becomes certain that a physical meeting would not be possible before the end of the year 2020, then an alternative course of action would have to be considered in order to have a decision in 2020.
 | -- |
| New investigation function and process | [C20/60](http://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0060/en)[VC/8](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CLVC-C-0008/en) | * Propose to the next physical meeting of the Council 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.
* Encourage the secretariat to ensure that the proposal is in line with the existing legal/regulatory framework of ITU.
* Encourage the secretariat to review and update the existing policies, as appropriate, taking into consideration the best practices in the other organizations of the UN system, as well as the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit.
* Propose to the next physical meeting of the Council that the secretariat incorporate in the Internal Audit Charter the new investigation function terms of reference as proposed in document VC/8 for the Council’s consideration, and to rename the Charter as “Internal audit and Investigation Charter”.
 | -- |
| Report on progress on the Union's headquarters premises project (Res. 212, D 619)Summary report on the work of the Member States Advisory Group (MSAG) on the Union’s Headquarters premises project (Res. 212) | [C20/7](http://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0007/en)[C20/48](http://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0048/en) | * The discussion will be continued on Friday, 12 June.
 | -- |
| **Friday, 12 June, 12.00-15.00** |  |  |  |
| Outcomes of discussions of the Virtual consultation of councillors, 9-12 June 2020 | [DT/1(Rev.2)](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CLVC-200609-TD-0001/en) | * No objection was observed from the meeting regarding the addition of “in order to have a decision in 2020” to the end of the third point of the discussion on C20/49.
 | -- |
| Report on progress on the Union's headquarters premises project (Res. 212, D 619)Summary report on the work of the Member States Advisory Group (MSAG) on the Union’s Headquarters premises project (Res. 212) | [C20/7](http://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0007/en)[C20/48](http://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0048/en) | * Propose to the next physical meeting of the Council to note the report contained in document C20/7, which will be updated by the secretariat to reply to the questions raised and comments made during this meeting.
* Continue the discussion on the conclusions contained in the MSAG report at the next physical meeting of the Council.
* Encourage the secretariat to prepare considerations on the impact of Covid-19 and conduct further investigations on the different sale options of the Tower for the next MSAG meeting and report to the next physical meeting of the Council.
* The councillors look forward to attending an information session in late September.
 | -- |
| Proposed dates and duration of the 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026 sessions of the Council and the CWG clusters for 2020, 2021, and 2022 (Res. 77, 111, D 612)  | [C20/2](http://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0002/en) | * Keeping in mind the fact that this item is urgent as room reservations must be made as soon as possible in order to secure venues, a consultation by correspondence of Council Member States should be organized in order to confirm the dates for its 2021 and 2022 sessions, as well as to approve the dates for its 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026 sessions, and the dates of the clusters of CWGs & EGs for 2020, 2021, and 2022 and adopt the draft Decision, contained in Annex to document C20/2.
* As soon as the sanitary situation improves, encourage the secretariat to undertake consultations with the Chairs of the CWGs and EGs to decide if meetings of the groups should be held in September, and if so in which format.
* As soon as the sanitary situation improves, encourage the Secretary-General to propose dates for a physical meeting of the Council in 2020 if possible.
 | [Decision 620](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0071/en) was adopted.  |
| New ITU Index | [C20/62](http://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0062/en)[VC/3](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CLVC-C-0003/en)[VC/14](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CLVC-C-0014/en) | * Having examined documents C20/62, VC/3, VC/14, propose to the next physical meeting of the Council that it consider the issues raised in these documents and to advise on the way forward on the development of an ITU index.
* In the meantime, encourage the secretariat to continue to work with the Expert Group on the development of an index based on a robust, sound, and scientifically proven methodology, and with a view to publishing an accurate index as soon as possible taking into account PP Resolution 131.
 | -- |
| List of candidature for Chairs and Vice-Chairs of CWGs, EGs, IEGs | [C20/21(Rev.2)](http://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0021/en) | * Keeping in mind the fact that this item is urgent, a consultation by correspondence of Council Member States should be organized in order to approve the new chair and vice-chairs so that they may take up their functions as soon as possible.
 | The list of candidatures was approved. |
| Schedule of future conferences, assemblies, and meetings of the Union: 2020-2023 (Res. 77, 111) | [C20/37](http://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0037/en) | * Encourage the secretariat to update document C20/37, taking into consideration the outcome of the discussion of this virtual consultation, to avoid religious periods if possible, and present it at the next physical meeting of the Council.
 | -- |
| Impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the functioning and activities of ITU | [VC/13](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CLVC-C-0013/en)[VC/2](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CLVC-C-0002/en)[VC/10](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CLVC-C-0010/en) | * Encourage the secretariat to revise the document to take into account the elements contained in VC/2 and VC/10 and comments raised during the consultation, as well as the financial impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on ITU, and present it to the next physical meeting of the Council.
* Encourage the Secretary-General to highlight ITU activities related to the Covid-19 response in UN fora and to continue cooperation with other UN agencies to promote the important role of ICTs in the global fight against the pandemic.
* Encourage the secretariat to continue addressing the technical, legal, and logistic concerns to facilitate remote participation in ITU’s meetings.
 | -- |

Outcomes of discussions of the second virtual consultation of councillors held 16-20 November 2020 ([VCC-2/DT/1(Rev.4)](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CLVC2-201116-TD-0001/en))
and conclusions reached by correspondence ([DM-20/1022](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-DM-CIR-01022/en), [CL-20/51](https://www.itu.int/dms_pub/itu-s/md/20/sg/cir/S20-SG-CIR-0051%21%21PDF-E.pdf))

| **Agenda item** | **Doc refs** | **Outcome at VCC-2** | **Outcome of written consultation by correspondence** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Monday, 16 November, 12.00-15.00** |  |  |  |
| Opening remarks by the Secretary-General | -- | The Secretary-General delivered his opening remarks. | -- |
| Nomination of Chair of the Second virtual consultation | -- | Mr Saif Bin Ghelaita from UAE was nominated as the Chair of the Second virtual consultation of councillors.  | -- |
| Opening remarks by the Chair | -- | The Chair delivered his opening remarks. | -- |
| Approval of the draft agenda of the Second virtual consultation* *Contribution from Azerbaijan, Belarus, Uzbekistan, Russian Federation*
 | [VC-2/1](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CLVC2-C-0001/en)[VC-2/5(Cor.1)](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CLVC2-C-0005/en) | * The councillors agreed to keep the Council Working Group reports and any related contributions on the agenda. However, they will neither be individually presented, nor discussed, but noted and any recommendations endorsed as a package. The CWG-FHR report will be discussed separately.
* The councillors agreed that the documents from the secretariat published after the deadline (later than 30 days before VCC) will remain on the agenda for presentation and discussion, and that any formal consultations related to a late document from the secretariat will only start at a VCC or Council a month after the publication of the document.
* It was agreed that the concerns raised in VC-2/5(Cor.1) be noted in the summary record and that, for a future VCC, if any, clear dates be agreed and strictly adhered to.
* The councillors agreed to move the document on Internal Controls, C20/63(Rev.1) from group 2 to group 1 and review it after the IMAC report.
* With the above-mentioned change, the councillors approved the agenda of the Virtual consultation contained in VC-2/1.
 | -- |
| Comments on the draft TMP of the Second virtual consultation | [VC-2/ADM/1(Rev.1](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CLVC2-ADM-0001/en)) | * The councillors agreed that if after finishing with group 1, the time available for items from group 2 is limited, the items in group 2 on the time management plan will be re-ordered as indicated in document DT/2. The secretariat will reassess the progress at the end of the meeting of Tuesday and the Chair will inform the councillors.
* The councillors approved the draft time management in VC-2/ADM/1(Rev.1).
 | -- |
| Organizational matters |  | The Secretary informed the meeting of organizational matters.  | -- |
| List of candidature for Chairs and Vice-Chairs of CWGs, EGs, IEGs | [C20/21(Rev.3](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0021/en)(Cor.1)) | * Keeping in mind that the vice-chairs should start their function in advance of the first cluster of Council Working group meetings in 2021, Council Member States will be invited to appoint by correspondence the two new vice-chairs for the Council Working groups as contained in annex to the report C20/21(Rev.3(Cor.1)).
 | The list of candidatures was approved. |
| World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (Res. 68)* *Contribution from Russian Federation*
 | [C20/17](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0017/en)[C20/68](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0068/en) | * Keeping in mind that the secretariat should start the preparation for WTISD early 2021, a consultation by correspondence of Council Member States will be undertaken to approve the theme of “Accelerating digital transformation in challenging times” for WTISD-21.
 | The theme was approved. |
| Report by the Chairman of the Council Working Group on Financial and Human Resources (CWG-FHR) (D 558, D 563(MOD)) (Res. 151, 152, 158, 169, 170, D 558, D 563(MOD)) *(ADM 4)* | [C20/50](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0050/en) | * Keeping in mind the fact that these issues are urgent, a consultation by correspondence of Council Member States will be undertaken:
1. to note the report.
2. to approve the revision of Resolution 1299 contained in Annex 2 of document C20/50; and
3. to approve the amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules contained in Annex 3 of document C20/50.
4. to approve the new guidelines on fellowships as contained in Annex 1 of document C20/50, with the deletion of the text in brackets.
 | The report was noted; [Resolution 1299](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0079/en) was adopted; the amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules were approved; and the new guidelines on fellowships were approved. |
| Preparations for WTSA-21Modified Decision 608 (further to consultation) * *Contribution from India*
* *Contribution from Russian Federation, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Uzbekistan*
* *Contribution from Canada*
* *Contribution from United States*
* *Contribution from Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Lithuania, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovak Republic, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom*
 | [C20/24(Rev.1](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0024/en))[C20/72](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0072/en)[VC-2/3](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CLVC2-C-0003/en)[VC-2/2](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CLVC2-C-0002/en)[VC-2/4](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CLVC2-C-0004/en)(Cor.1)[VC-2/7](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CLVC2-C-0007/en)[VC-2/8](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CLVC2-C-0008/en)[VC-2/9](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CLVC2-C-0009/en) | * The discussion will be continued on Tuesday, 17 November.
 | -- |
| **Tuesday, 17 November, 12.00-15.00** |  |  |  |
| Outcomes of discussions held on 16 November 2020 | [VC-2/DT/1](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CLVC2-201116-TD-0001/en) | * Regarding the guidelines for fellowships (C20/50), it was agreed to remove the text and brackets and to approve the new guidelines as containted in Annex 1. This will be included in the consultation by correspondence as well. The above text has been modified accordingly.
* Regarding the agenda, the Russian Federation requested that the second bullet point above read as follows: “*The councillors agreed that the documents from the secretariat published after the deadline (later than 30 days before VCC) will remain on the agenda for presentation and discussion, and that any formal consultations related to a late document from the secretariat will only start at a VCC or Council a month after the publication of the document.”* The above point was updated accordingly.
 | -- |
| Preparations for WTPF-21 (Res. 2, D611) | [C20/5(Rev.1](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0005/en)) | * The discussion was suspended to accommodate the schedules of the external parties for the following agenda items.
 | -- |
| Audited accounts: Audited Financial operating report for 2019 | [C20/42(Rev.1)](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0042/en) | * Keeping in mind that these issues are urgent, a consultation by correspondence of Council Member States will be undertaken on the financial operating report on the audited accounts and the approval of the draft resolution in Annex A.
 | The financial operating report was approved ([R1400](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0080/en)). |
| External Auditor report: Union’s accounts 2019 | [C20/40](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0040/en) | * Keeping in mind the fact that this item is urgent, a consultation by correspondence of Council Member States on the approval of the accounts as audited in document C20/40 will be undertaken.
 | The External Auditor’s report was approved. |
| Report of the Internal Auditor on internal audit activities | [C20/44](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0044/en) | * Keeping in mind that these issues are urgent, a consultation by correspondence of Council Member States will be undertaken to note the report of the Internal Auditor on internal audit activities.
 | The report was noted. |
| Report of the Independent Management Advisory Committee (IMAC) (Res. 162) (D 565) | [C20/22(Rev.1)](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0022/en) | * Keeping in mind that these issues are urgent, a consultation by correspondence of Council Member States will be undertaken to approve the IMAC report and its recommendations for action by the secretariat.
 | The report and recommendations were noted. |
| Report by the working group on internal controls | [C20/63(Rev.1)](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0063/en) | * Keeping in mind that these issues are urgent, a consultation by correspondence of Council Member States will be undertaken to note the report of the Working Group on Internal Controls.
 | The report was noted. |
| **Wednesday, 18 November, 12.00-15.00** |  |  |  |
| Outcomes of discussions held on 17 November 2020 | [VC-2/DT/1(Rev.1)](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CLVC2-201116-TD-0001/en) | * No comments were made.
 | -- |
| Preparations for WTDC-21 | [C20/30(Rev.1)](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0030/en) | * Keeping in mind the fact that this item is urgent for business continuity, a consultation by correspondence of Council Member States will be undertaken to note the report C20/30(Rev.1).
* It was agreed that a contingency plan should be prepared in the case the WTDC would not be able to be held in Ethiopia.
 | The report was noted. |
| Preparations for WTSA-21Modified Decision 608 (further to consultation) * *Contribution from India*
* *Contribution from Russian Federation, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Uzbekistan*
* *Contribution from Canada*
* *Contribution from United States*
* *Contribution from Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Lithuania, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovak Republic, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom*
 | [C20/24(Rev.1](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0024/en))[C20/72](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0072/en)[VC-2/3](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CLVC2-C-0003/en)[VC-2/2](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CLVC2-C-0002/en)[VC-2/4](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CLVC2-C-0004/en)(Cor.1)[VC-2/7](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CLVC2-C-0007/en)[VC-2/8](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CLVC2-C-0008/en)[VC-2/9](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CLVC2-C-0009/en) | * Keeping in mind the fact that this item is urgent, a consultation by correspondence of Council Member States will be undertaken:
1. To note document C24(Rev.1);
2. To approve the modification of Decision 608 to schedule WTSA to 1-9 March 2022, preceded by GSS on 28 February 2022; and
3. To note the ITU-T work continuity plan until WTSA in February/March 2022 contained in VC-2/3
* The following points were noted:
* TSAG will hold three meetings prior to WTSA to provide continuity of work for ITU-T and prepare for WTSA.
* An inter-regional meeting will be held prior to each TSAG meeting to further develop consensus among the regions.
* TSB will revisit the calendar of ITU-T SG meetings in 2021.
* TSAG will be virtual and take decisions by consensus.
 | The report and the ITU-T work continuity plan were noted. The modified [Decision 608](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0072/en) was adopted.  |
| Preparations for WTPF-21 (Res. 2, D611) | [C20/5(Rev.1](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0005/en)) | * Keeping in mind the fact that this item is urgent for a consultation by correspondence of Council Member States will be undertaken:
1. To note the report contained in document C20/5(Rev.1);
2. To re-schedule the physical meeting of WTPF in December 2021, with the exact dates to be confirmed tomorrow, Thursday, 19 November.
3. To approve a revised Decision 611 modified with the new dates and preparatory schedule.
 | The report was noted. The physical meeting of WTPF was rescheduled to 16-18 December 2021. The modified [Decision 611](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0081/en) was adopted.  |
| Schedule of future conferences, assemblies, and meetings of the Union: 2020-2023 (Res. 77, 111) | [C20/37(Rev.1)](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0037/en) | * The councillors encouraged the secretariat to take into account the discussion and interventions when drafting the updated version of the document for the 2021 session of the Council.
 | -- |
| Decisions of the UNGA on the conditions of service under the UN common system | [C20/23](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0023/en) | * The discussion will be continued on Thursday, 19 November.
 | -- |
| **Thursday, 19 November, 12.00-15.00** |  |  |  |
| Outcomes of discussions held on 18 November 2020 | [VC-2/DT/1(Rev.2)](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CLVC2-201116-TD-0001/en) | * Regarding WTPF, the Chair informed the meeting that the CICG is only available 16-18 December 2021. However, the Secretary-General received information Thursday morning that a Member State may be interested in hosting WTPF, and it has requested more information in order to confirm. The Chair informed the meeting that he would revert back tomorrow with more information.
* The Chair reminded the meeting that, as mentioned by the IEG Chair, Mr Fabio Bigi, there will be preparatory meetings during the January/February and September CWG clusters next year, and also one around the WSIS Forum period.
* The secretariat will publish a DT with the modified Decision 611 and preparatory schedule.
* Regarding the scheduling of meetings, the secretariat will review the CWG schedule for 2022 and provide information to the next Council.
 | -- |
| Decisions of the UNGA on the conditions of service under the UN common system | [C20/23](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0023/en) | * Keeping in mind the fact that this item is urgent, a consultation by correspondence of Council Member States on the approval of the Draft resolution will be undertaken.
 | [Resolution 1401](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0082/en) was adopted.  |
| New investigation function and process* *Contribution from United States*
 | [C20/60](http://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0060/en)[C20/78](http://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0078/en)[VC/8](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CLVC-C-0008/en) | * Keeping in mind the fact that this matter is urgent, a consultation by correspondence of Council Member States will be undertaken on the endorsement of 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.
* The councillors invited the secretariat to take into account the comments and the Recommendations from the JIU and present a revised version of the “Internal audit and Investigation Charter” to the 2021 session of the Council.
* A statement made by the Russian Federation will be included in the summary record.
 | 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, was endorsed. |
| Appointment of a new External auditor (Res 94, D 614) | [C20/49](http://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0049/en) | * Keeping in mind the fact that this item is urgent, a consultation by correspondence of Council Member States will be undertaken to adopt the draft Decision contained in Annex A of document C20/49.
 | [Decision 621](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0083/en) was adopted.  |
| Report on progress on the Union’s headquarters premises project (Res. 212, D 619)The Union’s Headquarters Premises Project - Analysis of Tower sale optionsPost Covid-19 design implications | [C20/7(Rev.1)](http://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0007/en) [C20/77](http://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0077/en)[INF/20](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-INF-0020/en)[INF/21](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-INF-0021/en) | * The councillors noted document C20/7(Rev.1).
* The councillors considered document C20/77 and will take a decision on the matter at the 2021 session of the Council.
* The secretariat will hold an information session during the first semester of 2021 once the loan might have been approved, the construction permits submitted, and the initial findings of the future staff working conditions are known.
 | -- |
| Summary report on the work of the Member States Advisory Group (MSAG) on the Union’s Headquarters premises project (Res. 212) | [C20/48(Rev.1)](http://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0048/en) | * The councillors invited MSAG to take into account the comments made at the meeting and reflect them in their future work.
* It was agreed that any issue related to the risk register fund could be discussed at the next meeting of CWG-FHR.
 | -- |
| Staff Working Conditions Strategy and Implementation Plan (D 619) | [C20/29](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0029/en) | * The secretariat will hold an information session during the first semester of 2021 when initial findings on the future staff working conditions will be known.
* The councillors agreed to discuss this document at the next meeting of the CWG-FHR.
 | -- |
| Report of the Council Working Group on Languages (Res. 154, R 1372 MOD) * *Contribution from the Russian Federation*

Report on the outcomes of the CWG-WSIS&SDG activities (Res. 140, R 1281, R 1332(MOD), R 1334 (MOD))Report by the Chair of the Council Working Group on International Internet-Related Public Policy Issues (CWG-Internet) (R 1305, R 1336(MOD)Report of the Council Working Group on Child online protection (Res. 179, R 1306 (MOD)) | [C20/12](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0012/en)[C20/67](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0067/en)[C20/8](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0008/en)[C20/51](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0051/en)[C20/57](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0057/en) | * Keeping in mind that the Council Working Group should meet early 2021, a consultation by correspondence will be undertaken to note and endorse these reports.
* Regarding the contribution from the Russian Federation contained in document C20/67, it was agreed that these proposals be discussed at the next meeting of the Council Working Group on Languages.
 | The reports and recommendations were noted.  |
| **Friday, 20 November, 12.00-15.00** |  |  |  |
| Outcomes of discussions held on 19 November 2020 | [VC-2/DT/1(Rev.3)](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CLVC2-201116-TD-0001/en) | * The Chair informed the meeting that, regarding the issue of WTPF, a modified Decision 611 had been published in [VC-2/DT/3](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CLVC2-201116-TD-0003/en), taking into account the new dates and updated schedule for the preparatory process, and will be submitted for the councillors’ approval by correspondence. Regarding the interest of a Member State to host WTPF, the Secretary-General will inform the Council Member States accordingly if a confirmed offer is made.
 | -- |
| Report on the hiring of an independent external management consultancy, including recommendations and various strategies (Res. 11) | [C20/10](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0010/en) | * The councillors agreed to further consider the report contained in document C20/10 and make recommendations at the 2021 session of the Council.
 | -- |
| Arrears and special arrears accounts (Res. 41) | [C20/11(Rev.1)](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0011/en) | * Keeping in mind the fact that this item is urgent, a consultation by correspondence of Council Member States will be undertaken:
1. to take note of document C20/11(Rev.1);
2. to authorize the Secretary-General to write off CHF 2 720 252.63 of interest on arrears and irrecoverable debts;
3. to adopt the draft decision attached in Annex B of document C20/11(Rev.1).
 | The report was noted. The Secretary-General was authorized to write off CHF 2 720 252.63 of interest on arrears and irrecoverable debts. [Decision 622](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0084/en) was adopted. |
| Contributory shares of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for defraying Union expenses | [C20/73](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0073/en) | * Keeping in mind the fact that this item is urgent, a consultation by correspondence of Council Member States will be undertaken to approve the Draft resolution contained in Annex C of document C20/73 related to the contributory shares of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, with the agreed date of 1 January 2020, as well as the payment of the supplementary unit in 2018 and 2019 for a total of CHF636,000, with the understanding that this should not create a precedent.
 | [Resolution 1402](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0085/en) was adopted.  |
| Report on overall review, including suggesting appropriate measures to ensure continued effectiveness and efficiency of the ITU regional presence, including recommendations of the external consultant study (Res. 25, D 616) | [C20/74](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0074/en)[C20/75](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0075/en) | * The councillors noted the reports contained in documents C20/74 and C20/75 and agreed that the report will be further considered in the CWG-FHR or an ad hoc group of the CWG-FHR.
 | -- |
| Impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the functioning and activities of ITU* *Contribution from Russian Federation*
* *Contribution from China*
* *Contribution from Azerbaijan, Belarus, Russian Federation, Uzbekistan*

Status of virtual meetings platforms and support | [VC/13(Rev.1)](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CLVC-C-0013/en)[VC/2](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CLVC-C-0002/en)[VC/10](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CLVC-C-0010/en)[VC-2/6(Cor.1)](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CLVC2-C-0006/en)[INF/22](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-INF-0022/en) | * The councillors agreed to encourage the secretariat to continue any ongoing measures and to implement the recommendations included in the contribution VC-2/6(Cor.1), as far as possible and within available resources, and to present an updated document to the 2021 session of the Council.
 | -- |
| Business continuity: business case for information management | [C20/53](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0053/en) | * The councillors agreed to continue the discussion of the proposal contained in document C20/53 at the CWG-FHR and report to the Council in 2021.
* In that regard, the councillors agreed to invite the secretariat to prepare detailed projects for consideration by the CWG-FHR.
 | -- |
| Support for TSB | [C20/14(Rev.1)](http://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0014/en) | * The councillors noted the support of many Member States, but considering that there was no consensus, it was agreed to postpone the discussion to the 2021 session of the Council.
* The Russian Federation proposed to waive the 5% vacancy requirements for TSB to provide emergency post relief without exceeding the budget. The Secretary-General noted this proposal and informed Councillors that he would work with the TSB Director to find a solution until Council 2021.
 | -- |
| Report on the implementation of risk management action plan | [C20/61(Rev.1)](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0061/en) | * Keeping in mind the fact that this item is urgent, a consultation by correspondence of Council Member States will be undertaken on the approval of the recommendations in the report contained in document C20/61(Rev.1), as well as the revised ITU Risk Management policy and Risk appetite statements, to be implemented within the available budget.
 | The recommendations and the revised ITU Risk Management policy and risk appetite statements were approved.  |
| Requests for exemption | [C20/39(Rev.1)](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0039/en) | * Keeping in mind the fact that this item is urgent, a consultation by correspondence of Council Member States will be undertaken on the approval of all of the requests for exemptions contained in document C20/39(Rev.1).
 | All of the requests for exemption were approved. |
| **The following issues were postponed to the 2021 session of the Council:**  |  |
| Report on ITU Telecom World events (Res. 11, R 1292) | [C20/19(Rev.1)](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0019/en) | * N/A
 | -- |
| Report from the Ethics Office | [C20/59](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0019/en) | * N/A
 | -- |
| Strengthening the Regional Presence (Res. 25) | [C20/25](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0025/en) | * N/A
 | -- |

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_