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Egypt has been actively participating in all meetings of the IEG-WTPF, trying to make proposals that are timely and of importance to all members.

We tried to seek a compromised solution with regards to the draft opinions, and have agreed to merge some of our proposals (OTT with AI), despite the fact that our preference of course is to have two standalone opinions. However, for the sake of compromise and in order to try to reduce the number of opinions, we agreed towards this merge.

We also believe that the previously suggested proposal to have a virtual correspondence group chaired by Brazil is an excellent proposal that will help move the work forward. We also support its suggestion for clusters of draft opinions.

In addition, it is important to note according to PP Resolution 2 and Council Decision 611

“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,”

WTPF provides a unique opportunity to discuss issues in the form of “Opinions” and not binding resolutions. It gives us the chance to discuss more debatable issues in a relaxed forum. Therefore, we believe that we should carefully select topics when we come to decide on the “Opinions”.

All proposals need to be tested not only on the basis of agreement of members but also on the fact that they fulfill the unique mandate of WTPF. It is important to focus on topics that are not being discussed in other ITU venues such as the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC), which is scheduled to take place at the end of this year.

It is crucial to stick to the concept of “One ITU” and avoid duplication of work with other sectors especially ITU-D.

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