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| **Summary**This document presents the input of the ITU secretariat for the development of draft proposals to review the text of Resolution 71 (rev. Dubai, 2018).**Action required**The Council Working Group is invited to **consider** the secretariat’s input in the drafting of proposals for the revision of the text of Resolution 71 (rev. Dubai, 2018).\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**References**[Resolution 71 (rev. Dubai, 2018)](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts/RES-071-E.pdf) |

RESOLUTION 71 (Rev. BUCHAREST, 2022)

Strategic plan for the Union for 2024-2027

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Bucharest, 2022),

considering

*a)* the provisions of the ITU Constitution and ITU Convention relating to strategic policies and plans;

*b)* Article 19 of the Convention, on the participation of Sector Members in the Union's activities;

*c)* Resolution 70 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) of this conference, which resolves to incorporate the gender perspective in the implementation of the strategic and financial plans for 2024-2027 as well as in the operational plans of the Sectors and the General Secretariat,

welcoming

United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) Resolutions75/233 of 21 December 2020, on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, and 72/279 of 31 May 2018, on the repositioning of the United Nations development system in the context of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system,

noting

*a)* the challenges faced by the Union in achieving its purposes in the constantly changing telecommunication/information and communication technology (ICT) environment as well as the context for the development and implementation of the strategic plan, as outlined in Annex 2 to this resolution;

*b)* the glossary of terms presented in Annex 3 to this resolution,

recognizing

*a)* the experience gained in implementing the previous strategic plans for the Union;

*b)* the recommendations by the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) on strategic planning in the United Nations system, and the recommendations relevant to strategic planning and risk management on review of management and administration in ITU;

*d)* that the effective linkage between the strategic plan and the financial plan, which is detailed in Annex 1 to Decision 5 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) of this conference, can be achieved with the reallocation of the resources of the financial plan to the various Sectors through the thematic priorities, to meet the strategic goals, as presented in the appendix to Annex 1 to this resolution,

resolves

to adopt the strategic plan contained in Annex 1 to this resolution,

instructs the Secretary-General and the Directors of the Bureaux

1 to develop and implement an ITU results framework for the strategic plan of the Union, following the principles of results-based management and results-based budgeting;

2 to coordinate the implementation of the strategic plan, ensuring coherence between the strategic plan, the financial plan, the operational plans and the biennial budgets;

3 to report annually to the ITU Council on the implementation of the strategic plan and on the performance of the Union towards the achievement of its goals;

4 to recommend to Council adjustments to the plan in the light of changes in the telecommunication/ICT environment and/or as a result of the performance evaluation and the risk-management framework, in particular by:

i) making all modifications necessary to ensure that the strategic plan facilitates the accomplishment of ITU's goals, taking into account proposals by the Sector advisory groups, decisions by conferences and by assemblies of the Sectors and changes in the strategic focus of the Union's activities, within the financial limits established by the Plenipotentiary Conference;

ii) ensuring the linkage between the strategic, financial and operational plans in ITU, and developing the corresponding ITU’s People Strategy;

5 to distribute these reports to all Member States, after consideration by the Council, urging them to circulate the reports to Sector Members, as well as to those entities and organizations referred to in No. 235 of the Convention which have participated in these activities;

6 to continue to engage with the United Nations Secretary-General, other United Nations development system entities and Member States with a view to supporting full implementation of relevant UNGA Resolutions,

instructs the Council

1 to oversee the development and implementation of the ITU results framework, including the adoption of the related indicators to better measure the implementation of the strategic plan of the Union;

2 to oversee the development and implementation of the strategic plan, and when necessary adjust the strategic plan, on the basis of the Secretary-General's reports;

3 to present an assessment of the results of the strategic plan to the next plenipotentiary conference, along with a proposed strategic plan for the next period;

4 to take appropriate action to support the implementation of UNGA Resolutions relevant to the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system,

5 to ensure that the rolling operational plans from the General Secretariat and the three Sectors approved annually by Council are fully aligned and compliant with this resolution and its annexes and with the financial plan for the Union approved in Decision 5 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) of this conference,

invites the Member States

to contribute national and regional insights on policy, regulatory and operational matters to the strategic planning process undertaken by the Union in the period before the next plenipotentiary conference, in order to:

- strengthen the effectiveness of the Union in fulfilling its purposes as set out in the instruments of the Union, by cooperating in the implementation of the strategic plan;

- assist the Union in meeting the changing expectations of all its constituents as national structures for the provision of telecommunication/ICT services continue to evolve,

invites Sector Members

to communicate their views on the strategic plan of the Union through their relevant Sectors and the corresponding advisory groups.

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