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**Introduction**

The United State offers some initial high-level observations and proposals towards the development of the ITU Strategic Plan for 2024-2027. We appreciate that this initial draft of Annex 1 to Resolution 71 of the ITU Strategic Plan 2024-2027 takes into account important feedback and contributions from the membership to streamline, simplify and provide more clarity on the strategic framework for the ITU, and keeps the Strategic Plan at a high level while focusing on the strategic goals and priorities and the Union’s main products and offerings across all three Sectors.

We find that this new framework provides a clear and succinct structure for defining the ITU’s high level strategic plan and has the added benefit of allowing more dynamic consideration of each Sector’s specific outputs in the respective Operational Plans, which provides the road map for the implementation of relevant activities in each Sector that contribute towards the strategic goals and priorities.  We also support the way in which the Enablers also serve as cross-cutting elements across the ITU’s work which are essential, but which are differentiated from thematic priorities, outcomes or outputs.

**Proposal**

1. **Section 2.2 Vision:** The United States reiterates its view that the overall Vision should remain stable over time, so we support Option 1 to keep the current version. The current Vision statement is aligned with and adheres to the mandates of the ITU under its Constitution and Convention, and remains applicable and relevant for the 2024-2027 period.
2. **Section 2.3 Mission:** The current Mission statement remains relevant for the 2024-2027 period, and is also aligned with and adheres to the mandates of the ITU under its Constitution and Convention. We also find that there is not a significant change in the proposed option to shorten the Mission statement, so we support Option 1 to keep the current version, consistent with our view that the Mission statement should also remain stable over time.
3. **Section 2.6 Thematic Priorities:** Consistent with our view that the ITU’s work on cybersecurity is best reflected as a cross-cutting activity across other thematic priorities, we support Option 2, to integrate cybersecurity outcomes under the other Thematic Priorities such as the Enabling Environment and Infrastructure and Services.
4. **Section 2.7 Products and Services:** Paragraphs 38-41 are descriptive of the ITU Radio Regulations, so to be more accurate and specific of the ITU work, we suggest renaming the Product and Services header for these referenced paragraphs as “International Frequency Management” instead of the generic “Development and application of international regulations” which can be misleading. We further recommend some modification of the language in this section to more accurately reflect the purpose and application of the Radio Regulations.

The United States welcomes further discussion within the Council Working Group of the draft Strategic Plan thematic priorities, including the high-level outcomes under each Thematic priority and how those relate to the strategic goals and targets.

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