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| VIEWS ON THE FINAL REPORT TO COUNCIL 2022 | |
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Canada and the United States wish to express their support for the draft final report of the Expert Group on the International Telecommunication Regulations (EG-ITRs) to ITU Council 2022, as contained in Document EG-ITRs-6/2.

Having participated actively in all five previous EG-ITRs meetings, we find that the report fully reflects all the contributions received and the various opinions expressed. We appreciate that the report factually and correctly concludes that there is a lack of consensus on the way forward with respect to the ITRs.

As set out in the agreed work plan, the purpose of this sixth meeting is to finalize the final report to Council 2022. In other words, at this stage, the only remaining task for this group is to ensure that the report accurately recounts previous discussions (which, in our view, it does). As such, we emphasize that the present meeting should not entertain any new proposals or attempt to draw conclusions that did not achieve consensus at prior meetings.

On the occasion of this final meeting, we commend the EG-ITRs on successfully fulfilling its mandate in line with its Terms of Reference, and we thank the EG-ITRs Chairman and Vice-Chairmen for their able leadership.

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