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| MINUTESOF THEFifteenth PLENARY MEETING |
| Wednesday, 12 October 2022, at 0935 hours |
| **Chairman:** Mr Sabin Sărmaș (Romania) |

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|  | **Subjects discussed** | **Documents** |
| 1 | Preparation for the 2024 world telecommunication standardization assembly | [178](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-PP-C-0178/en) |
| 2 | Nineteenth series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee for first reading (B.19) | [175](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-PP-C-0175/en) |
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| 4 | Twentieth series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee for first reading (B.20) | [179](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-PP-C-0179/en) |
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| 6 | Twenty-first series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee for first reading (B.21) | [183](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-PP-C-0183/en) |
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**1 Preparation for the 2024 world telecommunication standardization assembly (Document**[**178**](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-PP-C-0178/en)**)**

1.1 On behalf of the Secretary-General, the **Deputy to the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau** introduced Document 178, which contained a proposal from the Government of India to host WTSA-24.

1.2 The delegates of **Papua New Guinea**, speaking on behalf of APT, **Spain, Romania**, speaking on behalf of CEPT, the **United Arab Emirates**, **Egypt**, the **Russian Federation**, speaking on behalf of RCC, **Algeria**, speaking on behalf of the African group, **Israel**,the **Republic of Korea**, **Thailand**,the **Islamic Republic of Iran**, **Malaysia**, **Canada**, speaking on behalf of CITEL, **China**, **Tunisia**, **Japan**, **Saudi Arabia** and **Samoa** thanked the Government of India for its generous proposal.

1.3 The **Chairman** said that he took it that the Plenary approved the proposal for WTSA‑24 to be held in Hyderabad, India in 2024, and that this would be reflected in the revision of Resolution 77 (Rev. Dubai, 2018).

1.4 It was **so agreed.**

1.5 The delegate of **India** thanked Member States for their support for his country’s proposal, noting that India had been unable to host WTSA-20 owing to the COVID-19 pandemic. WTSA-24 would be a superlative event, offering participants the opportunity to discuss important topics such as ecosystems and interoperability, as well as the best of Indian food, culture and heritage. He looked forward to welcoming delegates to India in 2024.

1.6 The **Secretary-General** thanked India for its offer to host WTSA-24 and welcomed the unanimous support of the Plenary for that proposal. While it had unfortunately not been possible to hold the assembly in India in 2020, he had fond memories of the fifth world telecommunication development conference (WTDC-10) in Hyderabad. He noted that coordination work with host countries on the organization of forthcoming ITU events, including WTSA-24, WTDC-25 and PP-26, would begin shortly. A report would then be submitted to the Council, with a view to finalizing the process.

**2 Nineteenth series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee for first reading (B19) (Document** [**175**](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-PP-C-0175/en)**)**

**Draft Resolution 48 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) - Human resources management and development**

**Draft Resolution 162 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) - Independent management advisory committee**

2.1 **Adopted**.

2.2The nineteenth series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee for first reading (B19) (Document 175) was **approved**.

**3 Nineteenth series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee – second reading (Document** [**175**](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-PP-C-0175/en)**)**

3.1 The nineteenth series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee (Document 175) was **approved** on second reading.

**4 Twentieth series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee for first reading (B20) (Document** [**179**](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-PP-C-0179/en)**)**

**Draft Resolution 186 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) - Strengthening the role of ITU with regard to transparency and confidence-building measures in outer space activities**

**Draft Resolution 188 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) - Combating counterfeit and tampered telecommunication/information and communication technology devices**

**Draft Resolution 208 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) - Appointment and maximum term of office for chairmen and vice-chairmen of Sector advisory groups, study groups and other groups**

**Draft new Resolution COM5/3 - ITU’s role in the implementation of the “Space2030” Agenda: space as a driver of sustainable development, and its follow-up and review process**

**Draft new Resolution COM5/4 - Sustainability of the radio-frequency spectrum and associated satellite orbit resources used by space services**

4.1 **Adopted**.

4.2 The **delegates of Brazil** and **Samoa** said that they commended the adoption of new Resolution COM5/4 and looked forward to working constructively with others to address the sustainability of space services in appropriate forums. The new resolution represented a high-level compromise; it was only the first step, however, towards ensuring the rational, efficient and economical use of, and equitable access to, frequencies and associated orbits by satellite systems. Other concerns that fell outside the scope of ITU’s work, such as the environmental and economic impact, visual pollution, safety in space, exponential debris growth and collision risks, needed to be addressed in the appropriate forums.

4.3 The **delegate of the Islamic Republic of Iran** welcomed the adoption of the resolution and commended the work of the delegation of Brazil, which notably included many young members whose significant contribution to the deliberations on the resolution testified to the value of associating youth in the work of the conference.

4.4 The **delegate of** **Viet Nam** underlined the importance of new Resolution COM5/4, especially given the rising number of non-GSO system filings received by ITU. He encouraged the Radiocommunication Bureau to pursue its efforts to enhance the software used to assess system filings.

4.5 The **delegate of Indonesia** also welcomedthe adoption of the new resolution, which, while it did not address all outstanding concerns regarding non-GSO satellite systems, would serve as a stepping stone towards establishing a harmonized access framework for GSO and non-GSO systems.

4.6The twentieth series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee for first reading (B20) (Document 179) was **approved**.

**5 Twentieth series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee – second reading (Document** [**179**](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-PP-C-0179/en)**)**

5.1 The twentieth series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee (Document 179) was **approved** on second reading.

**6 Twenty-first series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee for first reading (B21) (Document** [**183**](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-PP-C-0183/en)**)**

**Draft Decision 11 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) - Creation and management of Council working groups**

**Draft Resolution 191 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) - Strategy for the coordination of efforts among the three Sectors of the Union**

6.1 **Adopted**.

6.2 The twenty-first series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee for first reading (B21) (Document 183) was **approved**.

**7 Twenty-first series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee – second reading (Document** [**183**](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-PP-C-0183/en)**)**

7.1 The twenty-first series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee (Document 183) was **approved** on second reading.

**8 Twenty-second series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee for first reading (B22) (Document** [**184**](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-PP-C-0184/en)**)**

**Draft Resolution 101 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) - Internet Protocol-based networks**

**Draft Resolution 133 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) - Role of administrations of Member States in the management of internationalized (multilingual) domain names**

**Draft new Resolution WGPL/2 - Role of telecommunications/information and communication technologies in mitigating global pandemics**

8.1 **Adopted**.

8.2The twenty-second series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee for first reading (B22) (Document 184) was **approved**.

8.3 The **delegate of the Islamic Republic of Iran** commended the work accomplished on the very important set of texts - Resolutions 101 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022), 102 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) and 133 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) - which had benefited in particular from the excellent work of the ad hoc group chairman from Kenya, who stood as an example of the major contribution that the inclusion of women and youth had made to the success of the conference.

**9 Twenty-second series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee –second reading (Document** [**184**](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-PP-C-0184/en)**)**

9.1 The twenty-second series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee (Document 184) was **approved** on second reading.

**10 Approval of minutes (Documents** [**151**](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-PP-C-0151/en)**,** [**152**](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-PP-C-0152/en) **and** [**168**](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-PP-C-0168/en)**)**

10.1 The minutes of the tenth plenary meeting (Document 151), eleventh plenary meeting (Document 152) and twelfth plenary meeting (Document 168) were **approved**.

**11 Editorial matters**

11.1 In response to a proposal from the delegate of the **Russian Federation** that his delegation contact the ITU Russian language service directly to iron out any outstanding linguistic errors and inaccuracies in the Russian versions of documents submitted by the Editorial Committee, the **Chairman of the Editorial Committee** said that once all documents were approved in plenary and the provisional final acts prepared by the secretariat, they were reviewed by the translation services to address any outstanding corrections. At that stage, the delegation of the Russian Federation might contact the Russian language service for any editorial or terminological matters affecting only the Russian text. At WRC-19, the Editorial Committee had requested authorization during the final plenary meeting to continue its work virtually to prepare the publication of the final documents. The same approach could be adopted for the present conference.

11.2 The delegate of the **Islamic Republic of Iran** expressed support for the proposal by the Chairman of the Editorial Committee. He also suggested that, for the future, the structure of all ITU resolutions needed to be harmonized. Preambular paragraphs should contain factual statements, without words of obligation, and their number kept to the minimum required to justify the operative sections. The wording used in the operative paragraphs needed to be consistent from one resolution to another. Moreover, care should be taken with the language used, including verbs of instruction, recommendation or obligation. He requested the Secretary-General to draft guidelines for the preparation of resolutions by all ITU conferences and to submit that document to the Council for formal approval. Once approved, the guidelines could be implemented across the board to ensure a harmonized structure for all ITU resolutions. His administration stood ready to provide assistance to address that long-standing problem.

11.3 The delegate of **Jordan** cautioned that each ITU conference was free to decide on the structure and wording of its resolutions. Thus, while he could support the idea of preparing and making available guidelines on the drafting of resolutions, which would indeed be a useful tool, he would however not be in favour of the formal adoption of any such guidelines by the Council.

11.4 The **Chairman** said that both delegates’ comments would be noted and that discussions on the subject could continue outside the framework of the conference.

**12 Use of appropriate language in meetings of the conference**

12.1 The delegate of the **United States** emphasized that speakers should take care in formulating their interventions to ensure that all delegates, regardless of gender or age, were treated as equals in the conference deliberations. The delegates of **New Zealand**, **Canada**, the **United Kingdom**, the **Philippines**, the **Czech Republic**, speaking on behalf of the Member States of the European Union, **Romania**, speaking on behalf of CEPT, **Jordan, Argentina, Tunisia, Israel, Thailand, Samoa, Papua New Guinea**, the **Republic of Korea, Sweden, Japan, Saudi Arabia** and **Brazil** echoed that sentiment. The work of the Union should be founded on equality and inclusivity, and speakers should always use appropriate language in that regard.

12.2 The **Chairman,** thanking delegates for their comments, said that in his own role he sought to lead by example and to promote diversity and inclusion.

**The meeting rose at 1100 hours.**

The Secretary-General: The Chairman:

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