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| Comments on the Report “Pursuant to resolution 154 (rev. Dubai, 2018)  and resolution 1372 (C15, last amended C19)” | |
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| **Summary**  This contribution provides some comments on the Report “Pursuant to Resolution 154 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) and Resolution 1372 (C15, last amended C19)”, taking into account the Report of the UN Joint Inspection Unit JIU/REP/2020/6 on Multilingualism in the United Nations system. Attention is drawn to some examples of continued inequality in using all the official languages on an equal footing at ITU websites.  It is also proposed to consider Policy Framework on Multilingualism in ITU in line with the possible comments from the group and request secretariat to submit it to Council 22 for approval.  **Action required**  The Council Working Group is invited to consider this contribution and take necessary actions, if any.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **References**  [*Report of Secretary General “Pursuant to resolution 154 (rev. Dubai, 2018)  and resolution 1372 (C15, last amended C19)”*](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-RCLCWGLANG12-C-0002/en)*;* [*the Report of the UN Joint Inspection Unit JIU/REP/2020/6 on Multilingualism in the United Nations system*](https://www.unjiu.org/sites/www.unjiu.org/files/jiu_rep_2020_6_english.pdf) |

**I Introduction**

The Russian Federation would like to thank the secretariat for the timely submission of the Report of Secretary General “Pursuant to Resolution 154 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) and Resolution 1372 (C15, last amended C19)” and provide some comments on it:

1. From the report, it is not clear when at least a minimum viable One ITU website will be operational. Information presented in the information document **C21/INF/12** was not sufficient to provide a clear picture of what is proposed.
2. Unfortunately, there are still inequalities in the use of all the official languages are continuing. For example, if you want to reach Council 22 webpage, this can only be done from English, for other languages only Council 21 page can be reached.
3. We welcome the preparation by the secretariat of “Policy Framework on Multilingualism in ITU” which is developed on the basis of Recommendations 1 and 2 of the Report of the UN Joint Inspection Unit (JUI/REP/2020/6) goal 1.
4. The goal 1 in Section IV (Goals and Objectives, Goals) of the “Policy Framework on Multilingualism in ITU” is worded as follows: “*The overall goal of an ITU policy framework on multilingualism is to raise awareness of the principles and importance of multilingualism throughout the Union”*. We believe that this is not the main goal of the ITU policy framework on multilingualism.
5. The UN JIU recommendation 1 also includes the request that a strategic policy framework for multilingualism will be accompanied by administrative and operational guidelines for its implementation.

**II Proposals**

2.1 To discuss the “Policy Framework on Multilingualism in ITU” and provide necessary comments to secretariat.

2.2 To request the secretariat to develop an administrative and operational guidelines for implementation of the “Policy Framework on Multilingualism in ITU”

2.3 To add a goal to the Section IV (Goals and Objective, Goals) of “Policy Framework on Multilingualism in ITU” on the implementation of the multilingualism through all ITU as part of the “One ITU” approach, including the One ITU website.

2.4 To request secretariat to amend “Policy Framework on Multilingualism in ITU” in line with the comments from the group and submit it to Council 22 for approval.

2.5 To request secretariat to speed up the development of One ITU website and ensure more careful monitoring of websites in different official languages, including the Council 22 website.

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