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| Report by the Secretary-General |
| PRECISE PLACE AND EXACT DATES OF THE 2026 PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE |
| **Purpose** The 2022 Plenipotentiary Conference decided in Resolution 77 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) that the next plenipotentiary conference (PP) shall be held in the last quarter of 2026 in Doha, Qatar.This document informs Councillors of the invitation received from the Government of Qatar to hold the next plenipotentiary conference in Doha from **Monday, November 9, 2026 to Friday, November 27, 2026.****Action required by the Council**The Council is invited to **decide** on the precise place and exact dates for the holding of the next plenipotentiary conference with the understanding that the decision will be followed by the consultation of all Member States by **adopting** the draft decision contained in [Annex B](#annexb) to this document.**Relevant link(s) with the Strategic Plan**Membership driven, convening platform**Financial implications**Support by Host Country \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**References**[*CV 2*](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts-2023/Convention-E.pdf)*;* [*Res. 77 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022)*](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts-2023/RES-077-E.pdf) |

# 1 Background

1.1 In its *resolves 5.5,* Resolution 77 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) provides that the next plenipotentiary conference (PP) shall be held in the last quarter of 2026 in Doha, Qatar.

1.2 Pursuant to No. 2 of the Convention, in the event that the precise place and exact dates of a PP have not been set by the preceding PP, they shall be fixed by the Council with the concurrence of the majority of the Member States.

1.3 On 28 August 2023, the Minister of Communications and Information Technology from Qatar informed the Secretary-General that Qatar would like to host the next PP in the Doha Exhibition and Convention Center (DECC) from **9 to 27 November, 2026**.(See [Annex A](#annexA)).

# 2 Proposal

2.1 The Council is invited to consider the invitation of Qatar to hold PP-26 in Doha, from **Monday, November 9, 2026 to Friday, November 27, 2026** in the Doha Exhibition and Convention Center (DECC) and to decide on the precise place and exact dates for holding PP-26 by adopting the draft decision contained in [Annex B](#annexb).

2 2 A consultation of ITU Member States will be launched to secure their concurrence regarding the precise place and exact dates in accordance with No. 2 of the ITU Convention.

**Annexes**: 2

ANNEX A



ANNEX B

DRAFT DECISION [...]

Convening of the next ordinary plenipotentiary conference

The ITU Council,

noting

Resolution 77 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) which provides that the next plenipotentiary conference (PP) shall be held in the last quarter of 2026 in Doha, Qatar,

decides

*a)* that, subject to the concurrence of the majority of the Member States of the Union, the next ordinary plenipotentiary conference will take place for a period of three weeks at the Doha Exhibition and Convention Center;

*b)* that the opening and closing dates of the conference will be from [Monday, 9 November, 2026] to [Friday 27 November, 2026],

instructs the Secretary-General

to undertake a site visit and report to the 2024 session of the Council.

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