



DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA OF THE 2023 SESSION OF THE COUNCIL

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PL 1	Building a fit for purpose ITU	
1.1	State of the Union	–
1.2	<p>Report on the implementation of the strategic plan and the activities of the Union from July 2022 to April 2023</p> <p><i>As instructed by Resolution 71 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, this is the annual report to Council on the implementation of the strategic plan and activities of the Union (combining the requirement by No. 102 of the Convention, i.e. an annual activities report; and by No. 61 of the Convention, i.e. a report on the implementation of the strategic plan). This report covers July 2022 to April 2023. The Council is invited to approve the report.</i></p>	C23/35
1.3	<p>Accelerating the implementation of the ITU Strategic Plan 2024-2027</p> <p><i>This document presents the secretariat’s plan to move from vision to action in accelerating the implementation of the ITU strategic plan for 2024–2027. The recommendations are based on the ITU strategic plan for 2024–2027 with a view to accelerate and fully implement the two strategic goals of the Union: advancing universal connectivity and sustainable digital transformation. The Council is invited to take note of this report.</i></p>	C23/36
	<p>Transformation roadmap to achieve organizational excellence</p> <p><i>The case for change on ITU’s organizational excellence has been highlighted in the ITU Strategic Plan for 2024-2027 and the Plenipotentiary Decision 5, analyzed in several external and internal consultations, and confirmed at the recent Visioning Exercise conducted by the new management team with ITU staff and a number of external parties. The Council is invited to note this</i></p>	C23/52

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	<i>roadmap and to approve the creation of a Chief of Transformation Office position at the D-1 level.</i>	
PL 2	Delivering as one ITU (General policy, strategy and activities)	
2.1	<p>Strategy for the coordination of efforts among the three Sectors of the Union</p> <p><i>This document presents the strategy for the coordination of efforts among the three Sectors of the Union and the General Secretariat following the Member States' decisions taken at the Plenipotentiary Conference (Bucharest, 2022) (PP-22). The Council is invited to note this report and to request the secretariat to transmit it for information to the Radiocommunication Advisory Group (RAG), the Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group (TSAG), and the Telecommunication Development Advisory Group (TDAG).</i></p>	C23/27
2.2	<p>Draft four-year rolling operational plans for the Union for 2024-2027</p> <p><i>This document presents the draft operational plan for the Union for 2024-2027. This plan is published pursuant to the ITU Convention as follows: No. 181A of Article 12 (ITU-R); No. 205A of Article 15 (ITU-T); No. 223A of Article 18 (ITU-D); and No. 87A of Article 5 (GS - Intersectoral). The draft operational plan sets forth details of the five thematic priorities and the 43 outputs of the Union, as laid down in the strategic plan, and is consistent with the financial limits set by the 2022 Plenipotentiary Conference in the financial plan for 2024-2027. The Council is invited to review and approve the draft operational plan for the Union for 2024-2027 and to adopt the draft resolution presented in Annex A of the document.</i></p>	C23/28
2.3	<p>Collaboration with the UN system as well as other international intergovernmental processes including on standards development</p> <p><i>This report presents some highlights of ITU's contributions to and engagement in major United Nations conferences, processes and workstreams on digital themes, including aspects of the United Nations Secretary-General's report "Our Common Agenda". A more comprehensive description is found in the information document on collaboration with the United Nations system (C23/INF/9). The Council is invited to note the report.</i></p>	C23/49
2.4	<p>ITU's role in the implementation of the "space 2030" agenda: Space as a driver of sustainable development, and its follow-up and review process</p> <p><i>This contribution fulfils the reporting requirements established by Resolution 218 (Bucharest, 2022) of the Plenipotentiary Conference on the ITU's implementation of the "Space 2030" Agenda. The Council is invited to note this report.</i></p>	C23/58
2.5	<p>Tasks and functions of the Deputy Secretary-General</p> <p><i>This report is prepared in line with Resolution 148 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, which instructs the Secretary-General to prepare specific directives on the tasks delegated to the Deputy Secretary-General, in accordance with Article 11 of the ITU Constitution and Article 5 of the ITU Convention, and submit them to the next ordinary session of the ITU Council for its consideration, as appropriate; and to issue clear and specific directives on the tasks delegated to the Deputy Secretary-General, and make them available to</i></p>	C23/29

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	<i>the membership of the Union, as well as to the staff of ITU. The Council is invited to note this report.</i>	
2.6	<p>Strengthening ITU's regional presence</p> <p><i>This document reports on the contribution of the ITU Regional Presence to the fulfilment of the mandate of ITU. It provides information on the regional work towards the implementation of the ITU Strategic Plan, the Buenos Aires Action Plan and regional initiatives. It also provides information on the use in 2022 of regular and extra-budgetary sources of funding for the work of the regional and area offices. It sets out information on the staffing level of the various regional and area offices during the year, as well as other operational information, such as fellowships granted in each region, and expert missions. The Council is invited to take note of the report provided in this document. Additional information can also be found C23/INF/7.</i></p>	C23/25(Rev.1)
2.7	Transfer of the area office from Tegucigalpa to Panama City	
2.8	<p>World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD)</p> <p><i>This document presents information about the celebration of World Telecommunication and Information Society Day 2023 (WTISD-23), as well as the process to select a theme for WTISD-24. The Council is invited to take note of this report and to resolve on a theme for the World Telecommunication and Information Society Day 2024 (WTISD-24).</i></p>	C23/17
2.9	<p>Preparation for the 2026 World Telecommunication/ICT Policy Forum (WTPF-26)</p> <p><i>Resolution 2 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) of the Plenipotentiary Conference resolves to hold the world telecommunication/ICT policy forum (WTPF) preferably back-to-back with the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) forum, taking account of the need to ensure adequate preparation by Member States. This document provides some background information on WTPF and highlights instructions received from the Plenipotentiary Conference (Bucharest, 2022).</i></p> <p><i>Resolution 2 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) instructs the ITU Council to:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. decide on the duration, date, venue, agenda and themes of any future WTPF;</i> <i>2. adopt a procedure for preparation of the report by the Secretary-General to WTPF.</i> <p><i>The Council is invited to provide guidance on the above.</i></p>	C23/13
2.10	<p>Report on ITU's role in implementing the outcomes of WSIS and the 2030 agenda for sustainable development as well as in their follow-up and review processes</p> <p><i>The objective of this report is to provide information on the activities, actions, and engagements that the Union is undertaking in the context of the implementation of the World Summit on the Information Society and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as well as in their follow-up and review processes. The Council is invited to take note of this report.</i></p>	C23/61
2.11	<p>Measuring information and communication technologies to build an integrating and inclusive information society</p> <p><i>The purpose of this report is to update the ITU Council on the status of the implementation of Resolution 131 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) of the Plenipotentiary</i></p>	C23/8(Add.1)

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	<i>Conference, on measuring information and communication technologies to build an integrating and inclusive information society. The Council is invited to note this document.</i>	
2.12	<p>ITU training activities</p> <p><i>This document reports on progress made on ITU capacity-development and training activities with respect to the proposals presented by the ITU secretariat to the 2022 session of the ITU Council. At that session, the Council approved the proposals and invited future Councils to review periodically the implementation of ITU training activities. The Council is invited to note the report.</i></p>	C23/5
2.13	<p>25 Years of ITU's work programme on gender equality</p> <p><i>In the context of the 25th anniversary of the initial adoption of Resolution 70 by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Minneapolis, 1998), marking the formal beginning of ITU's work on gender, this document summarizes ITU's work programme to advance gender equality, reviewing progress to date and presenting requirements for more sustained impact in the coming years. Note that the report on Resolution 70 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) of the Plenipotentiary Conference has been incorporated into document C23/35, containing the report on the activities of the Union, under section 4.6 on digital inclusion. The Council is invited to note the report and to provide any guidance on the way forward as appropriate.</i></p>	C23/6
2.4	<p>Youth engagement and initiatives at ITU</p> <p><i>Resolution 198 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on empowerment of youth through telecommunication/information and communication technology, instructs the Secretary-General to continue to ensure that the youth perspective is incorporated in the work programmes, management approaches and human resources development activities of ITU. The objective of this document is to inform the ITU Council about youth engagement across several initiatives and existing programmes at ITU. The Council is invited to take note of the report.</i></p>	C23/63
2.15	<p>ITU Internet activities: Resolutions 101, 102, 133, 180 and 206</p> <p><i>This report summarizes ITU's activities related to Plenipotentiary Conference (PP) Resolution 101 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022), "Internet Protocol-based networks"; Resolution 102 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022), "ITU's role with regard to international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet and the management of Internet resources, including domain names and addresses"; Resolution 133 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022), "Roles of administrations of Member States in the management of Internationalized (multilingual) domain names"; Resolution 180 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022), "Promoting deployment of Internet Protocol version 6" and Resolution 206 (Dubai, 2018), "OTTs". The Council is invited to note the report. The Council is also invited to endorse the transmission of the report, along with the compilation of views of Council Member States and the related summary records with a cover note, to the United Nations Secretary-General.</i></p>	C23/33
2.16	<p>ITU activities on strengthening the role of ITU in building confidence and security in the use of information and communication technologies</p> <p><i>This report summarizes ITU's activities in 2022-2023 in relation to Resolution 130 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022), ITU's role as sole facilitator for WSIS Action Line C5,</i></p>	C23/38

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	<i>and other decisions by the membership on strengthening the role of ITU in building confidence and security in the use of information and communication technologies (ICTs). The Council is invited to note the report.</i>	
2.17	Update on the implementation of the ITU Council Resolution 1408 <i>This report outlines the activities and developments since the Plenipotentiary Conference (Bucharest, 2022), on assistance and support to Ukraine for rebuilding their telecommunication sector in response to the resolves of the ITU Council Resolution 1408 (C22), in particular focusing on monitoring and reporting, coordination mechanisms, facilitation of technical assistance, and mobilization of resources. The Council is invited to note this report.</i>	C23/59
2.18	Report on the Standing Committee on Administration and Management	C23/xx
PL 3	Improving governance (ITU statutory conferences, assemblies, Council and CWGs matters, RRB)	
3.1	Report on the 21st Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-22) <i>Further to Resolution 77 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) of the Plenipotentiary Conference and ITU Council Decision 610 (C19), and following consultation with Member States (CL-19/33 and CL-19/45), the 21st plenipotentiary conference was held in Bucharest, Romania, from 26 September to 14 October 2022. This document reports on the preparation, roll-out and outcomes of the conference. The Council is invited to take note of this report and the instruction of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Bucharest, 2022) to the Council to examine the conduct of election campaigns and procedures for electing the Secretary-General, Deputy Secretary-General, Directors of the Bureaux and members of the Radio Regulations Board by the end of the 2024 session of the Council.</i>	C23/4
3.2	Preparations for the 2023 Radiocommunication Assembly and the 2023 World Radiocommunication Conference <i>This document reports on the ongoing preparations for the 2023 Radiocommunication Assembly (RA-23) and the 2023 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-23). The ITU Council is invited to note the progress of preparations for RA-23 and WRC-23.</i>	C23/31
3.3	Precise place and exact dates of the 2024 World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly and update on preparations <i>Resolution 77 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) of the Plenipotentiary Conference resolves that the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA) shall be held in the last quarter of 2024 in India. Following the invitation received from the Government of India to hold WTSA-24 at the International Exhibition cum Convention Centre, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, India, from 15 to 24 October 2024, the ITU Council, pursuant to No. 42 of the ITU Convention, shall determine the precise place and exact dates of WTSA-24 with the concurrence of a majority of the Member States. The document also reports on the status of preparations for WTSA-24 and the 2024 global standards symposium (GSS-24). The Council is invited to note the report on the preparations for WTSA-24 and to decide on the precise place and exact dates of WTSA-24 by adopting the draft decision contained in Annex 2 to this document.</i>	C23/24
3.4	Periodic review of the International Telecommunication Regulations	C23/12

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	<p><i>This document provides an overview of the International Telecommunication Regulations (ITRs) and highlights instructions received from the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (Bucharest, 2022) on the periodic review of the ITRs. Resolution 146 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) of the Plenipotentiary Conference instructs the Secretary-General to reconvene an expert group on the ITRs (EG-ITR), open to the ITU Member States and Sector Members, with terms of reference (ToR) and working methods established by the ITU Council. Resolution 146 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) instructs the Council to review and revise, at its 2023 session, the ToR for EG-ITR. The Council is invited to review and revise the ToR for EG-ITR.</i></p>	
3.5	<p>Improvement of the ITU Council</p> <p><i>Based on the steps taken in the preparation for the 2023 session, this document proposes further improvements to Council preparations and deliberations to strengthen its strategic role and effectiveness. The Council is invited to consider the proposed improvements to the Council in light of the steps taken in preparation for the 2023 session and provide guidance for future sessions.</i></p>	C23/32
3.6	<p>List of candidatures for Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the Council Working Groups and Expert Groups</p> <p><i>Via circular letter CL-23/2, Member States were invited to propose candidatures for the positions of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Council Working Groups and Expert Groups for the 2023-2026 period. The annex of this document provides the candidatures received as of 9 June 2023. The Council is invited to appoint the Chairmen and the Vice-Chairmen of the Council Working Groups and Expert Groups for the 2023-2026 period/cycle.</i></p>	C23/21(Rev.1)
3.7	<p>Proposed dates and duration of the 2024, 2025, and 2026 sessions of the Council along with the proposed dates of clusters of Council Working Groups and Expert Groups for the same period</p> <p><i>In line with Resolution 77 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) of the Plenipotentiary Conference which instructs the ITU Council, at each ordinary session, to schedule its next three ordinary sessions in June-July and to review the Council's schedule on a rolling basis, and considering Annex 2 to Decision 5 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) of the Plenipotentiary Conference on options for reducing expenses, it is proposed to reduce progressively the duration of forthcoming ordinary Council sessions, and to organize one of the clusters of Council Working Groups and Expert Groups (CWGs & EGs) in every year to be held in a virtual format. The Council is invited to confirm the dates for its 2024, 2025, and 2026 sessions together with the dates of the clusters of CWGs & EGs for the same period, and to adopt the draft Decision contained in Annex to this document.</i></p>	C23/2
3.8	<p>Schedule of future conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union: 2023-2026</p> <p><i>This document lists the meetings planned for the four-year period 2023–2026 in line with the ITU Sectors and General Secretariat schedule of assemblies, conferences and meetings. Proposed dates and periods are indicative in some instances and may be subject to change given the long timeframe and construction schedule of the new ITU Headquarters building. The Council is invited to note this report.</i></p>	C23/37

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3.9	<p>Obsolete Council Resolutions and Decisions</p> <p><i>After each ordinary session of the ITU Council, Resolutions and Decisions which have been implemented or have become obsolete are abrogated and, consequently, deleted from the volume of Resolutions and Decisions of the Council. The Council is invited to consider and approve the proposed list of Resolutions and Decisions which should be abrogated and thus removed from the volume.</i></p>	C23/3(Rev.1)
ADM 1 Strengthening organizational excellence (Budget and finance)		
1.1	<p>Annual review of revenue and expenses of the implementation of the 2023 budget</p> <p><i>This document presents the key elements of 2023 budget implementation, pursuant to No. 73 of the ITU Convention, which stipulates that an annual review of revenue and expenses shall be carried out by the ITU Council. The Council is invited to note this document.</i></p>	C23/9
1.2	<p>Choice of class of contribution for defraying the Union's expenses</p> <p><i>This document informs the ITU Council of the choice of class of contribution of Member States and Sector Members for the period from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2027. The Council is invited to take note of this document.</i></p>	C23/43
1.3	<p>Implementation of the Voluntary separation programme</p> <p><i>The purpose of this document is to report on the implementation of the voluntary separation programme, in line with instructs the ITU Council 6 of Decision 5 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) of the Plenipotentiary Conference and Council Resolution 1413 (C23-EXT). The ITU Council is invited to note the report from the Secretary-General.</i></p>	C23/51
1.4	<p>Financial management transformation plan</p> <p><i>The purpose of this document is to provide the ITU Council with a roadmap to reform financial management processes and framework, responding to Council Resolution 1412 (C23-EXT), which resolves to request the Secretary-General to take measures to strengthen financial management and report on measures taken to the 2023 session of the Council. The Council is invited to note the report.</i></p>	C23/50
1.5	<p>Information and Communication Technologies Development Fund (ICT-DF)</p> <p><i>This document reports the status of the Information and Communication Technologies Development Fund (ICT-DF) regarding its utilization for the implementation of development projects. It also presents the funds available in the Exhibition Working Capital Fund (EWCF) and the ICT-DF Capital Account. Following the abrogation of Resolution 11 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) on ITU Telecom events at the Plenipotentiary Conference (Bucharest, 2022), the Council is invited to approve the attached draft resolution (Annex 1) on the transfer of CHF 1.5 million from the EWCF to the ICT-DF Capital Account. After the liquidations of all ITU Telecom financial obligations and the final accounting closure, the remaining balance retained in EWCF will be reported to the Council at its 2024 session. The Council is also invited to take note of this report and advise as deemed appropriate.</i></p>	C23/34

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1.6	<p>Financial Implications of the Regional Initiatives Approved by WTDC-22</p> <p><i>The World Telecommunication Development Conference (Kigali, 2022), held in Kigali, Rwanda from 6 to 16 June 2022, adopted the Kigali Declaration and the Kigali Action Plan, including 28 regional initiatives (RIs) distributed among the six regions of ITU-D. In the assessment of BDT, full implementation of these regional initiatives would require significant financing, which in turn would need to be generated by ITU through resource mobilization and other efforts. At the start of the previous cycle, the World Telecommunication Development Conference (Buenos Aires, 2017) suggested an allocation of 1 million Swiss francs per RI, to ensure ITU had adequate funding to engage in partnerships and other collaborative efforts that would ensure the effective and full implementation of these RIs. In the event, no financial resources were allocated for this purpose. Instead, following the adoption of regional initiatives by WTDC-17, the ITU Council at its 2018 session allocated a total of 5 million Swiss francs as seed funding for the period from 2018-2021. This document provides an overview of the RIs adopted by WTDC-22 and BDT’s assessment of the financial resources that will be needed to make full implementation possible. The Council is requested to consider this document.</i></p>	C23/26+Add.1
1.7	<p>Cost recovery for the processing of satellite network filings</p> <p><i>This document presents the annual report on the implementation of cost recovery for satellite network filings, pursuant to ITU Council Decision 482 (C01, last amended C20). The Council is invited to note the report.</i></p>	C23/16
1.8	<p>Study on the appropriateness of Council Decision 482 to recover costs associated with the processing of satellite network filings</p> <p><i>This document studies the appropriateness of ITU Council Decision 482 (C01, last amended C20) to recover costs associated with the processing of satellite network filings. The Council is invited: 1 to consider the study presented in Annex 1 of this report on the extent to which the implementation of Council Decision 482 (C01, last amended C20) recovers the costs associated with the processing of satellite network filings; 2 to create a Council expert group on Decision 482 (draft terms of reference are provided in Annex 2).</i></p>	C23/19
1.9	<p>Arrears and special arrears accounts</p> <p><i>The Plenipotentiary Conference (Dubai, 2018) instructed the Secretary-General to report annually to the ITU Council on the measures taken and progress made towards collection of the debts of Member States, Sector Members, Associates and Academia in arrears or having special arrears accounts, and on all cases of non-compliance with the agreed terms of settlement. Previously, the Council, at its 1999 session, had laid down guidelines for repayment schedules for the settlement of arrears and special arrears accounts. The Council is requested to: 1) take note of this document; 2) authorize the Secretary-General to write off CHF 2 969 139.02 of interest on arrears and irrecoverable debts; 3) adopt the draft decision attached in Annex B.</i></p>	C23/11
1.10	<p>Provisional participation of entities dealing with telecommunication matters in the activities of ITU</p> <p><i>This report contains the names of the “entities dealing with telecommunication matters” (see No. 230 of the ITU Convention) which have been provisionally included in the lists of Sector Members to participate in the work of the ITU</i></p>	C23/10

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	<i>Sectors and the names of the Associates admitted to participate in a given study group. The Council is invited to confirm the action taken by the Secretary-General regarding the admission of the “entities dealing with telecommunication matters” (CV No. 230) listed in the Annex.</i>	
1.11	<p>New requests for exemption from fees for organizations of an international character</p> <p><i>Each year, ITU receives requests from organizations of an international character seeking exemption from membership fees and other financial contributions to the Union based on reciprocity. These new requests are reviewed by the secretariat according to criteria established by the ITU Council. The Council is invited to consider the recommendations of the Secretary-General regarding new requests for exemption.</i></p>	C23/39
1.12	<p>The After-Service Health Insurance (ASHI) liability</p> <p><i>This document presents the situation of the after-service health insurance (ASHI) liability as of 31 December 2022, in line with the request made by the Council at its 2014 session to receive annual reports from ITU on the ASHI liability and cost proposals to partially fund this liability, consistent with Recommendation 6 of the External Auditor’s reports on the accounts for 2012. The Council is invited to take note of this document.</i></p>	C23/46
1.13	<p>Towards a new "One ITU" resource mobilization strategy</p> <p><i>The Plenipotentiary Conference (Bucharest, 2022) instructed the Secretary-General in Decision 5 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) to develop an ITU-wide resource mobilization strategy to address the need for additional funding to meet organizational priorities and to present it to the ITU Council for review and guidance on its implementation. This document is a first step towards that strategy. It provides baseline data and background information, along with initial plans of the secretariat and recommendations for the Council. The purpose of this document is to identify ways of strengthening both the regular budget and extra-budgetary revenues. With inputs from the 2023 session of the Council, the secretariat will then refine the concepts presented and further develop the strategy for presentation to the 2024 session. The Council is invited to note this document.</i></p>	C23/62(Rev 1)
1.14	<p>Draft biennial budget of the Union for 2024-2025</p> <p><i>This document presents the draft biennial budget of the Union for 2024-2025. It is based on the strategic plan for the Union for that period and reflects the financial implications of the implementation of decisions and resolutions adopted by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Bucharest, 2022) and by the ITU Council at its previous sessions. The Council is requested to review the draft biennial budget of the Union for 2024-2025 and to approve the draft resolution presented in the Annex.</i></p>	C23/60
ADM 2	Strengthening organizational excellence (Accountability)	
2.1	<p>External Auditor's interim report on ITU's 2022 financial statements</p> <p><i>The aim of the audit is to provide independent assurance to member states; to add value to the ITU's financial management and governance; and to support</i></p>	C23/98

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	<p><i>your objectives through the external audit process. The Council is invited to note the report.</i></p>	
	<p>ITU management's response to the External Auditor's interim report</p> <p><i>This report contains the ITU management's responses and comments to the External Auditor's interim report concerning the ITU financial statements of 2022 (C23/98). The ITU management agrees to and accepts all these recommendations. The document also reflects the plan for the implementation of these recommendations. In accordance with its mandate, the Council Working Group on Financial and Human Resources (CWG-FHR) will follow-up on the implementation of these recommendations and submit a report to Council 2024. The Council is invited to note this report and approve the abrogation of Article 10.4 of the ITU Financial Regulations.</i></p>	<p>C23/99</p>
<p>2.2</p>	<p>Twelfth report of the Independent Management Advisory Committee (IMAC)</p> <p><i>This report of the Independent Management Advisory Committee (IMAC) to the ITU Council contains the detailed IMAC Annual Report for the 2022-2023 activities to be presented at the meeting of the 2023 Session of Council. The Council is invited to approve the IMAC report and its recommendations for action by the secretariat.</i></p>	<p>C23/22</p>
<p>2.3</p>	<p>Report of the Internal Auditor on internal audit activities</p> <p><i>This report covers internal audit activities for the period from February 2022 to April 2023. The ITU Council is invited to take note of the report.</i></p>	<p>C23/44</p>
<p>2.4</p>	<p>Special Report by the External Auditor on the Regional Office for the Americas – Status update</p> <p><i>Between 30 April and 6 May 2022, ITU's external auditor conducted a specific audit of the activities performed in the ITU Regional Office for the Americas, reviewing various issues that have been highlighted in audit reports and other reports of ITU's oversight committees and groups. The report of the specific audit was presented to ITU Council at its 2022 session for examination. The report makes 23 distinct recommendations, and activities have been ongoing to address the recommendations as appropriate. This document analyses the recommendations, summarizes actions taken by ITU to date, and sets out the current status for each. The ITU Council is invited to consider and take note of this report.</i></p>	<p>C23/42</p>
<p>2.5</p>	<p>Report from the Investigation Unit</p> <p><i>This report covers the activities of the Investigation Unit for the period from February 2022 to April 2023. The Council is invited to take note of the Report from the Investigation Unit.</i></p>	<p>C23/15</p>
<p>2.6</p>	<p>Report from the Ethics Office</p> <p><i>At its 2017 session, the ITU Council requested that that the Ethics Office report yearly on its activities, as is consistent with many United Nations organizations. The report contained in this document covers the Ethics Office's activities for the period from January to December 2022. The Council is invited to take note of the 2022 report from the Ethics Office.</i></p>	<p>C23/14</p>

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2.7	<p>JIU reports and notes on United Nations system-wide issues for 2021-2022 and recommendations to executive heads and legislative bodies</p> <p><i>This document includes links to the JIU reports from the 2021 programme of work and note from the 2022 programme of work available to date. It also details the set of recommendations addressed to the Executive Heads and Governing bodies as well as comments from the ITU secretariat and Chief Executive Board (where available). The Council is invited to note the overall status of acceptance and implementation of recommendations of JIU system-wide reports/note addressed to the ITU Executive Head and approve the acceptance of the two recommendations addressed to the Legislative Bodies (Recommendation 6 of JIU/REP/2021/6 Business continuity management in United Nations system organizations, and Recommendation 2 of JIU/REP/2021/5 Review of the ethics function in the United Nations system), as presented in the table below.</i></p>	C23/57
2.8	<p>Independent management advisory committee (IMAC): appointment of the six independent experts</p> <p><i>This report contains the outcome of the work of the selection panel for the appointment of members of the Independent Management Advisory Committee (IMAC). It provides an overview of the selection process conducted to identify candidates for members of IMAC and the recommendation of the selection panel for the appointment of those best qualified. The ITU Council is invited to note the content of this report and to adopt the draft decision contained in Annex C hereto on the appointment of members to IMAC.</i></p>	C23/23
2.9	<p>Proposal for the Creation of an Oversight Unit</p> <p><i>ITU is committed to the highest standards of integrity among its staff members and other personnel and to transparency and accountability in its programmes and operations. In line with this objective, ITU is undertaking considerable efforts to strengthen its oversight function and capabilities, as part of a wide review aiming to reinforce controls and the efficiency of its Three Lines Model. Accordingly, the ITU management is implementing a comprehensive plan to reinforce the accountability framework; reinforce monitoring and evaluation; improve internal controls and correct related deficiencies; and revamp the risk management and compliance frameworks and functions. As part of this comprehensive plan, and in line with the configuration of a large number of United Nations organizations, ITU intends to create an Oversight Unit (OU) that will be responsible for providing the organization with an effective system of risk-based, independent, and objective internal oversight and evaluation. The Council is requested to take note of the proposal to create an Oversight Unit and to approve the creation of a Chief of Oversight position at the D-1 level.</i></p>	C23/53
2.10	<p>Strengthening of Internal Control systems and measures</p> <p><i>This report presents efforts to strengthen internal controls in ITU stemming from:</i></p> <p>a) <i>work of the working group on internal controls (WGIC), set up by the BDT Director on 3 May 2019, following a case of fraud perpetrated by a staff member in an ITU regional office, which was investigated in 2018 by ITU Internal Audit;</i></p>	C23/20

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	<p>b) <i>improvements in 2023 that aim to build appropriate internal control organization and governance for the whole ITU.</i></p> <p><i>The work to strengthen internal controls is ongoing and will draw on the recommendations of the External Auditor, Independent Management Advisory Committee (IMAC) and Internal Audit, as well as on best practices across the United Nations system. The ITU Council is invited to note this document.</i></p>	
2.11	<p>ITU participation in memoranda of understanding with financial and/or strategic implications</p> <p><i>This document reports on the memoranda of understanding/agreements (hereinafter “MoU”) having substantial financial and/or strategic implications for the Union for the year 2022. It also includes a list of MoUs that the Secretary-General considered appropriate to bring to the attention of the Council for information. This report also introduces a new dashboard containing information on the implementation of the MoUs already brought to the Council’s attention during the period 2008-2021. The Council is invited to note the report.</i></p>	C23/45
2.12	Proposed modifications to Council Decision 563	
ADM 3 Strengthening organizational excellence (Enabling environment, Human resources, IT, Headquarters)		
3.1	<p>Progress report on the implementation of the Human Resources strategic plan and of Resolution 48 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022)</p> <p><i>The goal of the Human Resources Strategic Plan (HRSP) is to progressively transform ITU’s people management and its capacity to deliver on the strategic and financial plans of the Union. The strategy reaffirms that the greatest resource of ITU is a skilled, motivated, and dedicated workforce of the highest competence and integrity that is geographically diverse, gender-balanced, and empowered to achieve ITU’s mission and strategic objectives through a commitment to managing the results. The strategy also highlights the need to modernize ITU’s human capacity, processes, procedures and tools and emphasizes the importance of integration and harmonization with the United Nations Common System and the values of the international civil service. This progress report reflects the organization’s commitment to fostering a people-centric culture, developing an agile workforce, streamlining HR services, and creating an enabling work environment. As ITU continues to move forward, it will build on these achievements to further strengthen its human resources and ensure the organization remains well-positioned to face the challenges and opportunities of the rapidly evolving telecommunication landscape. The HRSP is a rolling plan, which may be adapted as required. This progress report highlights the key results achieved under each of the four pillars in 2022 and early 2023.</i></p>	C23/55
3.2	<p>Changes in the conditions of service under the United Nations common system</p> <p><i>This is a report on the decisions taken by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) at its 77th session (2022) relating to conditions of service in the United Nations common system. The ITU Council is invited to take note of the implementation of the UNGA decisions in accordance with the ITU Staff Regulations and Staff Rules applicable to appointed staff, including those implemented by the Secretary-General in conformity with Council Resolution</i></p>	C23/18

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	<i>647 (C-1969, last amended C03). Pursuant to Resolution 46 (Kyoto, 1994) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, the Council is invited to approve the salary scale and the pensionable remuneration applicable to elected officials, as it appears in the draft resolution contained in Annex.</i>	
3.3	<p>Amendments to the statute of the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC)</p> <p><i>This report describes the recent amendments to the statute of the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in Resolution 77/256 A-B clarifying the authority of ICSC to establish post adjustment multipliers for duty stations in the United Nations common system. It invites the ITU Council to consider a draft resolution on the acceptance of these amendments. The Council is invited to note this report and to adopt the draft resolution on the acceptance of the amendments to the statute of ICSC presented in Annex.</i></p>	C23/56
3.4	<p>Report on the implementation of Resolution 167 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) of the Plenipotentiary Conference on strengthening and developing ITU capabilities for fully virtual meetings and physical meetings with remote participation, and the electronic means to advance the work of the Union</p> <p><i>Resolution 167 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) of the Plenipotentiary Conference instructs the ITU Council:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. to study and develop high-level guidance for the management and governance of fully virtual meetings and physical meetings with remote participation, taking into account Annex 1 to this resolution;</i> <i>2. to consider the financial requirements to implement this resolution and allocate the necessary financial resources, within the limits of the resources available and consistent with the financial and strategic plans;</i> <i>3. to report and provide recommendations to the plenipotentiary conference in 2026.</i> <p><i>This report outlines the activities and developments since the Plenipotentiary Conference (Bucharest, 2022), to assist the Council in developing high-level guidance for the management and governance of fully virtual meetings and physical meetings with remote participation. The Council is invited to note this report and to provide the Union with high-level guidance for the management and governance of fully virtual meetings and physical meetings with remote participation and for possible funding mechanisms.</i></p>	C23/54
3.5	<p>Report on the Union's headquarters premises project</p> <p><i>This report provides an update on the implementation of the project, particularly in light of the challenges related to the procurement process for the appointment of a general contractor. The Council is invited to consider the report and provide guidance to the secretariat.</i></p>	C23/7(Rev. 1)
3.6	<p>Summary report on the work of the Member States Advisory Group on the Union's headquarters premises project</p> <p><i>This document presents a summary report on the work of the Member States Advisory Group on the Union's headquarters premises project (MSAG) since last reported to the ITU Council. The Council is invited to take note of the report and provide any further guidance as appropriate.</i></p>	C23/48

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3.7	<p>Report on the use of the six languages of the Union on an equal footing</p> <p><i>This report provides an update to the ITU Council on the implementation of Resolution 154 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on use of the six official languages of the Union on an equal footing, in accordance with Council Resolution 1372 (C15, last amended C19). The Council is invited to note the report.</i></p>	C23/47
INFORMATION DOCUMENTS AND MISCELLANEOUS		
	<p>Compilation of decisions captured in Summary records of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Bucharest, 2022)</p> <p><i>As was requested after the Plenipotentiary Conference (Dubai, 2028), the secretariat has prepared a compilation of the decisions adopted by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Bucharest, 2022), which were captured in the Summary Records of its Plenary Meetings, in particular the decisions based on the recommendations of the Committees and Working Group of the Plenary. This document is transmitted to the Council for information.</i></p>	C23/INF/1
	<p>UN-SWAP Report Card 2021</p> <p><i>ITU has been reporting on the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-SWAP) since its endorsement by the CEB in 2012. The Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) conducted a review in 2019 (JIU/REP/2019/2) reporting the framework as an important catalyst for system-wide progress towards gender mainstreaming; a truly unique system-wide achievement. Since 2018, there is a renewed UN-SWAP 2.0, an expanded and enhanced framework with 17 Performance Indicators. This document presents ITU's Report Card for 2021, developed by UN Women. This document is transmitted to the Council for information.</i></p>	C23/INF/2
	<p>Human Resources reporting and statistics</p> <p><i>The purpose of this document is to present the Council with the latest human resources statistics including all personnel employed by ITU. The report is now presented as a live dashboard providing a comprehensive overview of key people statistics. Information is updated daily through a data feed from the SAP HR data warehouse and has been developed and designed by the Human Resources Management Department. As the dashboard is expanded, Council Member States will be able to see new areas of reporting in a seamless manner. This document is transmitted to the Council for information.</i></p>	C23/INF/3
	<p>Situation of arrears of the Union at 31 March 2023</p> <p><i>This document informs the ITU Council about the situation of debtors of the Union with respect of arrears (contributions, publications, satellite network filings, miscellaneous invoices and UIFN), special arrears accounts and cancelled special arrears accounts at 31 March 2023. This document is transmitted to the Council for information.</i></p>	C23/INF/4
	<p>Follow-up of Forensic Audit and of Internal Audit recommendations</p> <p><i>This report covers the summary update of the status of implementation of the recommendations as per the PwC Forensic Audit report, as well as the status of implementation of internal audit recommendations. This document is transmitted to the Council for information.</i></p>	C23/INF/5

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	<p>Report on the use of funds-in-trust/secondments, loans, junior professional officers and sponsored interns by the secretariat</p> <p><i>The purpose of this document is to inform the ITU Council on collaboration with Member States and institutions under the ITU partnership programme, which manages funds-in-trust/secondments, loans, junior professional officers and sponsored interns. This document is transmitted to the Council for information.</i></p>	C23/INF/6
	<p>Additional information on Strengthening the Regional Presence</p> <p><i>The purpose of this document is to provide additional information on the strengthening of the regional presence. It contains the following annexes:</i></p> <p><i>Annex 1: Key achievements by region for 2022</i> <i>Annex 2: Contribution to other Sectors and the General Secretariat</i> <i>Annex 3: Support activities towards empowering Regional and Area Offices</i> <i>Annex 4: Summary of the 2022 Regional and Area Offices expenditure</i> <i>Annex 5: 2022 operational plan and project implementation level by region</i> <i>Annex 6: Breakdown of the 2022 Regional and Area Offices expenditure by category</i> <i>Annex 7: 2022 Fellowships awarded and recruited experts</i> <i>Annex 8: Summary of staffing level by Regional and Area Offices</i> <i>Annex 9: Breakdown of staffing level by Regional and Area Offices</i></p> <p><i>This document is transmitted to the Council for information.</i></p>	C23/INF/7
	<p>Partner2connect digital coalition</p> <p><i>This report provides highlights and an update on the progress of ITU’s Partner2Connect Digital Coalition (P2C). This document is transmitted to the Council for information.</i></p>	C23/INF/8
	<p>Collaboration with the UN system</p> <p><i>This report presents an overview of ITU’s activities and relationship with the UN system since Council 2022. This document is transmitted to the Council for information.</i></p>	C23/INF/9
	<p>ITU Council contribution to the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) 2023</p> <p><i>This document contains ITU’s contribution to the 2023 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF), as per invitation extended to ITU’s intergovernmental body by the President of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) (see Annex 2).</i></p> <p><i>Considering the deadline for providing the input and the particular situation this year in the absence of chairmanship and meeting of the Council Working Groups in February, the Chair of the ITU Council submitted an analytical document prepared by the ITU secretariat on this year’s theme “Accelerating the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels”, as well as an Annex on the role of ICTs/Telecommunication and ITU’s contributions to the five goals to be reviewed in-depth at this year’s session (Goals 6 on clean water and sanitation, 7 on affordable and clean energy, 9 on industry, innovation and infrastructure, 11 on sustainable cities and communities, and 17 on partnerships for the Goals). This document is transmitted to the Council for information.</i></p>	C23/INF/10

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	<p>Assess & Transform: Evaluating Current State and Developing an IT Roadmap for ITU’s Service Excellence and Growth</p> <p><i>This document provides findings and recommendations, identified by EY team following the analysis performed in accordance to Work Order “Assess & Transform: Evaluating Current State and Developing an IT Roadmap for ITU Service Excellence and Growth” dated 26 April 2023. As a result of analysis digital/IT improvement opportunities were identified and a plan for the transformation of ITU’s digital/IT capabilities to enhance service excellence and growth was developed. This document provides further details on the specific pillar for “Transformation of IT Systems and Tools” within the overall Transformation Roadmap to Achieve Organizational Excellence (C23/52). This document is transmitted to the Council for information.</i></p>	C23/INF/11
	<p>Report on voluntary contribution revenue 2022</p> <p><i>This report provides a breakdown of the 2022 voluntary contribution revenue as indicated in the Statement of financial performance presented in the Financial Operating Report for the financial year 2022 (Council document C23/41). This document is transmitted to the Council for information.</i></p>	C23/INF/12
	<p>Human Resources Transformation Plan</p> <p><i>The Transformation Roadmap to achieve Organizational Excellence, part of the ITU Strategic Plan for 2024-2027, outlines the plan to reposition ITU to better meet future demands and maintain relevance in the rapidly changing environment. To enhance operational excellence and thought leadership, the roadmap identifies key areas for transformation, including breaking down organizational silos, enhancing flexibility and agility, reducing bureaucracy, and nurturing a culture of organizational excellence. An ambitious Human Resources Transformation Plan underpins these changes, focusing on people, culture, and services. This entails developing an agile and talented workforce, fostering a rewarding culture that values employee engagement and development, and implementing innovative HR services utilizing fit-for-the-purpose technology. Success markers include enabling a supportive work environment, effective talent management, a shared organizational vision, modernized HR policies, clearly defined roles, and enhanced operational agility. This document is transmitted to the Council for information.</i></p>	C23/INF/13
	Statement by the Staff Council	C23/INF/