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| IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTION 167 (REV. BUCHAREST, 2022) OF THE PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE FROM 2024 AND BEYOND |
| **Purpose**Resolution 167 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) of the Plenipotentiary Conference instructs the ITU Council: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;
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;
3. to report and provide recommendations to the plenipotentiary conference in 2026.

The report by the Secretary-General to Council 2023 (Document C23/54)outlined 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 was invited **to note** the 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.Council 2023 concluded that remote participation is an invaluable tool for Member States and instructed the Secretary-General to prepare a roadmap for the harmonization and the development of facilities and capabilities to organize and conduct fully virtual meetings and physical meetings with remote participation by electronic means for the meetings of the Union, for submission to the 2024 session of the Council. Council 2023 took note that the financial implications of CHF 855 000/year and possible capital investment of CHF 1 million once every five years as reported in document PP-22/64, would be financed within the limits of the resources available from the efficiency measures and other savings.However, having regard to the challenging budgetary situation on the Union, additional extrabudgetary resources would be helpful to ensure appropriate support for conducting of fully virtual meetings and physical meetings with remote participation.**Action required**While the Secretariat will continue its effort to identify savings that would allow funding of appropriate support to fully virtual meetings and physical meetings with remote participation, the Council Working Group on Finance and Human Resources is invited to **note** this report and **invite Member States to assist** in this regard with voluntary contributions to cover the necessary costs as reported in document [PP-22/64](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-PP-C-0064/en).\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**References**[Document C23/54](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-CL-C-0054/en); [Document PP-22/64](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-PP-C-0064/en); [Document C22/43](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CL-C-0043/en); [Resolution 1411](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CL-C-0105/en); [Resolution 1412](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=S22-CEXT23-C-0006); [Document C23/9](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-CL-C-0009/en); [Resolution 167 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022)](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts-2023/RES-167-E.pdf) of the Plenipotentiary Conference |

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