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| PROPOSALS RELATED TO THE SUPRESSED RESOLUTION 11 (REV. DUBAI, 2018) «ITU TELECOM EVENTS» |
| **Purpose**In order to prevent the deterioration of projects, especially for developing countries, the contribution contains proposals:‒ to suppress the Resolution 1111 (C-1997) «TELECOM surplus funds»; ‒ to continue efforts to preserve and replenish the EWCF even after the refusal to host the ITU Telecom event, since the EWCF is an important source for the formation of the ITU ICT Development Fund (IСT-DF) and is formed (in accordance with Article 19 of the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules) not only at the financial results of the ITU Telecom event; ‒ to amend the text of the ITU Financial Regulations and Financial Rules, as well as contribution contains the request to the Secretariat to prepare an information document for Member States so that on its basis could be revised the Resolution 1338 (C-11) «Information and Communication Technologies Development Fund (ICT-DF)» or could be developed a new ITU Council resolution, to continue efforts, aimed at improving the quality of projects financed in whole or in part by ICT-DF.**Action required**CWG-FHR is invited **to consider** and **adopt** the proposals contained in the contribution.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**References**[Resolution 11](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts/RES-011-E.pdf) (Rev. Dubai, 2018), Council [Resolution 1111](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/ResDec/Council-RES-1111-e.pdf) (C-1997), Council [Resolution 1338](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/ResDec/Council-RES-1338-e.pdf) (C-11), Article 19 of the [Financial Regulations and Financial Rules](https://council.itu.int/2023/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2023/06/S-GEN-REG_RGTFIN-2018-PDF-E.pdf) (FR and FR) |

**I Introduction**

The main purpose of the proposals is to prevent deterioration in the funding of projects related to the implementation of regional initiatives approved by the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-22, Rwanda, Kigali, 2022), especially for developing countries.

Article 19 of the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules (FR and FR) "ITU TELECOM Exhibitions and Forums and Similar Events Organized by the Union" implies that the funds in the Exhibition Working Capital Fund (EWCF) may come not only from ITU TELECOM, but other exhibitions and forums may also take place, with that, in accordance with paragraph 1 of Article 19, “Separate accounts are maintained for each exhibition and forum or similar event.” In accordance with the title of Article 19, it is assumed that exhibitions and forums are primarily related to the ITU TELECOM event, which, according to the decision of PP-22, will not be held. Therefore, this decision should be reflected in the text of the Financial Regulations and the Financial Rules and it should be more clear in Article 19 what exhibitions and forums can be discussed in the future and how this will affect the two funds - the Exhibition Working Capital Fund and the Informanion and Communicanion Technologies Development Fund.

However, if the EWCF will be closed, as can be seen from document C23/34 «Information and Communications Technology Development Fund (ICT-DF)», which indicates that the Plenipotentiary Conference endorsed the recommendation (see Minutes of the Sixteenth Plenary Meeting (Section 2.3)) «to instruct … Council, at its next session, to transfer the remaining part of the Revolving Exhibition Fund to the ICT Development Fund», this should also be reflected in the relevant documents adopted by the Council.

**II Proposals**

1. In accordance with the text of the Resolutions and Decisions of the Council (edition 2022), Resolution 1111 (C-1997) «TELECOM surplus funds» and Resolution 1338 (C-11) «Information and Communications Technologies Development Fund (ICT-DF)» are current, but should be modified to some extent due to the cancellation of Resolution 11 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) at PP-22 on ITU Telecom event, given that they deal with the important task of funding and implementing projects under the auspices of the ITU Telecommunication Development Bureau, using the ICT-DF as their source of funding, it is proposed to recomend the Council:

1.1. To suppress Resolution 1111 (C-1997) TELECOM surplus funds.

1.2. To continue efforts to preserve and replenish the EWCF even after the refusal to host the ITU Telecom event, since the EWCF is an important source for the formation of the ITU ICT Development Fund (IСT-DF) and is formed (in accordance with Article 19 of the FR and FR) not only at the financial results of the ITU Telecom event.

1.3 In the title of Article 19 of the FR and FR, delete the words “ITU TELECOM”, while taking into account the possibility of holding other exhibitions and forums by ITU or with its participation, it is appropriate to change the title of Article 19 as follows:

*"Article 19 Exhibitions, forums and similar events organized by the Union"*,

and to instruct the Secretariat to make the necessary amendments to the text of this article, resulting from the cancellation of Resolution 11, for further approval by the Council.

1. Request the Secretariat to prepare an information document for the Member States regarding the structure, sources of replenishment of the EWCF and IСT-DF and, accordingly, financing of projects related to regional initiatives (RI), as well as new conditions for the relationship of these two funds, etc. The document should be submitted to the CWG-FHR february meeting 2024, as it could lead to a new ITU Council Resolution or revision of Resolution 1338 (C-11) «Information and Communication Technologies Development Fund (IСT-DF)» to continue previous efforts to improve the quality of projects financed in whole or in part by the IFCT, in order to increase the capacity to mobilize the necessary additional resources.

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