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| Report by the Secretary-General |
| PROPOSED DATES AND DURATION OF THE 2025, 2026, AND 2027 SESSIONS OF THE COUNCIL ALONG WITH THE PROPOSED DATES OF CLUSTERS OF COUNCIL WORKING GROUPS AND EXPERT GROUPS FOR THE SAME PERIOD |
| **Purpose**Resolution 77 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) of the Plenipotentiary Conference 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.**Action required by the Council**The Council is invited to **confirm** the dates for its 2025, 2026, and 2027 sessions together with the dates of the clusters of Council Working Groups and Expert Groups (CWGs & EGs) for the same period, and to **adopt** the draft Decision contained in Annex to this document.**Relevant link(s) with the Strategic Plan**Convening platform.**Financial implications**The costs for holding Council sessions and clusters of CWGs & EGs in ITU in 2025, 2026 and 2027 are covered by the biannual budgets.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**References**[*Rule 1, Council Rules of Procedure*](http://www.itu.int/council/pd/rop-e.pdf)*; Resolution 77 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022),* [*Resolution 111 (Rev. Busan, 2014)*](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts/RES-111-E.pdf) *of the Plenipotentiary Conference; Council* [*Decision 635*](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-C23ADD-C-0013/en) *(C23); Council documents C23-ADD/2, CWG-FHR-17/24, C23-ADD/13, C24/7, C24/37, C24/48.* |

**Introduction**

1. The ITU Council at its 2023 additional session (19-20 October 2023) adopted [Decision 635](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-C23ADD-C-0013/en)regarding the dates and duration of the 2024, 2025, and 2026 sessions of the Council, along with the clusters of Council Working Groups and Expert Groups for the same period.

2. The dates of the Council sessions and clusters of Council Working Groups approved in Decision 635 took into account major religious periods, as well as the availability of the ITU headquarters conference rooms in 2025, and the availability of the International Conference Center Geneva (CICG) during the demolition and early construction phase of the headquarters premises project as from 2026.

3. Considering the timeline for the ITU Headquarters project (see document [C24/7](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CL-C-0007/en)), it will be possible to hold the Council sessions and clusters of CWGs & EGs in 2026 and 2027 within the ITU premises.

4. The following dates for the CWGs and EGs as well as the Council in 2027 are therefore proposed:

- First cluster of Council Working Groups and Expert Groups: **Monday,** **25 January to Friday, 5 February 2027**

- 2027 session of the ITU Council: from **Tuesday, 8 June to Friday, 18 June 2027**

- Second cluster of CWGs & EGs: from **Monday, 30 August 2027 to Friday, 10 September 2027** (to avoid overlap with RRB27.3 or EGH-EGTI, as well as avoiding being too close to the opening the World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-27) and Radiocommunication Assembly (RA-27), staring on 18 October 2027).

5. The Council is invited to **adopt** the draft new Decision in the Annex, agreeing on the dates of the Council sessions and the clusters of Council Working Groups and Experts Groups.

*Annex:* ***1***

Annex

DRAFT NEW DECISION [...]

Dates and duration of the 2025, 2026, and 2027 sessions of the Council, along with the clusters of Council Working Groups and Expert Groups
for 2025, 2026 and 2027

The ITU Council,

bearing in mind

1. Resolution 77 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, which instructs the 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”;
2. Resolution 111 (Rev. Busan, 2014) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, which resolves “that the Union and the Member States of the Council should make every effort, as far as practicable, in order that the planned period of any Council session not be scheduled during a period which is considered a major religious period by a Member State of the Council”;
3. Decision 619 on Headquarters Premises adopted at the additional 2019 session of the Council,

recalling

Council Decision 635 (C23) confirming the dates and duration for the 2024, 2025, and 2026 sessions of the Council, along with the cluster of Council Working Groups and Expert Groups for the same period,

considering

the need to schedule ordinary sessions of the Council as much as possible around the same time-frame each year in order to facilitate the arrangement of other ITU events,

considering further

the need to organize the ordinary session of the Council taking place in a plenipotentiary conference (PP) year early enough to allow any Council reports intended to be further considered at PP to be published reasonably far in advance,

emphasizing

that scheduling the clusters of Council Working Groups and Expert Groups (CWGs & EGs), over the next three years, would not only improve the overall planning of ITU events, but also reduce the risk of overlapping,

mindful

of Decision 11 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) of the Plenipotentiary Conference on the creation and management of Council Working Groups, referring to Annex 2 to Decision 5 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) of the Conference on options for reducing expenses,

decides

1 that the 2025 session of the Council will open in Geneva for a period of nine working days, and will hold its clusters of CWGs & EGs as follows:

* First cluster: from Monday, 10 February to Friday, 21 February 2025
* **Council-25: from Tuesday, 1 July to Friday, 11 July 2025**
* Second cluster: from Monday, 8 September to Friday, 19 September 2025

2 that the 2026 ordinary session of the Council will open in Geneva for a period of nine working days, and will hold its cluster of CWGs & EGs as follows:

- Sole cluster: from Monday, 12 January to Friday, 23 January 2026

**- Council-26: from Tuesday, 28 April to Friday, 8 May 2026**, and shall have its final meeting on Saturday, 7 November 2026, prior to the start of the 2026 Plenipotentiary Conference.

3 that the 2027 session of the Council will open in Geneva for a period of seven working days, and will hold its clusters of CWGs & EGs as follows:

* First cluster: from Monday, 25 January to Friday, 5 February 2027
* **Council-27: from Tuesday, 8 June to Friday, 18 June 2027**
* Second cluster: from Monday, 30 August to Friday, 10 September 2027

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