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| PROGRESS REPORT BY THE CHAIR OF THE EXPERT GROUP ON THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION REGULATIONS (EG-ITRS) |
| **Purpose**This report summarizes the main results of the first and second meetings of the EG-ITRs, held on 16 October 2023 and 29-30 January 2024 respectively, in line with Resolution 146 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) of the Plenipotentiary Conference and Council Resolutions 1379 (Mod. 2023).**Action required by the Council**The Council is invited **to note** the report.**Relevant link(s) with the Strategic Plan**Convening platform; development and application of the ITU Administrative Regulations.**Financial implications**Within the allocated budget 2024-2025.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**References**[*Resolution 146 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022)*](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts-2023/RES-146-E.pdf)*;* [*Council Resolution 1379 (Mod. 2023)*](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-CL-C-0121/en) |

**1.** **Introduction**

1.1 The [Expert Group on the International Telecommunication Regulations (EG-ITRs)](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Pages/eg-itrs.aspx), open to all Member States and Sector Members, was reconvened by Council Resolution 1379 (Mod. 2023) to continue consideration of issues relating to the ITRs, including their review, with the Terms of Reference shown in Annex 1 of this resolution.

1.2 The terms of reference for the EG-ITRs, specified in Council Resolution 1379 (Mod. 2023), are to continue to review the ITRs. Taking into consideration the work of the previous two Expert Groups, the review may consider, among others:

* new trends in telecommunications/ICT and emerging issues in international telecommunications/ICT environment which may impact the ITRs,
* empirical data on the current use of the ITRs by operating agencies and/or administrations and the proportion of global telecommunication services which now rely on the ITRs, and
* the relevance of the ITRs which “consist of high-level guiding principles” in the current telecommunication/ICT environment.

**2 Activities of the EG-ITRs**

2.1 The EG-ITRs held its first and second meetings at the ITU Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, on 16 October 2023 and 29-30 January 2024, respectively.

2.2 The Reports of the [first](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-EGITRS2-C-0020/en) and [second](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-EGITRS2-C-0021/en) meeting of EG-ITRs were approved by the Group.

2.3 In the first meeting of the EG-ITRs, the Group deliberated on the contributions received, with the discussion focusing on the work plan proposals. No consensus was reached on the work plan.

2.4 In the second meeting of the EG-ITRs, a work plan was approved by the meeting with the understanding that it provides guidance for the work of the Group and does not limit any members to submit contributions in line with Resolution 146 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) and Council Resolution 1379 (Amended 2023). A statement from the Russian Federation in this respect is attached as Annex 2 to the Second Meeting Report.

**3. Conclusions**

3.1 The Council is invited to note this progress report of the EG-ITRs.

3.2 On behalf of EG-ITRs, the Chair extends her personal thanks to all the ITU Member States who made contributions and participated in the work of the Group, the Vice-Chairs, the Secretary-General, Deputy Secretary-General, Directors of TSB, BR, and BDT, and the General Secretariat for their efficient assistance during the first and second meeting of the EG-ITRs.

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