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| Report by the Secretary-General | |
| STRATEGY FOR THE COORDINATION OF EFFORTS AMONG THE THREE SECTORS OF THE UNION | |
| **Purpose**  This document presents a report on the implementation of Resolution 191 (Rev. Bucharest 2022) of the Plenipotentiary Conference on the strategy for the coordination of efforts among the three Sectors of the Union and the General Secretariat.  **Action required by the Council**  The Council is invited **to note** the report.  **Relevant link(s) with the Strategic Plan**  Excellence in human resources and organizational innovation.  **Financial implications**  Within the allocated budget 2024-2025.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **References**  [*Resolution 71*](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts-2023/RES-071-E.pdf) *(Rev. Bucharest, 2022), Resolution* [*191*](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts-2023/RES-191-E.pdf) *(Rev. Bucharest, 2022), and* [*Decision 5*](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts-2023/DEC-005-E.pdf) *(Rev. Bucharest, 2022) of the Plenipotentiary Conference* | |

1. **Background**

The 2022 Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-22), through Resolution 191 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022), instructs the Secretary-General to continue enhancing a coordination and cooperation strategy for effective and efficient efforts in areas of mutual interest to the three Sectors and the General Secretariat, to avoid duplication of effort and optimize the use of resources of the Union. Furthermore, the Secretary-General is instructed to identify all forms and examples of overlapping functions and activities among the Sectors as well as the General Secretariat, and to propose solutions to address them.

Finally, Resolution 191 instructs the Secretary-General and the Directors of the three Bureaux to ensure reporting to the Council of the coordination activities carried out among the different Sectors in each area identified as being of mutual interest, as well as the results obtained.

1. **Coordination within the secretariat - Inter-Sectoral Coordination Task Force (ISC-TF)**

The Inter-Sectoral Coordination Task Force (ISC-TF) is chaired by the Deputy Secretary-General and comprises representatives from the Bureaux and the General Secretariat.

The ISC-TF is the body that coordinates within the secretariat, and that liaises with the Inter-Sector Coordination Group (ISCG) to identify the membership’s needs and provide options to improve cooperation and coordination across ITU.

Since the report presented to Council last year, the secretariat continues to work to organize and find the best way to ensure the governance of the intersectoral coordination. These efforts include:

* Improvement of the [Intersectoral coordination webpage](https://www.itu.int/en/general-secretariat/Pages/default.aspx) under the General Secretariat and in coordination with the Chair of the ISCG.
* Mapping of resolutions, from main ITU Conferences/Assemblies, as well as a review of the secretariat’s internal task forces and groups, carried out after the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 2022 (and updated after RA-23), to propose a strategy that addresses the growing number of areas of mutual interest.
* Update of the list of themes calling for intersectoral coordination together with the Focal Points appointed by the Sectors and the General Secretariat published on the webpage.
* Review of the composition of the Inter-Sectoral Coordination Task Force (ISC-TF) to make it more focused, efficient, and effective.
* Update of the tools for planning, monitoring, and reporting, such as an Intersectoral Coordination Tracker where the secretariat Focal Points inform their main priorities/activities per year for internal planning purposes, and the web platform to report on the implementation of PP Resolutions, including intersectoral coordination, on an annual basis to the Council.
* Revision of the related Service Order, to address the identified themes of mutual interest by implementing a robust mechanism for coordination, including planning, monitoring, evaluation, and reporting, thereby enhancing organizational effectiveness and minimizing potential risks.

Concrete results of inter-Sector teams coordinating the work across ITU can be found on Council documents [C24/35](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CL-C-0035/en) on the implementation of the strategic plan and the activities of the Union, and on document [C24/17](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CL-C-0017/en) on the implementation of the “One ITU” concept.

1. **Coordination among the membership - Inter-Sector Coordination Group (ISCG)**

The membership coordination continues to be under the ISCG, chaired by Mr Fabio Bigi (Italy), as a contribution-driven group.

The ISCG, in its capacity as the membership coordination mechanism, will have met twice since the last report presented to Council 2023 -on 24 January 2024, in conjunction with the Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group (TSAG); and on 21 May 2024, in conjunction with the Telecommunication Development Advisory Group (TDAG). Both meetings held in ITU Headquarters (Geneva) and allowing remote participation and captioning through the Zoom platform. Outcome reports and calls for action are presented regularly to the Sector’s advisory groups, and to the Council Working group on Financial and Human Resources (CWG-FHR), whenever needed.

The ISCG continues to address accessibility, climate change and virtual meetings/remote participation, as its main topics of common interest with the aim of identifying members' needs and providing the secretariat with the necessary advice on how to best coordinate. As proposed by the Radiocommunication Advisory Group (RAG) meeting held in March 2024, the ISCG agreed to include the follow up on Sustainable Digital Transformation as a theme that requires an ITU-wide approach and coordination.

The ISCG also expressed interest in being involved in the new building project to ensure that all accessibility matters are taken into consideration; and on the strategy to make the ITU website more secure, searchable, multilingual, harmonized and user-centric, including the use of the six official languages of the Union on an equal footing.

The ISCG highlighted the importance of having a more proactive approach, and on its role as adviser to address the need to streamline resolutions and/or better allocate themes under the Sectors and/or under the Plenipotentiary Conference. As a membership-driven group, the ISCG’s main objective is to convey the membership concerns and suggest ways to improve intersectoral coordination.

Further information on ISCG, such as meetings’ reports and documents discussed, can be found on the [ISCG webpage](https://www.itu.int/en/general-secretariat/Pages/ISCG/default.aspx).

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