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| ASSESSMENT OF THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF CONFERENCE PROPOSALS | |
| **Purpose**  The purpose of this contribution is to present the proposed considerations for the assessment of the financial implications of conference proposals.  **Action required**  The Council Working Group on financial and human resources is invited to **consider** this document.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **References**  *Document* [*CWG-FHR-19/3*](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CWGFHR19-C-0003/en) | |

Background

We extend our gratitude to the General Secretariat for designing the template to facilitate the identification of the financial implications of the conference proposal outlined in Document 19/3.

We acknowledge the importance of managing Union expenses in accordance with the approved budgetary constraints specified in Article 34 of the ITU Convention. Adhering to this principle is essential for ensuring the Union's financial sustainability as it strives to accomplish its strategic goals, promote universal connectivity, and drive sustainable digital transformation.

The proposal to conduct initial assessments of the financial implications of Member States' contributions is emphasised in ITU Decision 5 of the PP-22. However, it is crucial to recognize the feasibility of conducting such assessments with the assistance of the ITU secretariat before the Conference's Budget Committee fulfills its obligation to determine the financial implications of contributions to the Conferences.

Proposal

Although the issue of financial implications from the outcomes of conferences and Assemblies is an important matter to be considered, it is premature to move forward for the time being with proposal contained in Document [CWG-FHR-19/3](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CWGFHR19-C-0003/en).

We suggest that the discussions should continue on exploring various mechanisms in dealing with financial implications from the outcomes of conferences and Assemblies (including on unforeseen budgeted activities, Unfunded mandatory activities (UMACs), etc.), in particular the new Regulations introduced in recent amendment of the Financial Regulations and financial rules, such as the contingency funds, the reserve account.

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