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| Contribution from Russian Federation[[1]](#footnote-1) | |
| ON THE STRUCTURE OF THE FINAL REPORT OF THE EG-ITRs AND THE WORK PLAN OF THE EG-ITRs FOR THE PERIOD 2024-2026 | |
| **Purpose**  Invite the EG-ITRs to determine the structure of the final report of the EG-ITRs to the Council on the results of studying issues relating the ITRs, including its review, and approve the work plan of the EG-ITRs for the period 2024-2026.  **Action required**  The EG-ITRs is invited **to consider** the proposals contained in this contribution and **take appropriate action**.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **References**  PP [Resolution 146 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022)](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts-2023/RES-146-E.pdf), Council [Resolution 1379](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-CL-C-0121/en) (mod. 2023), [EG-ITRs-1/4](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-EGITRS1-C-0004/en), [EG-ITRs-1/6](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-EGITRS1-C-0006/en), [EG-ITRs-1/9\_Rev.1](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-EGITRS1-C-0009/en). | |

**I. Introduction**

The Expert Group on the International Telecommunication Regulations (EG-ITRs) of both convocations had an agreed draft final report on its activities, which ensured that the group's work was focused on a specific goal.

**II. Discussion**

At the first meeting of the EG-ITRs (16.10.2023, Geneva, Switzerland), a number of Member States presented their proposals on the structure of the report and the work plan of the EG-ITRs, in particular:

- EG-ITRs-1/4 «Contribution from the Russian Federation - On the structure of the interim and final reports of the EG-ITRs to the Council on the results of studying issues relating the ITRs, including its consideration, and the work plan of the EG-ITRs for the period of 2024-2026» from Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan and Russia;

- EG-ITRs-1/6 «Work plan proposal for EG-ITRs» from Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Hungary, Romania, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom;

- EG-ITRs-1/9\_Rev.1 «Periodic Review of the International Telecommunication Regulation - Discussion on working plan and terms of reference of EG-ITRs, based on PP Res. 146 (Rev. Dubai, 2022) and Council Res. 1379 (Mod. 2023)» from South Africa (Republic of) and China (People's Republic of).

During the discussion of the proposals received, the interested parties almost came to a consensus, but were unable to achieve it.

A version of the work plan that generally takes into account all views, but which could not be approved by all parties, is given in [Appendix A](#Appendix_A).

**III. Proposals**

Taking into account the above, the resolutions adopted by PP of 2014, 2018 and 2022; WCIT-12; WTSA 2016 and 2022 and the Council 2016, 2018 and 2023 on this issue, and taking into account previous experience in conducting preparatory activities for the review and revision of ITRs, it is proposed:

1) Determine the structure of the Final Report of the EG-ITRs.

2) To boil down the content of the EG-ITRs Final Report primarily to the consideration of the ITRs, including changes and/or suppressions of provisions of the ITRs, as well as the addition of new provisions for the future ITRs, as proposed in the received contributions, in order to take into account emerging new trends in telecommunications/ICT.

3) Consider as a basic structure the following structure of the Final Report of the EG-ITRs:

a) The main text of the final report, consisting of the following sections:

− Introduction;

− Basic information;

− Work of the Expert Group on ITRs;

− Results of the work of the Expert Group on ITRs;

b) Annex to the EG-ITRs Final Report.

4) Reflect in the Annexes to the Final Report of the EG-ITRs, among other things, the following information:

a) Annex 1: The text of the ITRs provisions with clause-by-clause options (MOD, SUP, ADD or NOC if no proposals were received), prepared by combining the contributions received from Member States and Sector Members;

b) Annex 2: A compilation of contributions received from Member States containing information on the difficulties those Member States have encountered in applying the ITRs and information on how they believe these difficulties could be resolved, for example:

− difficulties faced by Member States in ensuring compliance with the provisions of the ITRs. Examples;

− difficulties encountered by Member States in complying with the provisions of the ITRs. Examples;

− contradictions between the provisions of the ITRs and the obligations of the Member States adopted under other international treaties, as well as within the framework of economic and political unions. Examples;

− contradictions between the obligations of the signatories of the 2012 ITRs and the signatories of the 1988 ITRs when implementing the provisions of the 1988 and 2012 ITRs. Examples;

− other data, including empirical data, that impede or prevent ITU Member States from applying the provisions of the ITRs.

c) Annex 3: Information received from the Directors of the three Bureaux on study group activities related to ITRs.

5) In the event that the approach proposed in paragraphs 2-4 of this section above cannot be accepted, return to the discussion of the approach given in Appendix A that took place at the first ET-ITR meeting.

6) Appoint, if necessary, in order to optimize the working time of the EG-ITRs in the period between in-person meetings, Rapporteurs on individual issues (sections, chapters of the ITRs, etc.) to assist in the preparation of the text that will form the basis of the Final Report of the EG-ITRs, and assist in consolidating the texts presented in the contributions of Member States and Sector Members to the draft EG-ITRs Final Report. The desire of the EG-ITRs Vice-Chairs to act as Chapter Rapporteurs should be supported.

Appendix А

**Work plan**

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| **Meeting** | **Key Actions** | **Provisions** | **Expectations** |
| Second meeting  (January-February 2024) | 1. Discuss contributions/inputs received on the review of the notional groups of the ITRs’ Articles during the EG-ITR meetings.  2. Discuss contributions/inputs received on topics related to the review of the ITRs that, among others, are listed in the ToR of the EG-ITRs[[2]](#footnote-2), taking into consideration the work of the previous two Expert Groups.  Contributions from Member States, Sector Members, Directors of the three ITU Bureaux, as well as the views of the EG-ITR Vice-Chairs from each region. | PREAMBLE  ARTICLE 1 Purpose and scope of the Regulations  ARTICLE 2 Definitions  ARTICLE 3 International network  ARTICLE 4 International telecommunication services | Review results with comments[[3]](#footnote-3) for consideration by the 2024 Council session  Interim progress report for the 2024 Council session |
| Third meeting (September-October 2024) | ARTICLE 5 Safety of life and priority of telecommunications  ARTICLE 6 Security and robustness of networks  ARTICLE 7 Unsolicited bulk electronic communications  ARTICLE 8 Charging and accounting  APPENDIX 1 General provisions concerning accounting | Draft review results with comments for consideration by the 2025 Council session  Draft interim progress report for the 2025 Council session |
| Fourth meeting  (February 2025) | ARTICLE 9 Suspension of services  ARTICLE 10 Dissemination of information  ARTICLE 11 Energy efficiency/e-waste  ARTICLE 12 Accessibility  ARTICLE 13 Special arrangements  ARTICLE 14 Final provisions  APPENDIX 2 Additional provisions relating to maritime telecommunications | Results of the review with comments for consideration by the 2025 Council session  Interim progress report for the 2025 Council session |
| Fifth meeting (September 2025) | General conclusions based on the article-by-article review, contributions received from Member States, Sector Members, Directors of the three ITU Bureaux, as well as the views of the EG-ITR Vice-Chairs from each region. |  | First draft of the final report for the 2026 Council session for review and comments |
| Sixth meeting (January 2026) | Refinement of the final report to the Council 2026 |  | Final Report for the 2026 of the Council session for presentation by the Secretary General to the Council for consideration and comments, publication and subsequent presentation to the 2026 Plenipotentiary Conference |

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1. This contribution was supported at the meeting of the RCC Working Group on Cooperation with ITU by the administrations of Azerbaijan, Armenia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. a) new trends in telecommunications/ICT and emerging issues in international telecommunications/ICT environment which may impact the ITRs,

   b) 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

   c) the relevance of the ITRs which “consist of high-level guiding principles" in the current telecommunication/ICT environment. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. are formed on the basis of contributions and inputs received in accordance with paragraph 2 of the Terms of Reference of the EG-ITR [↑](#footnote-ref-3)