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| ITEMS FOR THE FINAL REPORT | |
| **Purpose**  This contribution proposes to start keeping track of items that should be included in the final report of the EG-ITRs to Council, which report will be transmitted to the Plenipotentiary Conference.  **Action required**  The Expert Group on the International Telecommunication Regulations is invited to **consider** this document.  **References**  *Council* [*Resolution 1379*](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-CL-C-0121/en) *(Terms of Reference)*  [*EG-ITRs-1/8*](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-EGITRS1-C-0008/en)*;* [*EG-ITRs-2/7*](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-EGITRS2-C-0007/en)*;* [*EG-ITRs-2/8*](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-EGITRS2-C-0008/en)*;* [*EG-ITRs-2/20*](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-EGITRS2-C-0020/en)*;* [*EG-ITRs-2/21*](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-EGITRS2-C-0021/en) | |

**Summary**

In order to ensure that all inputs are reflected in the Final Report of the EG-ITRs, it would appear to be judicious to start making a list of the inputs that should be reflected. This contribution presents items for inclusion in such a list.

**Proposal**

1. As stated in 6.6.2 of the report of the second meeting ([EG-ITRs-2/21](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-EGITRS2-C-0021/en)): “the Final Report to Council 2026 will reflect all inputs made by Member States and Sector Members, and inputs from the Directors of the Bureaux, whether made in contributions or verbally.”

2. Pursuant to the workplan set forth in Annex 1 of [EG-ITRs-2/21](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-EGITRS2-C-0021/en), drafting of the Final Report will start during the fifth meeting of the EG-ITRs.

3. As stated in in 6.6.2 of the report of the second meeting ([EG-ITRs-2/21](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-EGITRS2-C-0021/en)): “contributions could continue to be submitted to future meetings on the structure and content of the Final Report.”

4. In light of the above, and in order to ensure that all inputs are reflected in the Final Report, it would appear to be judicious to start making a list of the inputs that should be reflected.

5. We propose that the Final Report should reflect at least the following inputs (of course other members will wish to add other items to the list below):

1. The Annexes to EG-ITRs 3/2 (possibly in the format proposed in [EG-ITRs-2/7](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-EGITRS2-C-0007/en) and [EG-ITRs-2/8](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-EGITRS2-C-0008/en))
2. Some members are of the view that most operators no longer rely on the accounting rate portions of the ITRs and that this does not necessarily reflect on other elements of the ITRs (see 4.5.2 of [EG-ITRs-2/21](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-EGITRS2-C-0021/en)).
3. Some members are of the view that collection of empirical data demonstrates the use and relevance of ITRs, highlighting the need to update them, particularly in order to help guide Member States with setting the policy agendas for operators nationally (see 5.1.3 of [EG-ITRs-2/21](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-EGITRS2-C-0021/en)).
4. Some members are of the view that the ITRs are essential for creating a level playing field in the world of telecommunications, ensuring that all nations have the opportunity to harness the benefits of modern communication technologies; these regulations not only facilitate access to vital services but also pave the way for socio-economic growth, global collaboration, and enhanced quality of life for millions of people in less affluent regions of the world (see [EG-ITRs-1/8](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-EGITRS1-C-0008/en)).
5. Some members are of the view that it is important to have an up-to-date treaty that underpins how we communicate with each other (see [EG-ITRs-1/8](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-EGITRS1-C-0008/en)).
6. Some members are of the view that some provisions of the ITRs (either 1988 or 2012 version) are no longer useful while others are still relevant (see 5.2 of [EG-ITRs-2/20](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-EGITRS2-C-0020/en)).
7. Some members are of the view that the presence of two versions of ITRs (1988 and 2012) is seen as a hindrance to their functionality and to the image of the ITU (see 5.3 of [EG-ITRs-2/20](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-EGITRS2-C-0020/en)).
8. Some members are of the view that the ITRs should focus on addressing member states rather than operating agencies; Member States would then apply the provisions and articles of the ITRs in their territories according to their laws and regulations (see 5.3 of [EG-ITRs-2/20](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-EGITRS2-C-0020/en)).
9. Some members are of the view that the ITRs, both 1988 and 2012, are outdated in their current form and that there is a need to come up with a new ITRs, in a world where new and emerging technologies are expanding (see [EG-ITRs-1/8](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-EGITRS1-C-0008/en)).
10. Some members are of the view that the ITRs need to be updated to accommodate new and emerging technologies (see 5.3 of [EG-ITRs-2/20](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-EGITRS2-C-0020/en)).
11. Some members are of the view that the following trends and emerging issues in International Telecommunications/ ICT environment may impact the ITRs (see 5.2.3 of [EG-ITRs-2/21](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-EGITRS2-C-0021/en)):
12. Internet of Things;
13. Connectivity Technologies (FTTH, 5G and Satellite);
14. Artificial Intelligence;
15. Cybersecurity;
16. Technological Evolution;
17. Adjacent services from OTTs;
18. Separation of infrastructure and service layers;
19. Decreasing voice revenues;
20. Reduction in CDRs;
21. Taxation;
22. Collection charges;
23. E-commerce and digital trade

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