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| Chair, Expert Group on the International Telecommunication Regulations |
| PROGRESS REPORT BY THE CHAIR OF THE EXPERT GROUP ON THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION REGULATIONS |
| **Purpose**This report summarizes the main results of the third and fourth meetings of the EG-ITRs, held from 30 September to 1 October 2024 and from 20 to 21 February 2025 respectively, in line with PP Resolution 146 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) 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) *of the Plenipotentiary Conference;* [*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 (C16, last amended C23), 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 third and fourth meetings at the ITU Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, from 30 September to 1 October 2024 and from 20 to 21 February 2025, respectively.

2.2 The Reports of the [third](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-EGITRS3-C-0012/en) and [fourth](https://www.itu.int/md/S25-EGITRS4-C-0009/en) meetings of EG-ITRs were approved by the Group.

2.3 In the third meeting of the EG-ITRs, the Group deliberated on the [contributions received](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-EGITRS3-C/en), including those on new trends which may impact the ITRs, empirical data on the current use of the ITRs, format and content of the Group’s final report to Council 2026, and other general contributions.

2.4 In the fourth meeting of the EG-ITRs, the Group deliberated on the [contributions received](https://www.itu.int/md/S25-EGITRS4-C/en), with the meeting agreeing on an outline of the final report to Council 2026 as set out in Annex 1 to the Fourth meeting report. The Group also requested that the management team and the secretariat produce a first draft version of the final report at least one month before the next meeting of the EG-ITRs. Two statements, from Hill and Canada respectively, are also attached as Annex 2 and 3 to the fourth 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, as well as the interpreters and the remote participation assistants, for their efficient assistance during the third and fourth meeting of the EG-ITRs.

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