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| Report by the Secretary-General |
| REPORT FROM THE RADIOCOMMUNICATION ADVISORY GROUP ON COUNCIL-RELATED MATTERS |
| **Purpose**This document presents the summary of conclusions of the 32nd RAG meeting on Council-related matters. **Action required by the Council**The Council is invited to **note** this report.**Relevant link(s) with the Strategic Plan**Thematic Priority of Spectrum use for space and terrestrial services; development and application of the ITU Administrative Regulations; allocation and management of resources, convening platforms.**Financial implications**Budgetary implications for the Radiocommunication Sector (BR) to carry out its mandate; and interpretation costs for ITU-R SG meetings held in six languages (CHF 104 300).\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**References***BR Administrative Circular* [*CA/277*](https://www.itu.int/md/R00-CA-CIR-0277/en)*: Summary of conclusions of the thirty-second Radiocommunication Advisory Group (Geneva, 14-17 April 2025)* |

# Introduction

The 32nd Radiocommunication Advisory Group (RAG) meeting was held in Geneva, Switzerland, from 14 to 17 April 2025.

The RAG considered the Draft Budget for 2026-2027 for the Radiocommunication Sector (BR) that was presented to second virtual thematic briefing with Councillors, the issue of hosting ITU-R meetings outside Geneva, and the use of the six official languages of the Union on an equal footing.

This document follows the guidance of the RAG to the BR Director to report to the Council on the conclusions of the 32nd RAG meeting on the abovementioned topics.

# Draft Budget for 2026-2027

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| *The RAG noted with concern the proposed reductions in the BR staff budget for the biennium 2026-2027 and, while understanding the financial difficulties that the ITU may be facing, emphasized the need to preserve the resources that the Bureau needs in order to carry out its mandate. This should take priority over other non-core activities planned to be carried out by the ITU. In this regard, PP-22 Decision 5 should be adhered to at all times.* |

# Hosting ITU-R meetings outside Geneva

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| *The RAG noted the issue of hosting ITU-R meetings outside Geneva, highlighting the importance of applying the same procedure for convening such meetings of all three ITU Sectors and that the new building construction would result in an increase in the number of meetings hosted outside Geneva. The RAG encouraged Administrations to send their invitation to host ITU-R meetings to the BR as early as possible, preferably before the last but one meeting of the Study Group.* |

# Use of the six official languages of the Union on an equal footing:

*It was proposed that, for meetings with interpretation, the BR provides interpretation by default in six languages instead of upon request, subject to further review by Council, if any.*

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