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| Report by the Secretary-General |
| UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ITU COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1408 ON ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT TO UKRAINE FOR REBUILDING THEIR TELECOMMUNICATION SECTOR |
| **Purpose**This report outlines the activities and developments since the ITU Council in June 2024 on assistance and support to Ukraine for rebuilding their telecommunication sector in response to the modified ITU Council Resolution 1408, focusing on monitoring and reporting, coordination mechanisms, technical assistance, mobilization of resources, and capacity-building activities.**Action required by the Council**The Council is invited to **note** this report.**Relevant link(s) with the Strategic Plan**Provision of technical assistance.**Financial implications**CHF 325 000 since 2022, including CHF 75 000 from the ITU budget, CHF 180 000 in monetary voluntary contributions, and CHF 70 000 in in-kind contributions.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**References**[*Council Resolution 1408*](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-CL-C-0122/en) *(Mod. 2023); Document* [*C23/59*](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-CL-C-0059/en) |

# 1 Introduction

At its 2023 session, the ITU Council amended [Resolution 1408](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-CL-C-0122/en) on “**Assistance and support to Ukraine for rebuilding their telecommunication sector**”. This report summarizes the actions the ITU secretariat has been undertaking since June 2024, to address the *resolves* of this resolution, in particular focusing on monitoring and reporting, coordination mechanisms, technical assistance, mobilization of resources and capacity-building activities.

# 2 Monitoring and reporting

With the aim of facilitating effective technical assistance, a constant monitoring of digital resilience in Ukraine was introduced. A special website, dedicated to the implementation of Resolution 1408, was kept updated and is available [here](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/Europe/Pages/Projects/2022/Council%20Resolution%20on%20Ukraine%20-%20Coordination%20and%20Implementation/Council-Resolution-on-Ukraine---Coordination-and-Implementation.aspx).

ITU, as the United Nations (UN) Agency for Digital, continued to contribute to the regular exercise of **Rapid Damage and Needs Assessment Report (RDNA)**, facilitated by the European Commission, the World Bank and the UN. ITU’s input mainly focused on the chapter on “Telecommunications, Digital, and Media”. The 4th edition of the RDNA[[1]](#footnote-2) was released on 24 February 2025 and serves as a guiding document for the international donor community to assist in Ukraine’s reconstruction process. The overall impact on the telecommunications, digital, and media sector as of 31 December 2024, is estimated at over USD 2.24 billion in damage and USD 2.38 billion in loss. 12.2% of households have lost access to mobile services. The total reconstruction and recovery needs are estimated at USD 5.86 billion over 10 years.

For the purposes of the technical assistance on broadcasting, ITU elaborated 10 technical reports on “**Primary Assessment of the Rehabilitation Costs of Broadcasting Stations**”, being the tool for engaging with the international donors’ community. The level of damage to 15 broadcasting stations was considered, and ten stations were selected for the immediate assessment, leading towards the development of technical specifications, including the financial dimension of investment needed and the implementation timeline. As the outcome of the activity, ITU developed bankable project documents (available [here](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/Europe/Pages/Projects/2022/Council%20Resolution%20on%20Ukraine%20-%20Coordination%20and%20Implementation/Council-Resolution-on-Ukraine---Coordination-and-Implementation.aspx)) that are used to facilitate the aid from the international donor community for the reconstruction of the broadcasting infrastructure.

As a contribution to the work of the UN, ITU developed the **Ukraine Digital Development Profile 2024**, which **benefited from inputs from several UN Agencies.** The report was developed in support of the Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework 2025-2029 and in cooperation and with the members of the United Nations Country Team for Ukraine and UN Digital Transformation Group for Europe and Central Asia.

# 3 Coordination mechanisms for effective implementation

At the level of ITU, a **Special Task Force on Resolution 1408**, chaired by the Deputy Secretary-General and serviced by the ITU Office for Europe, continues to provide the platform for intersectoral response to all issues related to the implementation of this resolution.

With the aim of ensuring a coordinated approach for ITU activities in response to Resolution 1408, a series of coordination mechanisms have been put in place, as follows:

– ITU conducts regular coordination calls with the official focal point of the **Ministry of Digital Transformation of Ukraine,** acting as Administration Member State for ITU. In addition ITU continues, upon the needs, to cooperate with the State Service of Special Communications and Information Protection (SSSICP), the Broadcasting, Radiocommunications and Television Concern, and the National Commission for the State Regulation of Electronic Communications, Radio Frequency Spectrum and the Provision of Postal Services.

– As a member of the **UN Country Team**, ITU continues to coordinate all its actions with the UN system. ITU contributed to the implementation of the UN Transitional Framework for 2024 and currently support the process of the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework 2025-2029.

– ITU conducts regular coordination with the **European Commission** on its ongoing and planned activities in the field of ICT and broadcasting infrastructure reconstruction, roll out of 5G infrastructure. As a result, a first joint ITU-EU TAIEX workshop was held in December 2024.

– In June 2024, upon the invitation of Germany, ITU contributed to the Ukraine Recovery Conference held in Berlin. The roundtable for international organizations offered an opportunity to highlight the work carried out by ITU, while seeking effective partnerships to further advance the implementation of the ITU Council Resolution 1408. Preparations have started towards ITU’s contribution to the Ukraine Recovery Conference 2025 to be held in Italy (10-11 July).

# 4 Technical assistance

In coordination with and at the request of the **National Commission for the State Regulation** of Electronic Communications, Radio Frequency Spectrum and the Provision of Postal Services and the Ministry of Digital Transformation of Ukraine, ITU has proposed the capacity-building activities to equip Ukrainian officials working on the telecommunication issues with required skills and knowledge. Building upon the expertise from three ITU Bureaux, the **Executive Training on Fifth Generation (5G) Implementation** for Ukrainian officials has been rolled-out in spring 2024. In addition, responding to theAdministration’s interest, a **series of trainings** was made available through the **ITU Academy**.

In December 2024, ITU, in cooperation with the European Commission, organized the TAIEX **Workshop on 5G and spectrum management** hosted by the Office of Electronic Communications (UKE) in Warsaw, Poland. The workshop has gathered the Ukrainian Officials from the National Commission for the State Regulation of Electronic Communications, Radio Frequency Spectrum and the Provision of Postal Services and the Ministry of Digital Transformation of Ukraine, the Ukrainian Centre of Radio Frequences as well as the European experts, ITU and European Commission representatives to equip Ukrainian side with the skill and knowledge on 5G deployment, providing practical insights into such areas as spectrum management and cybersecurity.

ITU is continuing the engagement within the TAIEX mechanism and is planning in September 2025 the powered TAIEX **Workshop on ICT Infrastructure Reconstruction in Ukraine: Collaboration for a Resilient Future**. Considering the ongoing challenges faced by Ukraine due to ICT infrastructure damage, this workshop will focus on building the capacities of Ukrainian representatives on policies, financial instruments and approaches towards the rehabilitation and modernization of Ukraine’s ICT infrastructure to address critical gaps and prioritize actions for building a resilient and inclusive digital ecosystem.

# 5 Mobilization of resources

With the aim of facilitating technical assistance to the country, ITU continues to encourage Member States and partners to pledge commitments and financial resources tailored to Ukraine’s needs with the number of strategic actions:

– ITU continues to advance thePartner2Connect coalition, and its collection of pledges dedicated to support to Ukraine. The Annual Meeting of Partner2Connect (Geneva, January 2025) and ITU Regional Development Forum for Europe (Budapest, Hungary, 24 February 2025) provided an opportunity for highlighting the needs and expressing commitments.

– As of 2025 overall envelope of collected commitments amounts to over USD 740 million. The list of pledges is available [here](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/Europe/Pages/Projects/2022/Council%20Resolution%20on%20Ukraine%20-%20Coordination%20and%20Implementation/Council-Resolution-on-Ukraine---Coordination-and-Implementation.aspx).

– ITU is engaged in further mobilization of the contributions to the Special Fund in Trust dedicated to the further implementation of Resolution 1408. For the time being the fund benefited from the contributions by Japan (CHF 100 000; 2022), Czech Republic (CHF 46 000; 2023/2024), Bulgaria (CHF 16294), and Lithuania (CHF 18 335).

– Since 2022, ITU has allocated CHF 75 000 from the operating budget annually to allow to continue the implementation work.

– ITU has facilitated the European Commission’s in-kind contribution of CHF 50 000 to the conduct of the TAIEX programs for Ukrainian Officials.

– ITU continues regular bilateral discussions with Member States and partners to safeguard the financial resources for the continuation of ITU operations related to Resolution 1408 and the rehabilitation of the broadcasting infrastructure required in accordance with the Primary Assessment of ten broadcasting stations.

# 6 Conclusions

ITU has continued to build-up the activities aimed at the implementation of Resolution 1408 with strengthened partnerships and established well-coordinated mechanisms to advance on the roll-out of activities and mobilisation of financial resources.

All stakeholders are kindly invited to support global cooperation and activities of ITU in response to the Resolution 1408, in particular the following:

– committing to providing technical assistance, capacity-building and financial support to Ukraine for rehabilitation and modernization of their telecommunication sector, in particular broadcasting infrastructure;

– providing a financial contribution to the Special Fund in Trust, enabling the continuation and scaling-up of the implementation of Resolution 1408;

– joining Partner2Connect initiative and providing pledges focusing on Ukraine through online system available [here](https://www.itu.int/partner2connect-pledges).

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1. <https://ukraine.un.org/sites/default/files/2025-02/P1801741ca39ec0d81b5371ff73a675a0a8.pdf>. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)