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| DRAFT REVISION OF RESOLUTION 1333 (C11, last amended C16)GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR THE CREATION, MANAGEMENT AND TERMINATION OF COUNCIL WORKING GROUPS |
| **Purpose**The aims of this contribution are to set the deadlines for the publishing of CWG meeting reports and to align with Decision 11 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) of the Plenipotentiary conference.**Action required by the Council**The Council is invited to **consider** the proposals contained in the contribution and **take action as required**.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**References***Council Document* [*C16/134*](https://www.itu.int/md/S16-CL-C-0134/en) |

RESOLUTION 1333 (c11, last amended c25)

Guiding principles for the creation, management and termination of
Council working groups

The Council,

considering

*a)* Articles 7 and 10 of the Constitution, according to which, in the interval between plenipotentiary conferences, the Council acts as governing body of the Union, on behalf of the Plenipotentiary Conference within the limits of the powers delegated to it by the latter;

*b)* Decision 11 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on the creation and management of Council working groups, identifying the main principles of the creation and work of the Council working groups;

*c)* Resolution 208 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on the appointment and maximum term of office for chairmen and vice-chairmen of Sector advisory groups, study groups and other groups;

*d)* Decision 584 of the Council 2015, identifying the principles for appointment and term of office for CWG Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen,

resolves

1 that CWGs shall address issues, goals, strategies, and priorities identified in the Strategic and Financial Plans of the Union and in the decisions of the Plenipotentiary Conferences and the Council, and provide advice to the Council for its consideration;

2 that in creating a Council working group, the terms of reference (ToR) of CWGs shall be clearly defined, and duplication and overlapping of tasks shall be avoided with other CWGs; ToRs may be modified, as appropriate, in order to respond to changing requirements;

3 that appointment of CWG Chairmen and at least two Vice-Chairmen for each CWG should be guided by provisions of Decision 11 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) and the Procedure of the Annex 1, including submission of the information given in the Annex 2;

4 that term of office for Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of CWG should not exceed two successive intervals between consecutive Plenipotentiary Conferences; that the period in office in one CWG does not count towards the period in office in other CWG; that steps should be taken to provide some continuity between CWG Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen;

5 that it is necessary to plan and conduct CWG meetings in an efficient and cost effective manner, within the limits of the budget allocated by the Council; a CWG should normally hold one meeting and not more than two CWG meetings per year; and, if appropriate, one meeting of the CWGs can be integrated into the time allocation of the annual sessions of the Council; electronic meetings should be envisaged when necessary and feasible;

6 that meetings of CWGs shall not be held during major conferences and assemblies of the Union, or during meetings of the Sector advisory groups;

7 that, as far as possible, CWGs should advance their activity by electronic means and working methods;

8 that the report of a CWG meeting shall be published no later than 12 days after the end of the meeting and be approved, if possible, during the course of said meeting;

9 that termination of a CWG is executed after completion of tasks within the framework of the group's mandate or in accordance with other decisions of the Council and/or the Plenipotentiary Conference, including Decision 11 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022),

resolves further

1 that the number and mandates of the CWGs, in particular, on any modifications required to existing groups in response to this resolution and to changing requirements should be examined, on an ongoing basis,

instructs the Secretary-General

1 to submit to each Plenipotentiary Conference and to each Council a table that identifies the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of each CWG, their tenure of office and region;

2 to ensure uniformity of the CWG websites that includes, at a minimum, terms of reference, the objective, composition, chairman and vice-chairmen, the secretariat, key Decisions and Resolutions, CWG documents and Reports.

ANNEX 1

Procedure for the appointment of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of
Council working groups

1 After a decision on the creation of a Council working group is adopted by the Plenipotentiary Conference or by the Council, the Secretary-General, in consultation with Member States, will prepare and publish, on the Council's webpage, a list of candidates and their profiles for each working group.[[1]](#footnote-1)

2 Appointment decision shall be taken on the corresponding session of the Council (immediately after the Plenipotentiary Conference or on the Council's session which has taken the decision to create a CWG) taking into account the competency of candidates and with a view to promoting equitable geographical distribution and gender balance.

3 If a CWG Chairman could not continue his/her activity, a new Chairman is nominated, as a rule, from the existing Vice-Chairmen of this CWG; with the "partial" term of office not taken into account in the appointment for the next term.

Annex 2

Qualifications of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen

In appointing Chairmen or Vice-Chairmen, particular consideration shall also be given to the following data on competency and qualifications:

− knowledge and experience in the corresponding field;

− experience in ITU meetings and other intergovernmental organizations;

− managerial skills;

− ability to immediately proceed to duties and continue working until the next Plenipotentiary Conference or the CWG termination;

− succession planning.

Particular reference to the above qualifications should be included in the biographical profile to be published by the Secretary-General.

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1. Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the working group on use of the six official languages of the Union are appointed through linguistic groups. Their term of office is determined by the Council considering proposals from corresponding linguistic groups. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)