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| INPUT ON THE GUIDELINES FOR HARMONIZING PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS | |
| **Purpose**  This contribution highlights the importance of ensuring that any efforts to review or streamline existing resolutions are carried out with careful consideration. It emphasizes the need to maintain the integrity, relevance, and flexibility of current texts.  **Action required by the Council**  The council is invited **to consider** this contribution and **take the necessary action** accordingly.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **References**  *Council Document* [*C25/29*](https://www.itu.int/md/S25-CL-C-0029/en) | |

****Introduction****

We acknowledge with appreciation the efforts reflected in Document [C25/29](https://www.itu.int/md/S25-CL-C-0029/en) aimed at supporting Member States in preparing their proposals for the Plenipotentiary Conference. The intention to harmonize resolutions and decisions to improve clarity and efficiency is welcome. However, we believe that such efforts must be approached with caution to ensure that the unique value, context, and strategic direction embedded in existing texts are preserved. In-force PP Resolutions are a result of a lengthy process, exhaustive work, and consensus among Member States. These resolutions reflect deliberate and collaborative efforts and should not be altered lightly.

Discussion

Resolutions and decisions adopted by the Plenipotentiary Conference reflect carefully negotiated outcomes and longstanding commitments by the membership. They are shaped by diverse policy considerations, regional priorities, and evolving global dynamics. In this context, the process of harmonization must not be reduced to a technical exercise of simplification or consolidation.

While streamlining resolutions can bring some benefits, the guidelines as proposed in Document C25/29 raise several considerations:

– Simplifying or merging resolutions in a way that leads to the removal of texts with added value may not be the most appropriate approach. It is important that the objective of harmonization is to strengthen coordination without compromising provisions that continue to serve meaningful purposes.

– The proposal to suppress resolutions based on a lack of recent reporting or action should be reconsidered. Some resolutions retain strategic value even in the absence of ongoing activities and should be assessed case-by-case. Instead of suppression of Resolutions, efforts should focus on identifying why implementation has not occurred, and whether targeted follow-up actions or updated reporting mechanisms are needed.

As outlined in Document C25/29, the preamble of a resolution is recommended to be kept concise, ideally not exceeding one A4 page. However, it is important to recognize that the preamble serves as a critical component by:

– Contextualizing the issue, offering background and rationale.

– Justifying the proposed actions based on principles, values, or legal precedents.

– Building consensus by acknowledging diverse views and shared goals.

– Ensuring legal coherence through references to relevant treaties or resolutions.

– Aiding interpretation and implementation by clarifying scope and objectives.

Proposal

In view of the above, the following is proposed:

– The Council is to take note of the proposed guidelines.

– The guidelines for harmonizing conference resolutions, if needed, should remain non-binding and serve as a reference tool. Also the guideline should not restrict Member States from proposing amendments, modifications, or new resolutions and decisions for Plenipotentiary Conferences.

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