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| Contribution from the United States of America | |
| WRC-27 LOCATION | |
| **Purpose**  This contribution recognizes that Geneva is the existing default alternative location for the 2027 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-27) and proposes the development of a formal, collaborative, and transparent bidding process for hosting future ITU conferences.  **Action required by the Council**  Council is **invited** **to endorse** the need for the development of a formal, collaborative, and transparent bidding process for hosting future ITU conferences, and for selecting among multiple bids .  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **References**  *Council Document* [*C25/58*](https://www.itu.int/dms_pub/itu-s/md/25/cl/c/S25-CL-C-0058!!MSW-E.docx) | |

**Background and discussion**

In the lead-up to the ITU Council meeting, the ITU faced an unprecedented situation of a second bid for hosting the 2027 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-27). Given the importance of the WRC to all members and the critical work of the ITU, it is essential that the Council reach a consensus outcome for the site of WRC-27 that can be supported by all Member States and, going forward, develop a formal, collaborative, and transparent decision-making process for reaching these decisions.

Geneva, as the ITU Headquarters, is the existing default alternative option and does not represent or require a new “bid.” Many WRCs have traditionally been held in Geneva; moreover, the ITU has already made arrangements for this possibility, as reported in Document [C25/58](https://www.itu.int/dms_pub/itu-s/md/25/cl/c/S25-CL-C-0058!!MSW-E.docx). A return to Geneva would be an outcome that balances all interests.

In summary:

1 we note that in the absence of a decision on the Member State bids, Geneva is the existing default location for WRC-27; and

2 we propose that the Council endorse the need for the development of a formal, collaborative, and transparent bidding process for hosting future ITU conferences, and for selecting among multiple bids, to prevent this situation moving forward.

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