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| COMMENTS TO THE REPORT OF SECRETARY-GENERAL – THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTION 154 (REV. BUCHAREST, 2022) AND RESOLUTION 1372 (C15, LAST AMENDED C24) |
| **Purpose**This contribution presents comments and proposals on the Secretary-General's Report "The implementation of Resolution 154 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) and Resolution 1372 (C15, last amended C24)".**Action required**The Council Working Group on the use of the six languages of the Union is invited to **consider** this contribution and **take necessary actions**, if any.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**References** *PP Resolution* [*154 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022)*](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts-2023/RES-154-E.pdf)*;* *Council Resolution* [*1372 (Mod. 2024)*](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CL-C-0138/en)*; Documents [C22/INF/7](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CL-INF-0007/en);* [*C24/101*](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CL-C-0101/en) *and C24/120; CWG-LANG-16/2; and CWG-FHR-20/11* |

# I Introduction

PP Resolution 154 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) states in *recognizing e) that websites in the six official languages of ITU are important tools for the membership, the media, educational institutions, and the general public; and instructs the Secretary-General to intensify work on harmonization of the websites of the ITU Sectors and the General Secretariat in all the official languages of the Union to ensure clarity and ease of navigation and to achieve the image of “One ITU”*.

In Resolution 1372 (Mod. 2024) the Secretary-General and the Directors of the Bureaux were further instructed:

 (…)

 *3 to report to CWG-LANG on the measures taken to ensure on the ITU website:*

 *i) the publication of new or modified pages in the six official languages simultaneously, and*

 *ii) equality in terms of functionality and navigation, ensure clarity and ease of navigation;*

 *4 take measures to improve the search engine of the ITU website in all the official languages of the Union.*

The materials submitted to the CWG-LANG meeting (February 2025), Document CWG-LANG-16/2, section 3.6, did not provide any new information on the implementation of the roadmap for improving the ITU website but only mentioned the Council's instruction to the CWG-FHR.

Council at its 2024 session instructed CWG-FHR:

 *to review the implementation of the roadmap to improving the ITU website with a view to supplementing it with the measures proposed in Document [C24/101](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CL-C-0101/en) and to examine the milestones, timelines and financial details of the project.*

In Document CWG-FHR-20/11, submitted to the CWG-FHR, section 5a), only noted that:

 *The RFPs for Phase 1 Information Architecture, Taxonomy, and website design has been launched. The feedback feature and questions on the itu.int have been improved following member states contributions. Additionally, the assessment of the current web content and infrastructure, development of the web governance framework will run in parallel, creating a data-based strategy towards cleaning-up and archiving outdated or redundant information to optimize media resources. Once we have outcomes of Phase 1, the implementation phase will start.*

The document does not provide information on what has been achieved, what difficulties have been identified. According to the Roadmap, Phase 1 had to be completed in 2024, which means that the outcomes of Phase 1 are already available and shall be presented to CWG FHR and CWG Lang for discussion before Council 25 in accordance with the relevant PP and Council Resolutions.

Unfortunately, it should be noted that inequality for different languages remains.

For example, such important for this year website for WTDC-25 exists only in English.

We are grateful to the secretariat for starting work on improving the search engine, although the reports do not provide the necessary information. Again, it is easier to find the web-site for WTDC-25 through Google than using the ITU search engine.

Access to ISCG and CCT ITU documents is also still difficult and is not such as at SGs, CWGs and the previous CCV and SCV websites.

We support the implementation of the machine translation system “ITU Translate” but it will be useful to provide some monitoring from the secretariat to avoid the obvious mistakes in translation. For example, “introduction” is translated as “acquaintance” in Russian.

# II Proposals

To request the secretariat to:

2.1 provide CWG-LANG with detailed information on the progress of the implementation of the roadmap to improving the ITU website in a timely manner.

2.2 continue to improve the search engine of the ITU website in all official languages of the Union and provide CWG-LANG with the information at the next meeting of CWG-LANG.

2.3 harmonize the ITU ISCG and CCT ITU websites with the SGs websites and the previous CCV and SCV websites.

2.4 avoid having websites for major ITU events, such as WTDC, in only one language.

2.5 provide monitoring of the “ITU Translate” system and consider the possibility of using it for any ITU document on request.

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