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| **Abstract:** | This contribution proposes to create Correspondence Group to consider ITRs issues within ITU-T and to invite SGs ITU-T and TSAG to prepare appropriate information under its responsibilities in regard to consideration ITR issues in the EG-ITR as well as in the ITU Council. |

**I. Introduction**

The International Telecommunication Regulations (ITRs) are one of the main documents of the Union - the Administrative Regulations, which regulate the use of telecommunications and are mandatory for all Member States (29 and 31, Article 4, ITU Constitution). The ITRs are complementary to the ITU Constitution and Convention in order to achieve the ITU’s objectives in promoting the telecommunication’s development, its effective functioning and development.

A world conference on international telecommunications (WCIT) may partially, or in exceptional cases, completely revise the International Telecommunication Regulations and may deal with any question of a worldwide character within its competence and related to its agenda (146, Article 25, ITU Constitution).

ITRs 1988 was revised by WCIT 2012 (Dubai, UAE). As a result ITRs 2012 came into force on January 1, 2015 (Article 54, ITU Constitution):

* provisionally for the Member States of the Signatories, but still not notifying the ITU Secretary-General, until the notification is made (218, Article 4, ITU Constitution);
* between Member States that has notified the ITU Secretary-General before this date of their agreement to consider it as obligatory on themselves.
* there are also a number of Member States that have not signed the new treaty due to various reasons, very often due to the participation of these countries in individual political and economic unions. Under these conditions:
	+ for Member States that are not signed of the ITRs 2012, the ITRs 1988 provisions continue to apply, if they are signatories;
	+ the relations between the Member States that are not signatories of the ITR 2012 and the Member States that has signed the ITR 2012 are governed by the provisions of the ITRs of 1988 until December 31, 2017.

**II Proposal:**

WCIT 2012 (Dubai, UAE) adopted Resolution 4 (Dubai, 2012) "Regular Review of the International Telecommunication Regulations", which recognizes that:

*a)* that the ITRs are one of the pillars supporting ITU’s mission;

*b)* that the ITRs consist of high-level guiding principles that should not require frequent amendment, but in the fast moving sector of telecommunications/ICTs may need to be periodically reviewed,

and also notes that the ITRs:

*a)* establish general principles on the provision and operation of international telecommunications;

*b)* facilitate global interconnection and interoperability;

*c)* promote efficiency, usefulness and availability of international telecommunication services.

The Plenipotentiary Conference 2014 (PP-14) (Busan, Republic of Korea), after consideration of WCIT-12 results, adopted Resolution 146 (Rev., Busan, 2014) "Periodic review and revision of the International Telecommunication Regulations" and provide decision that a periodic review of the International Telecommunication Regulations shall normally be carried out every eight years and the review process of the International Telecommunication Regulations shall commence in 2017. For this purpose PP-14 instructs the Secretary-General to convene to convene an Expert Group on the International Telecommunication Regulations (EG-ITR), open to the ITU Member States and Sector Members, with terms of reference and working methods established by the ITU Council, to review those regulations, as well as to submit the report of EG-ITR to the 2018 session of Council for consideration, publication and subsequent submission to the 2018 plenipotentiary conference (PP-18).

The ITU Council at its session in 2016 adopted Resolution 1379 and followed with steps:

*a)* an Expert Group on the International Telecommunication Regulations (EG-ITRs), open to all Member States and Sector Members, was created with the Terms of Reference shown in Annex 1 of this Resolution

*b)* EG-ITRs is mandated to prepare:

- a progress report to the 2017 session of the Council;

- a final report to the 2018 session of the Council for submission of the report to the 2018 Plenipotentiary Conference with the Council's comments;

*c)* Directors of the Bureaux was instructed:

- each within their field of competence, with advice from the relevant advisory group, to contribute to the work of the Group, recognizing that the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector has most of the work relevant to the ITRs;

- to submit the results of their work to the EG-ITRs.

World Telecommunications Standardization Assembly 2016 (Hammamet, Tunisia), taking into account recognized a leading role of ITU-T in the process of the ITRs review, adopted Resolution 87 (Hammamet, 2016) " Participation of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector in the periodic review and revision of the International Telecommunication Regulations ". In particular, it recognizes the importance of ITU‑T study groups' input to the ITU‑T contributory process to EG‑ITR, as appropriate and where necessary, and resolve to submit the result of these activities to EG-ITR.

**III Proposal:**

Taking into account abovementioned, resolutions of PP-14, WCIT-12, WTSA-16 and Council 2016 in regard to the ITR issue, noting the results of first EG-ITR meeting (09 – 10 February 2017) as well as taking into account previous experience of holding of meetings to consider ITR it is proposed:

1. to establish TSAG Correspondence Group that should consider the proposals of ITU-T SGs and administrations, as well as participate in the review and preparation of comments on the draft report of the TSB Director of the Bureau for EG-ITRs;

2. to request ITU-T SGs for information on questions, work items and drafts of revised existing as well as developing new ITU-T Recommendations that should be used to develop the ITRs mainbody and Annexes provisions;

3. to instruct the ITU-T SGs to consider this request at the next meetings and submit their proposals to the TSAG Correspondence Group;

4. to recommend the TSB Director send report (prepared in accordance with Council Resolution 1379 and WTSA Resolution 87) to the TSAG Correspondence Group to collect comments and additional information before being sent to the EG-ITRs

5. to carry out consultation between TSB Director and TSAG, at its meeting in 2018, on the submission of additional work’s results for consideration by the Council 2018, if necessary.

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