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>> BRAZIL: We would endorse this change of working methods.
Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Brazil.

United Arab Emirates, you have the floor. At the outset I
would like to congratulate you, Mr. Chairman. Following your
appointment as Chairman of Committee 3. Chairman, we are fully
aware that this Committee as we saw in the last WTDC, it is a
Committee delegated a number of important issues, so we hope
every success to you, the Chairman, and to the Vice-Chairman.

As concerns the Agenda for COM3, we would like to say the
following: We share the comments offered by USA and Brazil
administrations, for example.

Considering the first question on one, the Arab groups
offered a proposal that's not listed in this Agenda, the terms
of reference. The same goes for the question of merging a
number of different questions and how we handle them. Would it
be under Committee 3 or 4, would it be Committee 4 that handles
these questions. The Arab Group has made the proposal under 21,
addendum 2, we would like to receive clarification from you on
that issue.

The other document I would like to refer to, 21 # -- 29,

which includes changes to the tasks allocated to question 1, that document, it is not listed in this Agenda. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Next is Canada, you have the floor.

>> CANADA: Thank you, Chairman.

Good morning to you.

Again, adding a voice congratulating you on your appointment of Chairman of this Committee. Chairman, we support the previous interventions in providing an overview of the solution because we can facilitate the detailed discussion on the study questions. Thank you.

Thank you, Canada. Russian Federation.

>> RUSSIA: I congratulate you on the appointment of this very important post and on behalf of the Russian Federation. I wish you far reaching successes and rapid progress in your work.

I would like to note in the Agenda 7 other documents are absent, a document from general proposals from the RIC, additional document 4 to 23 containing proposals from the RCC to review resolution 2 and also directly concerning study issues.

As regards the comments we have heard from colleagues, we also share their view that resolution 2 is indeed one of the most important areas as concerns the upcoming study period. We believe that under Committee's 3 and 4 for a broad range of users we should be listing proposals but given the broad range of proposals from different regions and individual country members of the ITU, Member States, we believe the detailed discussion at Committee 3 or Committee 4 could delay our work significantly. We believe that already now there is a need to discuss the feasibility of creating editorial Committees on resolution 2 between the two Committees. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Russia.

Côte d'Ivoire.

>> CÔTE D'IVOIRE: Good afternoon, everybody. Thank you, Chairman.

I, in turn would like to congratulate you and your Vice-Chairs and we would align ourselves with the proposals made. Indeed, Chair, resolution 2 is the base text which organizes all of the study groups and if we have to look at these substantive parts of all of these issues -- well, then we would need to be able to work on the structure of the questions and the organizational order of the questions before with we adopt them. Therefore, we support the proposals that have been made.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much.

I think we have listened to many requests to amend the

draft Agenda. The basic proposal is to consider resolution 2 prior to considering the substance of the questions. In that regard, my understanding is that although resolution 2 is not part of our mandate, nevertheless, my understanding is that different delegates are proposing to discuss their proposals with respect to resolution 2 for information purposes so that other Delegates would be able to get a grasp of the substance when we -- when in the later stages we'll be discussing that.

In that regard, I note that there are a number of documents, 19 Addendum 5.21, Addendum 2.22, Addendum 2.23, Addendum 4.23, 17, 31, 34A1, these are documents.

We can easily cover them to the draft Agenda. Nevertheless, I would like to seek your agreement that we would not be engaging in extensive and in-depth discussions on these documents after all they're not within the mandate of this Committee. In that respect I would be asking the respective administrations to present the documents very briefly and to go to the topic which is of relevance to this Committee.

All right.

We would be having prior -- after -- item 5, on the Agenda, it would be adding these documents that I just mentioned. I repeat, document 19, addendum 5, 21, addendum 2, 22, 23, 4, 24, 17, 31, 34Rev1, did I miss anything? 9, thank you very much.

So after item 5 then we would briefly consider these documents and proceed to the other thing.

With this, do I have your agreement to adopt the Agenda as modified?

Any comments?

Other proposals? Côte d'Ivoire and then United Arab Emirates.

>> CÔTE D'IVOIRE: Thank you very much, Chairman.

It is an issue related to working methods.

Given that all of the contributions relating to resolution 2 or that come under the terms of reference for Committee 4 could not be examined under Committee 3. Well, what we would suggest is that we could look at the Agenda of Committee 3 and put everything that falls under Committee 4 tomorrow because Committee 4 is meeting tomorrow. Some contributions relating to questions that have not been born to mind for list of documents for Committee 3 have been mentioned, I perhaps that we take a little break so that the Secretariat can update the list of documents falling under the Committee 3 and once Committee 4 meets tomorrow, we could then at the next meeting or if possible the Secretariat could plan during the course of today the work of Committee 4. Then we'll resume the work of Committee 3 after that. That's what I want to suggest, Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Côte d'Ivoire.
United Arab Emirates.

>> UNITED ARAB EMIRITES: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.
Mr. Chairman, regarding item number 5 of the Agenda you said that the documents that you have mentioned and the proposals are for the regions, about the Amendments on resolution 2 will be added after item 5. We understood this, Mr. Chairman.

Committee 3 has to be aware of all the proposals that were made regarding the mention of questions, we don't have to have a mind about merging those things, but it is better maybe to discuss them under Committee 4 because these are the mandate of Committee 4 and I would like to also make another request, please, to add document number 21 addendum 29 which is a proposal made by the Arab states, it is a revision of question 1 under the study of Committee 1. I don't see it among the documents. I would like to add, I repeat, I add the Arab states proposal document number 21 addendum 29.

It is in addition to question 1.1.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Thank you, UAE. In that case, we will be adding this document 21 addendum 29 you mentioned.

We will be adding them in question 1.1 when we'll be considering them. That is taken care of.

Coming back to the proposal of Côte d'Ivoire and also UAE, yes, we understand your request and your desire. Nevertheless, we did have a meeting with the Chairman of Committee 4 yesterday on how to consider various issues.

The common position that we arrived at yesterday was that we would be providing the substance of the questions, including the merger and the revisions of the titles to the questions as well as to the revisions of the statement of the questions and we would be providing them to Committee 4 for restructuring of the Study Groups. In this way, we would be able to move more efficiently and considering the fact that we have a heavy workload ahead of us and I would go through this momentarily, my proposal is that if Côte d'Ivoire and UAE could agree with the procedure that we just mentioned and we would appreciate your cooperation. Côte d'Ivoire, would you be happy with my proposal?

>> CÔTE D'IVOIRE: Thank you, Chairman.

Given the clarification that you have just provided we have no further concerns.

>> CHAIR: So if we retain the substance of the questions and the proposals related to the merge and if those could be delegated to Committee 4, is that the case?

Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Côte d'Ivoire, for your understanding

and cooperation.

It would go into the details of the questions in this Committee and provide the results to Committee 4 for further consideration as their mandate requires.

Thank you very much.

UAE, you're happy with what we mentioned and proposed? I don't see any requests for the floor from UAE, I take it that UAE is happy.

India is asking for the floor.

>> INDIA: Thank you, Chairman.

Thank you for the chairmanship of this important Committee, I need a small clarification with regard to association between Committee 3 and Committee 4 and the Distinguished Delegate was mentioning that some of the questions dealing with the structural differences, they'll be with Committee 4. What I would like to learn from you is whether the proposals we'll examine in Committee 3 and then we'll come to Committee 4 are under the documents that will be sent directly to Colorado 4? Thank you?

>> CHAIR: Thank you for this question. Yes, we'll be providing the results of this Committee to Committee 4 for their own consideration and the revision of the structure of Study Groups should the case be. We'll be providing them with the results as to the substance and then they would consider it in to the restructuring of the Study Groups.

India, did I answer your question properly?

>> INDIA: Thank you, Chair.

That answers my question.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much.

Thank you, everybody, for your understanding and cooperation and we'll proceed with the Agenda as modified and proposed by a number of different administrations.

Having adopted the Agenda, then I would like to go to the working methods. We have prepared some information and in document 58

Could I ask the slides to be shown?

Thank you very much.

Next, the terms of reference for this Committee is to review and approve the Agenda and make proposals for the organizational work to review and approve the outputs for the objectives, to review and agree on their related ITU-D Study Group questions and related regional initiatives and establish appropriate guidelines for the implementation to review and agree on relevant resolutions and to ensure that the outputs -- that the output is in accordance with a results-based management approach aiming to improve management effectiveness and accountability.

A Secretariat for Committee 3, I'm at your service as the Chair. Extremely happy to have very able five Vice-Chairs

Facilities and tools, of course, everybody knows that WTDC is the place for this conference. Committee 3 sessions will be interpreted in six U.N. languages and our drafting groups will not be interpreted. Contributions have been submitted using conference proposal interface, CPI, and ITU-D events, mobile and desktop apps are available and in previous sessions of this conference you have been advised of how to do -- how to download the different apps. There's a webcast of all the proceedings and sync applications and TIES protected.

WTDC, we have a number of key deliverables, declaration, the highest level possible, vision statement, strategic plan is the high-level and in line with the strategic plan of the Union, mission statement and outcome oriented and then next we come to Buenos Aires Action Plan which is interpretive and well identified mechanism for implementation and Buenos Aires Action Plan is the mandate of this Committee.

The Buenos Aires Action Plan in the background I would say that the document and Buenos Aires Action Plan was developed by TDAG under its corresponding group on strategic plan, operational plan and declaration, that's CGSPOPD with the aim of facilitating the work of the world telecommunication development conference, 2017.

We have the endorsement and the document was submitted as a contribution to all six regional preparatory meetings for WTDC. As agreed during the TDAG17 meeting the proposal is provided for reference by the membership while preparing proposals to this conference and it is submitted to WTDC for contribution from the BDT Secretariat, it is document 8.

The Buenos Aires Action Plan using the agreed objectives to the contribution to the strategic plan which is the mandate of the Working Group of the plenary. The Buenos Aires Action Plan identifies programs, identifies regional initiatives, approves Study Group questions, approves resolutions in line with WSIS action line and SDG goals and targets and finally it provides a sector for the annual and rolling BDT operational plans.

Committee 3 will depend on the Working Group of the plenary concerning the objectives, outcomes and outputs to be adopted in the Buenos Aires Action Plan and provide the substance of Study Group questions to be used by Committee 4 to finalize resolutions 1 and 2. Take note that resolutions 1 and 2 are the mandate of Committee 4, they would be providing them with the substance that they can tackle in their deliberations.

Now we have some statistics. There are 13 proposals on Buenos Aires Action Plan contained in five documents, 60 proposals, regional initiatives, contained in six documents, 144

proposals contained in 124 different points of the documents on resolutions, 14 new resolutions, 37 questions, two new questions. In total we have to consider 270 different proposals.

I'm sure that you appreciate that is an extremely heavy load. For that reason, we have to be extremely efficient and move as quickly as we can.

The proposed working method for Committee 3, we propose to organize the work of the Committee 3 aggregating as much as possible the contributions by type, that's Study Group questions, regional initiatives, resolutions, action plan and the sequence is dictated by the interdependency between country and the other Committees Working Group of the plenary and the number and type of contributions received the proposed sequence is as follows, we first consider Study Group questions, then we focus on regional initiatives then on resolution and Buenos Aires Action Plan. The rationale for the sequence is that we stop at Study Group questions to address first to facilitate the work of Committee 4, regional initiative it is already create RPM would come next, and then resolutions would be addressed according to the objectives outputs taking into account the number of contributions and the debate expected and taking place in area sessions for better management of time and Volume of documents and the Buenos Aires Action Plan to be addressed last to give time to Working Group at the plenary to deliver it and the objectives, outcomes and outputs.

These components with the Study Group questions, the regional initiatives, the resolutions and the text for the BDT programs will be integrated into the plan as already mentioned earlier.

For the first session which is today, there is a proposal for a Study Group related documents as follows, when we get to the substance the intention is to present and discuss the substance of Study Group 1 related questions including changes in the titles and then present and discuss substance, the text of the Study Group 2 related substance including on the present titles, present and discuss the association Study Group outputs and this is the way that we initially planned to proceed.

Nevertheless, with the change in the Agenda and considering the time I think we would be able to probably go over a few documents on resolution 2 so that the highlights can be provided to us and then we would proceed to the next session.

Any Agenda item which we would not be covering today in this session would be automatically transferred to the Agenda of subsequent sessions.

I recognize that we're fast approaching the end of our session, but I would like to seek agreement of the interpreters

to extend us maybe 15 minutes extra if that's possible?

>> Yes, Chairman, that's fine.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much.

We have the agreement of the interpreters and we can proceed in this case.

Then I suggest that we start with documents that are relevant to resolution 2. We start with the comment 19, addendum 5. I'm sorry, before we get to that, according to the Agenda we have to also cover Agenda items 4 and 5. 4 had is the DT14 allocation of documents, DT/14, you would see a long list of different topics and this is for your information and planning.

Then we go to document DT/6 which is the time management plan of Committee 3.

At this time we have 11 sessions scheduled. During the 11 sessions we have to cover, as I mentioned, 270 different proposals and I'm seeking your cooperation to the fullest extent possible to have this. At this time we're not planning to have any weekend sessions. We hope we would not be needing them. At the same time we're not planning at this time for any night sessions and we would get to a definitive decision on the night sessions and weekend sessions as we progress. If you're progressing in a reasonable pace then we could avoid night sessions and weekend sessions and if we're spending too much time in the meantime then we have no other choice but to bring you back for night sessions and weekend sessions. Having considered this, Agenda item 5, any comments on what we have already mentioned?

United States.

>> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Thank you, Chairman.

I apologize for taking you back to the working methods. We have two questions based on your presentation. Specifically related to any ad hoc groups we may have to deal with, the various study questions proposals is it your plan to wait until all study question proposals were introduced or do you intend to breakout into ad hoc groups after each study question and similarly with regard to the resolutions in Committee 3 will we be introducing and discussing those documents at the Committee level before any ad hoc groups.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, United States, for this excellent question.

I would say we would be forming informal drafting groups immediately after we consider each question.

In that way we would be able to move more quickly and efficiently. If that's okay with you, this was my intention.

The same for resolutions, when we consider a given

resolution, then we would -- if there is a need at that time, we would form an informal drafting group to consider different issues related to those resolutions and provide us with a consolidated text that hopefully everybody will be agreeing upon.

With this explanation, United States, are you satisfied?

>> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Thank you, Chairman.

I think from our perspective we would -- we just need to remind mindful if we're splitting off in ad hoc groups after each question that there are issues that are going to be cross-cutting I think and it may benefit membership to have a full consideration of all the proposals on the table before we break into ad hoc groups addressing this.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, United States.

Then we go to United Arab Emirates.

>> UNITED ARAB EMERITES: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman, for giving me the floor.

I do apologize for requesting the floor again.

However, in document TD/14 allocation of documents under Study Group 1, question 1 we would like to add the document which is currently allocated under the general matters, that's document ARB/21/addendum 29/revision 1. That document is related to question 1 so please allocate this document to be under Study Group 1, question 1 # and should not be under the general matters. The second point as was indicated by the Distinguished Delegate from United States, Mr. Chairman, we have -- we're going to consider more than 12 or 15 questions. If the you're going to have an informal group for each question we'll have many informal groups and I'm afraid, Mr. Chairman, that some regions have allocated or focused on one focal point to follow the discussions on the structure.

Would it be possible, Mr. Chairman, that we consider all the questions and then maybe create one ad hoc group to look at the text of the questions rather than having multiple informal groups for each question.

Of course, we're in your hands, Mr. Chairman, whatever is appropriate and the meeting agrees, we're fine. We're not trying to complicate the work.

We know already that the work in the Committee, it is very loaded but we're trying to help, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, UAE for the cooperation and understanding. There are two ways to address this, one is to wait until all study questions are presented and form one giant ad hoc group or drafting group.

The only problem with that way forward, we would be taking them in sequence.

The alternative is to take them parallel. While the same time taking into account the interdependencies between different study questions.

My intention was to speed up the work by working in parallel to the extent possible. If you're agreeable and I see you nodding then we could maybe have a mixture of both. On some questions there are no interdependencies and we could have one drafting group and other questions where there are interdependencies and we could combine a number of questions. Thank you very much.

India.

>> INDIA: Thank you, Chairman.

Our question is similar to what was expressed by the U.S.A. We have the coordination, we have very few coordinators, different Delegations have different sizes. We also suggest and prefer to have a mixed -- perhaps we can have a single drafting group, a group to look into that and to the extent possible as we discussed in our regional meetings we don't want to have any parallel meetings. We would like to have linear, however, we would -- we're in your able hands. So with respect to the Member States where the problem is representing, it is really for all the respects of the discussions so that they don't miss by attending one question and missing the opportunity to make their points on other questions.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, India.

Russian Federation.

>> RUSSIA: Thank you, Chairman.

We would also like to support the opinion that it would be effective and efficient to work under the mandate for questions in one large editorial group. Our opinion is based in the fact that a number of contributions, including the contribution of the RCC a number of questions are proposed for merger. They are proposed to be merged in various proposals and various contributions in various ways. Discussing the terms of reference for questions in separate groups may simply be impossible given the proposals that were made on the questions and contributions on resolution 2.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Russian Federation.

ATDI.

>> ATDI: Thank you, Chair.

Two issues, first of all, ATDI/22/8 in general matters, it should be in question 9/2.

Second, looking at the load of work, I'm not sure that the next week we should not have meetings after the session 1730. So at least we have to arrange some rooms for after 1730 if we

want to complete all the documents that are presented here.

Thank you, Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you.

Any other point? None?

Thank you very much.

We have a few minutes left. I would like to use even these few minutes efficiently. I would like to start with an overview of the comments on resolution 2. With your permission I'm proposing that maybe we do not have a discussion on each document because presentations are only for information and to bring you up to date to the rational and relevance of the proposals. We should have -- we should avoid discussions at this stage. Deferring to discussions when we get to the substance of the resolutions. Do I have your agreement, colleagues? I see people nodding.

Thank you very much.

I now invite the focal point from Africa to present document 19, addendum 5.

If not, then we go to -- I see Côte d'Ivoire asking for the floor.

>> CÔTE D'IVOIRE: Thank you, Chairman.

It is just to verify we have correctly understood the document you want to present, this is 19 Addendum 5; is that right?

And is that -- is it the correct reference that concerns the joint African proposals?

>> CHAIR: Yes.

>> CÔTE D'IVOIRE: Thank you very much, Chairman.

On behalf of the Africa Group, therefore, we would like to present this proposal, I invite my colleague to make the presentation.

Thank you, Chairman.

This contribution contains proposals to change resolution to notably in Annex two, it is proposed to review the WTDC to achieve better results. That's -- for study groups to achieve better results.

That's in brief.

Two points, the proposal is to maintain two Committees with adjusted as appeared in the modifications submitted and there are modifications of the structures of the questions in line with the mandate which are relevant and so in a nutshell, that's the essence of the joint proposal from Africa.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you for the very efficient presentation of this document. We can go now to 21, addendum 2.

I invite UAE to present this document. You have the floor, sir.

>> UNITED ARAB EMERITES: Thank you, I have the pleasure of presenting to you on behalf of my Arab colleagues 21 Addendum 2.

In the resolution, Chairman, we propose a number of modifications, we propose adding two Working Groups to the each of the study groups for each of the study groups and for two additional Working Parties the modification in Annex 1 of resolution 2 as regards to the remits of Study Groups to change them of one and 2, a second modification concerning 2 of resolution 2, this concerns questions allocated to the WTDC, the Arab Group proposes that there are two Working Parties at each Study Group under Study Group 1, the first working party on technical economic political, regulatory issues for new technologies within that group 1-1 and 2-1 would be merged and the title of the third question would be changed for it to be accessed to new technologies such as child computing and big data. As regards to question 4, we modified the text for it to cover the study of political, economic issues and network services offered over the Internet, as well as 022. As regards the second group, digital, TV radiobroadcasting and terrestrial broadcasting, we simply propose modifications to the title of questions 7 and 8 as regards resolution 9 and involvement of countries including LDCs, we propose a separate working party which will not fall under the groups I already mentioned. As regards to Study Group 2 on applications related to cybersecurity the proposed modification concerns question 1. Modifications on smart services and sustainable services as regards to working party 2 under Study Group 2 we propose a Climate Change and environmental issues and protection of telecommunication services in times of emergencies and during emergency rescue operations would be the new title also focusing on the impact of electromagnetic fields on people, ICTs and Climate Change, political strategies to protect people from electromagnetic fields and this under question 6, modification of the title of question 8 also, the fight against counterfeit telecommunication products and against the theft of devices. Last, Chairman, we have a proposal to delete question 9, which was already handled by ITU-D, these questions are very important for Developing Countries and we ask for there to be an alternative in order that the questions in the Study Groups and the Working Parties within ITU-D are kept up-to-date with the changes related to the areas taking place in the other two sectors of the ITU-T.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, UAE for this presentation.

We have come to the end of the extended time for this first session. I would like to suggest that we continue our deliberations tomorrow morning starting at 9:30 when we'll be

having our second session. For your information tomorrow morning we'll start with documents 23, addendum 4, 24, addendum 17, 31, 34Rev1. Please be prepared to give a very brief introduction to each of the documents and then we'll go to each question.

Before I conclude this session, I give the floor to the Secretariat for some announcements.

>> SECRETARIAT: Distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen, thank you very much for your kind attendance.

Right after the Committee 3 session there will be a BDT side event on skills for youth employment on the fifth floor PACARA right after this session.

Also there will be a lunch, as you heard, from the Excellency in the morning and an offer for the heads of Delegations plus 1, you're kindly invited to join this side event lunch.

Thank you very much.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much.

Any comments. None? We'll see you tomorrow at 9:30.

The meeting is adjourned.

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