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>> CHAIR: May I ask our distinguished colleagues to take their seats in order to start.

May I have our distinguished colleagues to take their seats. We're about to start our meeting.

>> Distinguished Delegates, may peace be upon you. It is my pleasure to work with you in this meeting of Committee 3 of WTDC17 which is being held here in Argentina. I would like to begin by thanking you for the competence you have shown me to lead the work of this Committee.

And God, to help me to succeed in this work.

I also am particularly pleased to have very competent Vice-Chairs. We have Mr. Demetri from Germany. India. Uzbekistan. Côte d'Ivoire.

And Mr. Enrique Rosales from El Salvador.

I'm also pleased to have received lots of support from the Secretariat, which has been playing an important role and plays an important role in ensuring the success of every Committee. I have the secretary for committee 4 next to me.

We're also grateful to have Mr. Oselavich who's associate secretary and Isabel Macmuud and other staff from the Secretariat who will also support us in our work.

>> To document ADM/11, which is the draft agenda. You will note that it's a running agenda. Which means that it covers the whole work of the committee, over the first session assigned to

confer. In addition to our agenda, there's the time management plan and document DT/8.

Presenting the specific items to be addressed in each session, which will be updated every day, reflecting the revolution of our work.

May I seek your approval for the agenda, please.

Thank you very much. I see no comment. The agenda is approved.

Now let's turn to the organization of the work of the committee. Item agenda 2. 2.1 is the terms preference of this committee, which you have approved in the plenary under document DTL/2DT2, which is now document 53 after the approval.

2.2 is the draft allocation of documents, which is presented in Document DT/9, and I would like to ask the Secretariat to present or show this document.

As you see, DT/9 proposes area 1, ITU working methods. Area 2, ITUD study groups, area 3, coordination with regional organizations. Area 4, synergies for work of the sectors.

So we have clustered all the submitted contributions in the four areas in DT/9. I would like to bring your attention to item agenda 2.3, the draft time management plan. DT/8.

Which indicates all the allocation of documents in the first sessions in front of us in this committee.

With that, I would like to seek your approval for the time management plan and the allocation document. Any comments, please.

Thank you very much. I see no comments. The allocation of document and the time management plan are approved.

Now I would like to move to Item Agenda 3. Work is Committee 4.

As you are aware a lot of work had been done in Resolution 1 through the TDAC respondents group which submitted its log to the preparatory meetings and to the last session of TDAG. I want to draw your attention to Document 10, work and roles of the procedures of ITU-D presented in May this year and taken to consideration during our deliberations.

Now I would like to invite the African Group to present document 19, Addendum 4. And also I would like the African Group to present Resolution 31 in order to decide by the end of this presentation and the proceedings linking to the proposals of the merge, retain Resolution 1 and 31 as separate resolutions.

African Group, please. The floor is yours to present document 19, Addendum 4.

I see a sign from Côte d'Ivoire. Côte d'Ivoire, you have the floor please.

>> CÔTE D'IVOIRE: Thank you, Chairman. And good afternoon, everybody. Chairman, we would ask you kindly if we could introduce our document later on as we have only just arrived in the room. So we would ask you if we could perhaps introduce our

document after the other regional groups have introduced theirs. Thank you, Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you Côte d'Ivoire. OK. So we will postpone the presentation of this document after the other regional groups. I would like to request from IAP to present Document 20, Addendum 27, please. United States.

>> UNITED STATES: Good afternoon. I present Document 20 Addendum 27. The proposal on their ITU-D rules of procedure for consideration. At a high level the proposal aims to address and alleviate several important challenges experienced in the last study cycle of 2014-2017, especially insufficient time at physical meetings to adequately consider the increasing number of high quality contributions from all categories of ITU members, especially Developing Countries. 2 the difficulty for their rapporteurs and management teams to capture the main information from these contributions relative to ITU outputs. 3 the unnecessary delay and wait of four or even six years before consolidated best practices and lessons learned become final. And lengthy final reports that cannot reflect in a meaningful way the full breadth of ITU-D inputs because of the -- detail supports the sector's ongoing efforts to further refine the ITU-D rules of procedure to encourage more orderly and efficient meetings.

Additionally this summary highlights the context for the proposed modifications to Resolution 1. We look forward to working with colleagues to make the rules of procedure for the D sector more efficient and more comprehensive. Thank you, Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, United States. On behalf of the InterAmerican Telecommunication Commission, now I would like to give the floor to -- or to request the presentation of documents 21 Addendum 1 from the United Arab Emirates. You have the floor.

>> UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: Thank you Chairman. Good afternoon. We would like to begin by congratulating you as appointment of chair of this committee. We wish you and your Vice-Chairs every success in your work in this committee.

It is my pleasure and honor on behalf of the Arab Group Chairman to introduce the various proposals related to the modification of Resolution 1 in the context of Document 21, Addendum 1. Relating to the rules of procedure of the ITU-D. The modifications we're proposing are aimed at improving the various parts of this resolution.

In order to allow us to have more time, and to establish a small group to look at these modifications, we will not go into detail on these proposals here though. Thank you, Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much for the presentation. May I also ask the Arab states to put forward their suggestion for the amendments in resolution 31, which is document 21, Addendum 12, please.

>> Thank you, Chairman. I have the honor of implementing our proposals relating to the proprietary work for the WTDC. I will be presenting these modifications, Chairman, and explaining what has led us to not support the merger of Resolutions 1 and 31 during the proprietary work for this conference, we had to consult the proposals of other regional groups, which would like to merge the two Resolutions. Therefore, we are going to explain the reasons which led the Arab Group to not support such an approach to merge Resolutions 1 and 31.

In the considering part, paragraph B, we underscored and mentioned the regional organizations in accordance with a Resolution of a plenipotentiary conference and we have taken the same text from the resolution adopted during the plenipotentiary.

And then in the subsequent paragraph, we record that some Member States are not members of regional organizations that are mentioned under paragraph B. We believe this part tasks the BTDC director to insofar as possible, organize a proprietary meeting.

Generally in previous years, the development sector organizes a proprietary meeting and not a proprietary conference. With the participation of all Member States from a region.

Even if they are not members of a regional organization. In particular, the last meeting, which is held for the last meeting of the TDAG. And we've decided to add an important point on the organization of a coordination meeting involving the six regional groups before the TDAG meeting.

Chairman, we held a coordination meeting with all of the regional groups and it was particularly fruitful. Therefore as a result we've suggested that such meeting should be held at the same time as the TDAG meeting in order to help the least-developed countries. We could give them support in the form of a subsidiary or grant to facilitate their participation at these meetings. Under point 5, we invite the TDAG to hold a last meeting before the WTDC, between 2 and 4 months before the WTDC is held. And during this study period, with the last TDAG meeting, the last TDAG meeting was held around five or six months before the WTDC. And during that period -- after the last meeting of the TDAG, there were no more regional meetings.

And this doesn't allow us to carry on making progress in all of the different studies that are being carried out by the development sector.

That's what I had to say with regard to Resolution 31. But with regard to the merging of the resolutions, we will that Resolution 1 is a very clear resolution. And in terms of the merging, the importance of Resolution 31 would be diminished if it were to be merged. Perhaps in the future we could introduce modifications on the proprietary work for the WTDC and as happens in other sectors, we would like to have a standalone

resolution related to the proprietary work for the WTDC conference. Thank you Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you for your proposals. I would like to present Asia-Pacific to present document 22, Addendum 1.

And that's it. There's no contribution resolution to 21.

So Asia-Pacific, present document 22, Addendum 1. India, please.

>> INDIA: Thank you, Chairman and good afternoon to all the distinguished delegates. First and foremost let me take this opportunity to congratulate Chairman. And please be assured that we are going to extend all our support so this committee is going to complete its work within time lines. It's my privilege to present this contribution on behalf of APT Member State. APD recognizes the efforts of Study Group members, management and the secretary team.

The Study Group reports very valuable inputs and guidelines and policy.

Currently the ITU-D study groups have (Inaudible) four years. Current reporting period and reports generated are not uniform and vary from question to question. This is something what we are going to discuss more deeply down the line. Considering the quick pace in change of technology and services, the study may be completed in the quickest possible time to benefit Member States to address the policy, service and market challenges in time.

The Study Group work plans are proposed to follow a modified approach to enable the release of output reports, preferably on an annual basis. This will enable Developing Countries to effectively use the reports and apply the guidelines for the development of ICTs. This will provide an opportunity to take the optimum use of resources into consideration. I also take this opportunity Chairman to present joint meetings of ITU study groups may be held for better exchange of information and study topics of more importance to studies.

Advanced technologies and important topics maybe held during the Study Group meetings.

These are the Addendum 1, 2, and 3 of the ACP proposal 22. And more details we'll discuss in due course of time. Thank you, Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much APT for these proposals. And now I would like to invite RCC to present Document 23, Addendum 3. And may I also ask suggestions for amendments of Resolution 31 in Document 23 Addendum 3. RCC, please. Russia.

>> RUSSIAN FEDERATION: Thank you, chair. And good afternoon, colleagues. As this is the first time taking the floor, I would like to congratulate you on your appointment. We are confident that under your wise leadership, we and the presence of your Vice-Chairs here also, we will achieve the best solution for everyone. On behalf of Member State of the

regional commonwealth in the field of communications, we propose to make amendments to the text of WTDC resolution 1. Taking into account the suggestions of the TDAG correspondents group on rules of procedure.

Proposals discussed at the regional proprietary meeting for WTDC 17 for the CIS countries. And also further amendments based on analysis of Resolution 1 approved by the radio communication assembly in 2015. And Resolution 1, which was considered by the world telecommunications organization assembly in 2016. The purpose of this contribution is the following:

Add some missing provisions, clarify some provisions, correct some discrepancies between provisions, and correct certain oversights. As well as, as far as possible harmonize provisions with the rules of procedure and working methods of the other ITU sectors.

While preserving the specific nature of ITU-D. One of the main goals here is to ensure a transparent and clear procedures for everyone. In our view, this will allow us to avoid misunderstandings in the work of ITU-D when applying the methods of WTDC.

Also, also there's a proposal to include the relevant provisions of Resolution 31, WTDC Resolution 31 on regional preparations for the world communication development conferences. And then resolution 1 and suppress Resolution 31. In our view, regional proprietary meetings are part of the working methods of the ITU-D. Thank you very much, Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, RCC. Now I would like to invite Supit to present Document 24, Addendum 2.

>> Thank you Mr. Chairman, good afternoon to all and congratulations to you in your appointment as a Chair of this committee. We're looking forward to successful cooperation. I would like to present ECP proposal. In the section 2, paragraph 9.1, we would like to include only one additional sentence, which would aim at enhancing effectiveness of ITU-D study groups and strengthen their outcome orientation. We propose that ITU-D Study Group follow working plan based on modular approach. 2-4 modules per study period. This would allow the Study Group to better respond to the needs of all stakeholders and will provide an opportunity to take into account the innovation dynamics of the ITU-D ecosystem. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

>> CHAIR: We thank you for these proposals. And I would like to go back to Document 19, Addendum 4 by the African Group, if it's ready to be presented. Along with Document 19, Addendum 4. Côte d'Ivoire, please.

>> CÔTE D'IVOIRE: Thank you, Chair. Good afternoon one and all. On behalf of the African Group, we would like to congratulate you on your appointment to chair this committee. We would also like to thank you for giving us some time to set up the proposal for you.

Chair, ladies and gentlemen, the African proposal 19/4, contains proposals to amend Resolution 1. And the view here is to improve the efficiency of Study Group within ITU-D so they can focus more on results and outcome, and to avoid having too many questions during a study period. That would allow us to have a better follow-up on the areas of study and to avoid duplication. Also better cover all aspects in one topic and to ensure that only one report on all of the outcomes is published for these questions. On regulations and on technical aspects.

Chair, as you know, the title of Resolution 31 covers regional preparations for world telecommunications conferences are.

We believe these are two Resolutions which cover the way that the sector works, more generally. And so thus, we believe that to be more consistent it would be better to have just one resolution that deals with all organizational aspects of the D sector. Thus the African Group is proposing the relevant provisions from Resolution 31 be incorporated into Resolution 1 so then we can have one single resolution and then suppress, in that case, Resolution 31. We can go into further details during discussions in the time to come. In terms of how we go about this in detail. Thank you very much, Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much African Group for these proposals. We also have a proposal from the United States of America for Resolution 31. I now invite the United States to present Document 42, Addendum 5. United States, please.

>> UNITED STATES: Thank you, Chairman and good afternoon everyone. Chairman, let me congratulate you on your appointment to Chairman. In document 44/5 the United States is proposing to retain Resolution 31 without change. The United States does not support merging Resolution 31 into Resolution 1, rules of procedure of the ITU communications development sector. The United States recognizes the importance of regional preparations as addressed by Resolution 31. We believe as proposed by WTDC/10 the regional preparations is an effective mechanism for organizing regional preparations for WTDCs. And we believe that represents an important complement to the parallel preparations organized by the regional telecommunications others. Therefore we believe WTDC 31 should be retained without change. Thank you, Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, United States. So after listening to these proposals, which includes proposals from some regions with respect to resolution 1, there is a tremendous number of proposals with regard to Resolution 1. And some proposals from regions to merge elements from Resolution 31 into Resolution 1.

In proposals submitted for Resolution 1, and bearing in mind the rationales behind the proposals submitted by RCC and African Group. With respect to merging Resolution 31 into Resolution 1, since it's part of the regional preparations, it might be -- I mean it's rational to make it more in one

resolution to be inserted in the rules and procedures of the ITU telecommunication development sector. But as I stated due to the numerous proposals submitted for Resolution 1, I seek your approval to deal with these two resolutions separately. If that is acceptable, we could establish an ad-hoc group to tackle these two resolutions separately.

And I would like to put this proposal for your approval, please. Any comments. Russia, please.

>> RUSSIAN FEDERATION: Thank you, Chair. We support your proposal to create an ad-hoc group. However, I don't quite understand what is meant by separately in your proposal. Because now there are two approaches at the moment.

Merge two resolutions or maintain 31, Resolution 31. Could you clarify, please?

And then in terms of the ad-hoc group, we very much agree with that. Thank you very much.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, Russia. The proposal is to maintain Resolution 31 as the time being, to be separate resolution and we have Resolution 1. So it would be amended, if the ad-hoc group will take into account the proposals submitted to Resolution 1 and tackle Resolution 1 separate from Resolution 31. I hope this is very clear.

Now I would like to give the floor to India, please.

>> INDIA: Thank you, chair. Other distinguished members representing Resolution 31 and its issues.

When I was going through the document and the results is says a few things like TDAG meeting not less than 3, WTDC. These things are nothing but part of the working methods, what we're speaking with regard to Resolution 1. And we all speak about optimization and so that we can focus on (Inaudible) issues. So perhaps the solution to have separated groups may not be productive if we deal with issues separately. So we view that it could be one in our group dealing with both the subjects. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, India. This is the intent with one group dealing with two resolutions. Russia, please.

>> RUSSIAN FEDERATION: Thank you, chair. Thank you for the clarification. However, as a representative of RCC, I can't take a decision directly during this meeting. We need to discuss this with other delegations of the RCC.

Also, we would like to discuss with the African group before we take a decision. Perhaps an approach would be not -- rather than slowing down further work, we could prepare or start to work on Resolution 1. And then when a decision has been discussed between regional groups, then we could decide what to do further. Merge resolutions or maintain them separately. On my own, I can't take such a decision yet, as I'm sure you understand. Thank you

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Russia. United Arab Emirates.



>> UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to thank all the participants for their interventions. Mr. Chairman with regard to your proposal, it goes without saying we approve it. However we have the African Group as well as the RCC group. They have proposals to amend Resolution 31 within their proposals for Resolution number 1. Therefore, I think it is necessary to make a decision with regard to the approach, whether to merge both resolutions or keep them separate. I think that one group can look into both resolutions and could take a decision with regard to the approach to be selected. Whether to merge both resolutions or keeping them separate.

So this group would look into both Resolution 31 and 1. Why? Because amendments to 31 by the African Group and the RCC have been included in their proposals with regard to Resolution number 1.

If this is possible, we could form a group to look into this matter. Eventually, Mr. Chairman you will be able to take a decision in that matter. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you United Arab Emirates. United States.

>> UNITED STATES: We support the comments from the distinguished colleagues from UAD.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much. Côte d'Ivoire.

>> Thank you, chair. On behalf of the African Group, I would like to say that we are in favor of having one ad-hoc group to consider the two resolutions. Because considering these resolutions separately could be duplication of effort. And as was mentioned by the representative of the Arab group. Resolutions on 31 should be covered in 1. So it could be easier to not look at them separately, but together. So we're in favor of having one ad-hoc group to consider the two resolutions and decide whether or not to merge them. Or amend them if necessary. Thank you very much, Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much Côte d'Ivoire. I see there's an agreement with respect to having one ad-hoc group address the two resolutions. I believe we need to make it very clear for this ad-hoc group how to deal with the merge issue. Either to have it maintained Resolution 31 or to merge it with Resolution 1.

So I would like to see if the African Group have a way forward maybe. I understand the rationale of doing the merge, but as I stated, due to the tremendous proposals for Resolution 1, I would ask if we could maintain Resolution 31 and also I respect the intervention made by our distinguished colleague from Russia to do the coordination with the RCC and come back on this matter. Nigeria, you have the floor.

>> NIGERI: Thank you. Mr. Chairman, we have listened to the discussion and the contribution from the various administrations with keen interest. We want to align ourselves with the fact these two resolutions appear to address one particular common issue.

And so merging of the two resolutions will go a long way in reducing the (Inaudible) of the activities of the union. And then we believe that if we have one particular group as you rightly said, to look into these two issues, we'll solve the problem. I think we need to give the group a free hunt to decide on how to handle this particular assignment.

And then come up with a particular suggestion to this plenary session. For the plenary to take the final decision. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, Nigeria. Germany? You have the floor.

>> GERMANY: Thank you, Chairman and good afternoon. We'd like to congratulate you for your appointment as Chair of Committee 4. Chairman, we have really no specific interest in this issue, but your first proposal seems to indicate that a decision is taken by this plenary of Committee 4 to maintain the two resolutions. And I don't think this is appropriate at this time.

There's not that much discussion of the issue. So I would join the comments made earlier by Russia. It's certainly possible to start revising Resolution 1 and to implement all issues that are not yet related to combining both resolutions.

But I think meanwhile, the last speaker from the African Group made a better proposal.

So we shouldn't give the group the clear mandate to keep both resolutions separate, but you should probably leave it to the group to come up with the proposal. Which may be wiser to combine both or to keep it separate. Which also depends to some talks between the African Group groups and the regional groups. This would be a way forward without taking a decision at this stage whether to maintain the two resolutions or to combine it. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, Germany. Jordan.

>> Jordan: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I too would like to join all those who have congratulated you and wishing you all success in your work. Mr. Chairman, we support your proposal to have an ad-hoc group to look into Resolution 1. In order to facilitate the work of this group, I think that the approach of whether keeping the two resolutions separate or merging them should be defined in some way so that the group can focus on its work.

We have listened to interventions. We had the RCC and the African Group who want to merge both resolutions as the ad-hoc group would like to have a different approach. And the U.S. want to achieve the Resolution 31 without change. We have listened also to Germany who did not have any direct interest in this matter.

I think that we should give some direction to the group. If the RCC wants additional time, so we can say that the group can look into amendments to Resolution 1 without looking into

proposed amendment to Resolution 31 until the matter is exposed before the general plenary meeting.

>> CHAIR: Russia.

>> RUSSIAN FEDERATION: Thank you, Chair. I'll be brief. We support the proposal of Nigeria and Germany. And we also propose that the group consider this issue and try to drop a consensus. In terms of the proposal, in terms of whether we keep this resolution without changing or not. I would like to draw your attention to the fact that in the resolution, there is a lot of irrelevant references that are no longer in date, and also to documents that don't exist anymore. Thank you very much.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, Russia. OK. After listening to all the interventions, I tried to make the ad-hoc group more focused on the proposals submitted and to give them a clear guidance with respect to the merge issue. However, there's an agreement to have this ad-hoc group. We will assign the two resolutions to the ad-hoc group and we will leave it to the ad-hoc group to decide on this issue.

With that, if this is agreeable, I would like to propose the chair for this ad-hoc group. I would like to propose Miss Roxanna (ph.) as the chair. She's the current chair of study group 1 and well versed in the details of Resolution 1, as she has also chaired the TDAC responders group since the last WTDC in Dubai. She will be a great asset for the work of the ad-hoc group. And I would like to ask if she accepts, and if Miss Ruper (ph.) would convene to accept this ad-hoc group.

Thank you very much. In order to facilitate the work, I believe we have to have the terms of reference of the ad-hoc group.

If we could present the terms of reference. I know we might need to do some amendments in order to leave the decision of the New Jersey the ad-hoc group.

So I would like to ask the secretariat to reflect the terms of reference, and we might do small amendments to it.

>> CHAIR: We just need maybe a few minutes to have the terms of reference reflected. But I'm thinking about we're here until 4:00. So do you think it's possible if we have a ten-minute break, and we could ask RCC, African Group and the Arab Group in ten minutes. Maybe we can come up with a decision with respect to maintaining Resolution 31 or to have it as a merged. Just in order to reflect in the terms of reference. We need maybe ten minutes to reflect back the terms of reference. So with that, we have a ten-minute break. And I invite RCC, Arab Group, and African Group and all interested. Maybe we can in these ten minutes decide on this approach. Is that acceptable? Russia, please.

>> RUSSIAN FEDERATION: Thank you, Chair. In my view, we've already decided, which you clarified a few minutes ago, which is that the group itself will prepare consolidated views on this

issue. We cannot in 10 minutes decide whether we want to merge these two resolutions or not. So I would ask you to not try to change something we've already decided. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, Russia. OK. I think we have the terms of reference now.

>> Thank you, chair. ATDA. I think the ten minutes will not be ten minutes --

>> CHAIR: I haven't given the floor to ATDI. Now I see it's coming. Sorry about that. ATDI, you have the floor.

>> Thank you Chairman, we have so many documents. So much work. Ten minutes will not be ten minutes. And the senior from Russia is completely right. They have to start the work and they will decide about the terms of reference. And we don't need to waste time to write the terms of reference.

And we can continue with other issue. Thank you, Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, ATDI. Now the terms of reference as presented in front of you on the screens. The ad-hoc group has the following terms of reference. First one to discuss the proposal received for consideration relating to the existing text and new proposed text in Resolution 1.

And modification of Resolution 31 in the context of Resolution 1. Second to review and discuss only the sections of the text in Resolution 1 for which proposals have been received.

Third, to integrate the proposals into one common text, and where necessary to revise the text further to ensure that is consistent through Resolution 1. Finally to report back and present the text of the proposed revised Resolution 1.

So the terms of reference is for your consideration and approval. Any comment, please. Russia.

>> RUSSIA: Thank you, Chair. Unfortunately, the yellow text doesn't clearly reflect what we decided upon. So if we read it carefully, then you could think that we need to maintain Resolution 31. It could be interpreted like that.

We need to change it slightly, and we could say to discuss proposals received for consideration by --

>> Any proposed text in Resolution 1. Also consider the issue whether Resolution 31 should be maintained or suppressed. And discuss issues related to the text on Resolution 31. We need to work a little bit more on this terms of reference. Because when you say modification of Resolution 31 in the context of Resolution 1, it means that (Inaudible) is maintained.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, Russia. We could maintain the yellow text, and we have in the beginning of the terms of reference to decide on the subject of maintaining Resolution as a separate resolution at the beginning. Then we will have these terms of reference followed. That's a proposal for you to consider. Côte d'Ivoire.

>> CÔTE D'IVOIRE: Thank you, Chairman. Indeed, we have the same concern as the delegate from Russia. And your proposal of

adding the decision to either maintain or suppress Resolution 31 in light of amendments in Resolution 1 is welcome. Therefore we support this new proposal, rather than the former proposal.

Thank you, Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Côte d'Ivoire. Swede.

>> Thank you, Mr. Chair. My reading of this text is that the modification includes the possible suppression of Resolution 31. So it's already covered in the text. But if it would help in the discussion, I would propose after modifications, insert a comma, including possible suppression, comma, and that will cover the issues raised by the Russian Federation.

The text will read add modifications including, comma, possible suppression, comma of Resolution 31, in the context of Resolution 1. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much for waiting for this proposal. Nigeria.

>> NIGERIA: Thank you Mr. Chairman. The first part of the terms of reference for this ad-hoc group. I think we need to slightly modify the text. I agree with the first portion of the text that is to discuss the proposals received for consideration by Committee 4, related to the existing text and any new proposed text in Resolution 1.

But the remaining part of the text, I think you read after Resolution 1, and to consider whether or not to merge Resolution 31. Because once we said to merge or not, every other thing will fall in line. Because if the committee decides to merge the Resolution 31 with Resolution 1, automatically Resolution 31 will be suppressed. So I think if we just shorten the terms of reference and say whether or not to merge Resolution 31 with Resolution 1, I think it will solve the problem.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, Nigeria for this proposal. It's going to be a possible way forward. United Arab Emirates.

May I ask our distinguished colleague to turn off the mic in order for the following speaker to take the mic. Thank you. United Arab Emirates.

>> UNITED ARAB EMIRITES: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I'll speak in English. Mr. Chairman, I think the terms of reference for this green is very clear. So this group is very clear. This group will discuss amendments, proposed Resolution 1. This is the first term of reference. Second one, the group will discuss proposed amendments to Resolution 31.

And then the third terms of reference, the group will decide whether to merge Resolution 1 with Resolution 31 or keep them standalone resolutions, and then accordingly, will discuss the text of both resolutions. The current text on the screen, Mr. Chairman, I do understand that this was drafted, that the plenary would have taken a decision whether to maintain Resolution 1. So if you read the text here, it's a bit confusing. My proposal, Mr. Chairman is that I don't believe we

need the terms of reference for the group. It's very clear, Mr. Chairman.

So as I said, the group will discuss the amendments proposed for Resolution 1. Amendments proposed on Resolution 31. And the third terms of reference, whether to maintain both resolutions and/or merge. So with that understanding, maybe the group can start the work.

If we keep discussing the terms of reference without the chance Mr. Chairman to see the proposed amendments reflected on the screen, I believe we will keep continuing this discussion for a long time.

So if you, Mr. Chairman, agree, we, with this understanding, I don't believe there is a need for terms of reference to be discussed. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, United States. Russia, you have the floor.

>> RUSSIA: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I will also speak in English. Before you support proposal by United Arab Emirates, you should not put the -- not decide, or decides. Decision is taken both in plenary and committee cannot take decision. They may agree, but not decide.

But in general, we support proposal by United Arab Emirates.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Russia. I would like to also thank the United States, United Arab Emirates for their interventions. I would like to go to the floor for comments, please.

>> I'm speaking for Korea. But I'm sharing the mic with my colleague. I fully support (Inaudible) for the intervention from Russia, but the decision could be allowed, because could be at the level of ad-hoc level. Not normally talking too seriously about -- anyway, the TOR is clear.

(Inaudible).

Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much. With that, we could go along with the supported proposal by the United Arab Emirates and then to leave this to the ad-hoc group. I understand it's very clear, the mandate is to amend Resolution 1, Resolution 31, and then they will decide, or they will consider the measure, not the merge.

So with that, we'll leave it to the ad-hoc group. If there's a need to have these terms of reference. My understanding was that there's a need to have a terms of reference for the ad-hoc group. But listening to the interventions and the support gained for the United Arab Emirates' proposals, we'll leave it to the ad-hoc group.

With that, we come up to the end of our first session. Based on the time management plan that we approved in this meeting.

I would like to thank you very much for this first session. And we will announce the meeting of the first ad-hoc group and

the Secretariat will make sure that it will be posted on the screens and on the website of the ITU conference. Thank you very much, and the meeting is closed.

(Meeting adjourned at 3:39 p.m. ART.)

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