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>> Colleagues, we have to start because we have only one
hour for our meeting. We have to progress as far as possible.
We have this meeting thanks to the understanding of the Chairman
of the conference, will give us this time slot. I want to thank
him for his understanding.

We have to continue the discussion on the SDG plan which
began on session 1 and continue in session 2, brings in proposal
which was to take into account the proposal, the comments made
during the two session and consultation with the membership. In
fact, I have had a meeting with the Vice-Chair in order to try
to progress further.

On the visio is contained a revised document TD 13
revision. During our second session we are close to adopt
objective 1, regular outcome and output. However, we had
lengthy discussion of outcome D14, as we had run out of time.
We decided to have a drafting group led by my friend from the
United Arab Emirate to achieve consensus on this point.

I want to thank him and all delegates who participate. I
will give the floor to report back. I think there are good news
for us. If you can project the text of objective 1, DT
particularly. Can we project the text of DT. (pause).

So we have this objective D14. I asked to show the

outcome. Here we are. The text is in bracket. But my understanding is that this text has been more or less agreed by all the participants. Can we approve this text? I see no requests from the floor. The text is approved, and I thank again Nassar for the good work he has performed.

Now, with that, we are to approve the objective 1 and we have adopted objective, and I see there are some problem in the room because I see all the microphone on, on this side. But I hope it can be fixed.

Now, we have to propose to go through the various objectives, the remaining objective 2, 3 and 4. I propose to move to objective 2. As said before, on the right hand side of the document, you see the text proposed for compromise between the various proposals.

Can we adopt text of D21? No requests from the floor. So the text is adopted.

We can move to the text of D22. United States of America.

>> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Good morning, Chairman. Thank you. You are moving very swiftly this morning. And could we please go back to D21?

>> CHAIR: Sure. We can, I was asking for the question but please go back to D21.

>> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Yes, so I have a question regarding effective and efficient management of proper use of telecommunication resources, mandate of ITU. Can you please, I have a explanation of what we mean by proper use of telecommunication resources. I'm not clear on that phraseology, if we could have some better understanding of what we mean by that text. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Yeah, this is a proposal from as compromise coming from APT. I don't know if someone from APT can respond to this question from United States. Zimbabwe requested for the floor. Maybe he is APT. No. United States.

>> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Thank you, Chairman. Since there is no, could we put this in bracket or if we don't want to put this as square brackets, if we can include international in front of telecommunication resources, I think that that would solve the problem for the United States. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Brazil and Vietnam. Brazil.

>> BRAZIL: Thank you, Chair. In regards to point 21, the CITEL region, we still are concerned about where we can put the issue of spectrum, and radio broadcasting. I just rushed over from another meeting. Also the points still within square brackets, therefore, our proposal is to continue to discuss this point. Thank you very much, Chair.

>> CHAIR: Vietnam.

>> VIETNAM: Thank you, Chairman, good morning,

distinguished colleagues. On behalf of the APT we would like to make some modification in the telecommunication resource. When we say about proper use of telecommunication resource, we would like to mention about the numbering. It is the proper use of telecommunication number and resources. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, the proposal from the United States, that would solve the problem. I've already had a discussion, the use of international resource, to add the word international.

>> Thank you, Chair. Good morning to all delegates. I'd like to see clarification, Chair, with regarding, regards to the objective adopted by the standardization sector, objective TD 3. I would like to ask the Asia Pacific region representative what is the impact sought for by adding this objective? Because this objective has already been adopted by the standardization sector. This is objective DT3, which takes similar drafting. I can't really see the point of seeing it here within our sector. Thank you, Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. Seems to me that this, we need to put the effective in brackets also red there. I really, without further discussion, maybe during the break before our next session to solve this problem. So and the results of the problem raised by spectrum which will be also in brackets by the way, because it's linked in spectrum management, so be also in brackets. That should be discussed during the break. Vietnam, please.

>> VIETNAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to propose a minor modification, actually the spectrum management I would like to add a comma, radio monitoring, because I think there are no term of spectrum management monitoring. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Yes, so this, you can add radio monitoring, and that is all in brackets. China.

>> CHINA: Thank you, Chair. As for D21 China has a minor proposal, that is after connecting, we want to have some additions concerning international or global communication, its connectivity. So there shall be some description regarding connectivity, and we propose that we shall write connecting remote and rural areas and replace it with accessing rural and remote areas. And then add connecting internationally or globally or similar wordings. Thanks.

>> CHAIR: You are also candidate for discussion during the break. I ask someone to lead the discussion, but before deciding, Germany.

>> GERMANY: Thank you, Chairman. Good morning. We had the impression that in particular the amendments of the existing D21 text, it looks like all kinds of actions that the entire ITU is doing, rather than the development sector. We would say that we

would assume that the development sector in particular with regards to all these topics has a permanent role in dissemination information, and engage in knowledge transfer. With this understanding of course we could accept this kind of listing. But we want that such a text may lead to more duplication and this is one of our main concerns in the work of the union.

I think, Mr. Chairman, that your proposal to have some more discussion of this D21 is a good one, and we would support this. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, ATDI.

>> Good morning. We have some sympathy to Germany. The list is too detailed and for sure having transition to broadcasting where the question 81 already discussed in very good report, and monitor, duplicates the party of party 1C so maybe instead of amendment to monitoring and broadcasting, we can write spectrum control. Spectrum control, it includes everything, management, monitoring, and broadcasting in separate. Thank you, Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. So this point D21 go to a group to deal, we will see how many points will be in suspense, but we are already telling you that my Vice-Chair Mr. Lin from Singapore will coordinate this group.

We can move now to D22. Any questions? Brazil.

>> BRAZIL: Thank you, Chair. CITELE has some concerns with regards to this. We would like a little bit more time to put forward a consensus proposal on specific outcome. Therefore, could we maybe place between square brackets all of the part following capacity-building, until the end of the sentence. We will be very grateful for this. Perhaps this ad hoc group could also address this point. Thank you, Chair.

>> CHAIR: Maybe only to put for the meeting what are your major concern briefly, so that after will be the ad hoc. (pause).

Brazil.

>> BRAZIL: Thank you, Chair. We would like to request further clarification on this international mechanisms of cooperation. We need to talk a little bit more with the region which has put forward this point, and try to meet a consensual proposal. So this really is the crux of what we would like to discuss.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. Clear, at least we have the reason for the bracketing and the rest, for the rest of the meeting, because not all have attended the meeting to note the concern.

So we can move now to point D23. Any question or clarification? Can we agree on D23? I see no requests -- yes, I see, Czech Republic.

>> CZECH REPUBLIC: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We don't think there is a major problem, but the text is quite unclear. Maybe it needs some detail or language brushing. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: United Kingdom.

>> UNITED KINGDOM: Good morning, Chair, on this very long day. The problems with D22 and D23 are similar to the problems we had in relation to D1.4. And if we could reach a similar solution that we did in D1.4 in these two provisions, I think that would be a satisfactory outcome.

The problem we have with D point 23 is the reference facilitate international cooperation in this area. And again, the D2.2 is the references to international mechanisms of cooperation. So the same problems we have already addressed in an earlier objective, and hopefully the solution would be similar to that we have already agreed. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Yeah, the easiest solutions will be if they exist to delete the antecedent international cooperation in this area because this is in the framework of things. With that, I try to help the drafting group to have less thing to discuss.

>> Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Good morning to colleagues. Mr. Chairman, I apologize, Mr. Chairman, I could not be with you in this meeting from the beginning. We had a good meeting and we reached a conclusion. Perhaps you went through it already. After discussion we agreed on D1-4 and D1-5. I believe that was already discussed and the brackets were taken out. Yes. Thank you.

With regards to D2-3, Mr. Chairman, the Arab Group proposed to delete the word risk reduction, because if you read the text, Mr. Chairman, products and services on disaster risk reduction, so how we are going to reduce disasters, disaster risk reduction. For that reason, Mr. Chairman, the Arab Group proposed to have the word "management" instead of risk reduction. That's our comments, Mr. Chairman, on D2-3. Thank you very much.

>> CHAIR: First, Nassar, I thank you in your absence and I cannot wait your presentation but the text was adopted. So at least objective 1 has been adopted. Now, some clarification, please.

>> Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you to the delegate of United Arab Emirates. Just to shed light, there are two components. One is disaster risk reduction and this is led by the United Nations international center for disaster risk reduction. Disaster risk reduction by definition implies that you integrate resilience, when you are undertaking projects to prevent risk.

Disaster management is a circle whereby you are preparing for an impending disaster, and you put in place mechanisms to

effectively respond to disasters, and in the aftermath of disasters, you engage in reconstruction and then engage in a build back better by incorporating again disaster risk reduction. So there are two components. In 2015 the United Nations organized the Sendai United Nations disaster risk reduction conference. So it is well accepted technology and there is a difference between the two. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Anyway, since there is, if we delete the last line, can we accept that. In that case I go to the drafting group. Saudi Arabia.

>> SAUDI ARABIA: Thank you, Chair. It's not quite clear, what is the objective of removing the last part of the sentence, as strengthening international cooperation is a very widely recognized concept which has been adopted in our constitution and in our convention. It is not clear, therefore, what is the aim of removing this part, this last part of the sentence? Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Okay, so to go to the drafting group, go to the drafting group. We move to objective, to output. Maybe I link it so also that goes to the drafting group, to make some resolution. 21. Any observation, request for clarification? No. D22? D23? No requests for clarification. We can move to the objective 3. D31. Any problem with D31? We can adopt D31. Brazil.

>> BRAZIL: Thank you, Chair. I'd like to say that we are still having discussions on 21, whether we might be able to include or not the proposal from CITELE. Thank you, Chair.

>> CHAIR: You are having discussion 21, okay, but D31 is no problem. We can approve D31 and pass to D32. D32? Brazil.

>> BRAZIL: Thank you, Chair. To seek clarification, it depends on how the discussions will go on the outcome 21, and where we might place the issue of spectrum, because originally, CITELE's proposal is to place it in 31. Therefore, I am saying that approval on this hinges upon the discussions that we have on point 21. Thank you, Chair.

>> CHAIR: So it's approved provided the solution in the spectrum issue in section objective 2. But is it approved, approved for the time being like that. D32, capacity Member State international cooperation, to reflect development trends in ICT based on agreed standard and methodology. Can we approve that? No requests for the floor. So D32 is approved.

Just a second, we have some problem. D33, improve human and institutional capacity of ITU membership to tap into the full potential for communication ICT, can we approve this point? This outcome, yes, approved. D34, strengthening ITU membership capacity, ICT innovation and national Development Agenda and to develop strategy to promote initiative including from

public/private partnership. Twice public, so once.
Public/private partnership. Can we approve this outcome? Yes.
Now, we can move in this case to the output, output D31.
Brazil.

>> BRAZIL: Thank you, Chair. Once again, I'd like to take the floor to say that we are still working on where we might be able to place the question of radio broadcasting transition. Therefore, depending on the outcome of the discussions on 21, we would therefore be able to look at outcome 3.5. Thank you, Chair.

>> CHAIR: For the time being we put D31 in brackets, depending where it goes, that is correct understanding? Seems so. Brazil is nodding.

D32, data analysis, and formal discussion. Can we approve output D32, no requests for the floor so it's approved. D33, products and service on capacity-building, development including tools or international Internet governance, such as on-line platform, distance and face-to-face training programme, skills shared, material and take into account partnership with organisation ICT in state orders. Can we approve output D33? No requests for the floor. Output -- sorry, Czech Republic.

>> CZECH REPUBLIC: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In this output we could also consider the original initiatives, taking into consideration regional initiatives could be good to include in this output. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Yeah, the region are in fact included in the action plan, so it is not necessary to detail there. Japan.

>> JAPAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I have to make clear, the tradition is to include the word of the international Internet governance. However, no proposal from any countries, so where it is from, these words? Let me know.

>> CHAIR: It was proposed by CITELE.

>> JAPAN: Let me know which proposal.

>> CHAIR: Brazil, you have the floor.

>> BRAZIL: Thank you, Chair. I'd like to clarify CITELE has put forward the original outcome. This proposed text was in outcome 3.3. So this is a CITELE proposal. I'd like to clarify that point. And we are here to answer any questions. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. With that clarification, Japan, can you accept the text so we can proceed and go to the output D34. Just to be sure that we understand, products and service of ICT innovation such as knowledge sharing, mechanisms for partnership, developmental study and policy upon request.
Brazil.

>> BRAZIL: Thank you, Mr. Chair, Brazil would like to request the attention of our colleagues regarding the last words

upon request, we think those words are unnecessary in case of assistance to countries. And in the other aspects such as the development of projects studies and policies, that would be a limitation unnecessary for this action. We would request, Mr. Chairman, the colleagues to delete, upon request. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: United States.

>> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Based on the explanation that the Secretariat gave us, and what I think I understood Brazil to say, we don't think that taking into consideration regional initiatives needs to be part of this D3.3. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Yes, so can we agree deleting the "upon request" on the text of D34. Nobody -- Germany.

>> GERMANY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have some sympathy of course for the proposal of Brazil. On the other hand, I would assume that most if not all assistance activities by the ITU maybe with the exception of emergency communication activities in case of disasters, upon request of the Member States, so it was this understanding, with this understanding I think we can delete upon request. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: That is clear to me. I don't know if it is to you somewhere, we delete from here, but I was aware it was European request, so we keep in mind that that is the practical way to act. Brazil will be satisfied with this way out. So we delete the text with the clear understanding that that is the normal way to act.

>> Thank you. In the spirit of CITELE's proposal, which included the upon request, this was just before developing national innovation agenda, this was a line that assistance to develop any kind of standard or national policy should be under request. It's not ITU's initiative, but it should be upon request of the countries, when understanding that each country is, has a sovereign right to develop its own standards. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Brazil, in this case, can we maintain upon request, because it's one member of CITELE. I ask you, Brazil.

>> BRAZIL: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman. So maybe a good solution would include the point after just as it was in the original, since it makes sense, as right after assistance, that that word as I said limited capacity of BDT to work on projects and studies. We should put on the end of the sentence you are limiting everything, but if you put after agenda or after the original proposals, for instance, all this information, assistance upon request, as it is in the CITELE proposal wouldn't really make sense. So we can accept coming back to original proposal from CITELE in this regard. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

>> CHAIR: How the text is now on the right-hand side, can we agree with this text as amended? Yes, so we can move to objective 4. D41, D41 improve access to and use of ICT in least developed country, small island developing state and landlocked developing country, and country in transition. No problem? We can adopt this D41.

We can move to D42. Improve ITU membership capacity to accelerate economic and social development by leveraging and using new technology and telecommunication ICT service in application. Can we approve D42? Yes. No requests from the floor.

We move to D43. Capacity ITU members to develop strategy policy and practice for digital inclusion, especially for empowering women and girls and people with specific needs. Can we approve this outcome D43? Yes. No. Sorry. Yes. Approved.

D44, capacity of ITU membership to develop strategy and solution on climate change adaptation communication and the use of green renewable energy. Uruguay.

>> URUGUAY: Thank you, Chair. I'm sorry for going back. I'd like to make a suggestion in drafting, so that the sentence of what we are seeing is very clear. We understand that it should say empowerment of women, comma, girls, and people with specific needs. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you for the improvement in text. This is no problem. For D44, can we agree on D44? No requests from the floor. It is agreed.

The understanding that the initial D45 go there, that's easy explanation why it is there. So United Arab Emirates.

>> UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Sorry to take you back, Mr. Chairman, to D4-3. We talk about capacity of ITU membership to develop strategies, policies and practices for digital inclusion, especially for the empowerment of women and girls and people with specific needs. I would like to add, Mr. Chairman, if possible, to add people with special needs and persons with disabilities. I want to add also persons with disabilities in the text of D4-3.

>> CHAIR: We give the floor to the U.N. counsel.

>> Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I think the word people with disabilities is, there have been concerns that disability does not mean inability. And I think that generally agreed technology is with the specific needs. That is why, and I think this was subject to a lot of discussion during the last in Dubai. Concern is built around, thank you.

>> CHAIR: United Arab Emirates.

>> UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: Thank you very much. From the explanation, if he can kindly clarify, he means that persons with disability or people with disabilities included in the term

people with specific needs? Because my understanding is not that. We have clearly identified that there are persons with specific needs, or people with specific needs different than persons with disabilities. This is what I understand from different resolutions and also from the past conference. That is why if you look at the text proposed by the Arab Group, we have mentioned, and vulnerable groups, and we do agree that vulnerable groups, the term vulnerable groups are included in people with specific needs.

However, persons with disabilities are not included in the term, people with specific needs. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Korea.

>> KOREA: Thank you, Chair. I'm also, similar concern, technology, people with specific needs, resolution with persons with disabilities and specific needs together, and if you allow me to, disaster risk reduction, there are two parts. Can you scroll up 2.3.

>> CHAIR: Sorry, I do not want to go back to --

>> I wait to finalize but if you allow me, around disaster risk reduction, you can see, on the first line, disaster risk reduction, emerging telecommunication together, it is not widely used, adoption of disaster risk reduction, separately emerging telecommunication. But here all together one meaning, so later stage, not here. The other one is if you go over the disaster risk reduction 2.2 or 2.1, disaster risk reduction or disaster management, whenever there is ITU-D references, I do not widen to U.N. terminology and conference, I found many reference from ITU, especially the declaration even, disaster risk reduction or disaster management. I found disaster management more wide than disaster risk reduction, before, during, after.

So it might need to be discussed later, not here. It's just comparing the previous reference and consistency of the terminology. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. This point has been given to the, D23 has been given to the drafting group or doc group or whatever it is chaired by one of your region. So you will have the opportunity to say something. Please do not bring back something we have already discussed.

Mali.

>> MALI: Okay. Thank you. This is back to the last proposal. I think the people with specific needs and people with disabilities must be mentioned, because there are elderly people and so forth who are included in special needs, who are not necessarily people with disabilities so I think we need both. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Saudi Arabia.

>> SAUDI ARABIA: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I'd

like to have something to assist here. Resolution 175 of the Plenipotentiary Conference 2014, the title of that resolution says that the communication/ICT accessibility for persons with disabilities and persons with specific needs. So both were mentioned, and I think that was an agreed text. So we might stick to the text of the Plenipotentiary Conference in order to solve such debates. Thank you very much.

>> CHAIR: Germany.

>> GERMANY: Mr. Chairman, it's a pity, maybe unavoidable but it's a pity that within the U.N. system, within the different organisations of the U.N. family, obviously we do not achieve common definitions. The resolution that was just presented by our friend from Saudi Arabia, it may have been an error with regard to U.N. terminology but it has been a decision of the ITU, one of the U.N. family.

So I believe that on the long run, of course, in the ITU we should adopt our terminology to the United Nations, and not continue to do our own business. With regard to the D43, if of course many Member States insist to have this special mentioning, additional mentioning of people with disabilities, what can we do. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

>> CHAIR: You read my mind. United Arab Emirates.

>> UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, if you allow me, let me explain. We had long discussion at the last conference on this matter. At the last conference we had with us Madam Andrea Saks and everybody knows her, that she's, I always call her Ambassador of persons, of people with disabilities or persons with disabilities. So what we have agreed, that we started to see many new terminologies. For example, Indigenous People, for example, literacy, disability related to literacy, disability related to age. So we have decided to use the terminology that is used at the U.N. level which is persons with disabilities and then persons with specific needs for all other related groups. That is why we agree with you to take out vulnerable groups, and that's to our understanding is included in persons with specific needs. So I hope I clarified, and we don't want to reopen the long, long discussion that we had in the last conference, and also in the Plenipotentiary Conference. And thanks to my dear colleague from Saudi Arabia for pointing the resolution from Plenipotentiary Conference. We agree to the text proposed on the screen. Thank you, Chairman.

>> CHAIR: The list is growing. And I think we need to take a decision, because we cannot continue like that. Susan Schorr is the one in ITU-D that deals with this matter. I give you the microphone, please.

>> Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I wanted to point

out that in the last WTDC action plan, we agreed that people with specific needs included Indigenous Peoples, women and girls, persons with disabilities including age related disabilities. That was included in the action plan under objective 4. So there was a definition that included all of these groups. So people with specific needs would include women and girls as well as persons with disabilities.

We use the terminology, people with specific needs and not vulnerable groups. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. Well, since there is clear proposal to have that, can we agree on the text that is on the, because I think Germany again say we are not following the common U.N. pattern, can we agree on the text on the screen? Nigeria.

>> NIGERIA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good morning to all colleagues. Nigeria wants to align itself with the proposal made by Saudi Arabia. I think we all know that Plenipotentiary Conference is the apex body of this organisation and we had a long debate on this particular issue.

So we believe that if we had already agreed on something at the Plenipotentiary Conference, the lower arm of this body should not come and change what have been agreed already.

Nigeria thinks we need to maintain the text as it is. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. I was asking really those who are not agreeing with the text on the screen, we include the proposal from United Arab Emirates. So only those. Brazil.

>> Brazil, you have the floor.

>> BRAZIL: I'd like to point out that we are in agreement with what our colleague from UAE has said and also to clarify that this situation is going to look at the proposed resolution 58 in the title itself. In the title we can read that the terms which are used are persons with specific needs. And there was a note which clarifies to who are these people. This note clarifies this.

Therefore, here in strategic plan we have reference to women, girls and persons with specific needs. And therefore, we align with the language which has already been used and in line with the language that has been used by the United Nations as mentioned by other delegates. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: So we can adopt the, without saying that we support because I say we can adopt the text where there is people with disability and persons with specific needs, so can we adopt this text? Please, those who are requesting the floor, I give only if you are against this text speak, because if you are in favor, it's not necessary to speak. I see still Togo and Gambia. You are against?

>> Thank you, Mr. Chair. Yes, I am against. I think this

is semantics. Persons with specific needs actually covers all those areas that we are talking about, disabilities and old people, so if we have specific needs I think it comprises everything.

>> CHAIR: The solution will be put the specific needs and having a footnote describing all we intend to, that's the easy way out, if the meeting can agree. United Arab Emirates.

>> Thank you. The Plenipotentiary Conference was the last WTDC conference and there we have a debate and we have clearly identified that persons with disabilities are not part of persons with specific needs. So, please, if we put a footnote, this will not help at all. We prefer to see the text in front of us as is without any change. And in the break, if colleagues they still have some doubts, I can clarify. Mr. Chairman, we had very long discussion. We don't want to reopen the discussion again in this conference about this matter. Appreciate --

>> CHAIR: Thank you. So I really ask you to get in touch with United Arab Emirates, but for the time being we put all the text in brackets, and it is without the footnote what the proposed text in brackets, and I open the time being during the break, you can see convincing Togo and also Czech Republic, Korea and Canada, we want to say that you prefer the more broader text, because if you keep on discussing and there is not only one country, I need to give to the drafting group. Czech Republic.

>> CZECH REPUBLIC: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, we agree with Brazil solution. Also we were quite satisfied with the text that is on the screen. We would like to support it. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Korea.

>> KOREA: Thank you, Chair. Yes, I also support, but two points remain to discuss outside of this session. The last line, to be aligned with the title of the resolution of PP and ITU-T which means together persons with disabilities and specific needs. No need of the and person again. And we want to discuss further on the matter of disaster risk reduction and disaster management outside. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. So we in principle adopt this text in brackets, and I ask my colleague from the United Arab Emirates to talk with Togo, was the reasoning for not opposing. And we can proceed to, to what? To the output, you have output D41. D44? Yes, sorry, I skipped D44. Outcome, outcome D44, I was hoping there were no position on this text. My understanding it was adopted, D44. That was adopted.

So we can come to the output, D41. We have to quit. No problems. We can adopt D41. D42, Paraguay. Paraguay, you have

the floor.

>> PARAGUAY: Thank you, Chair. I'd like to mention a drafting point. I think there is additional comma after the word, service, and there is another comma after the word transition, just a editorial point, Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. So we are done. D42, adopted.

>> Honorable Chairperson, can you hear me?

>> CHAIR: Yes, I hear you.

>> Yes, we tried pressing for the floor, for the last few times. But we do feel we need to take the floor on the issue that we are deliberating on, on specific needs and people with disabilities, because we do feel a concern when there is a trend to merge things together, just like the UAE said. We do have the language on some of these issues. We can put a footnote on some of the things, but we do not go across without addressing some of the issues that are facing us, because indeed we do feel that they are serious issues.

So, Chairperson, as much as we would like to progress, and we are one of your Vice-Chairs, we want you to go on with your work, but we do feel that at the end of the day we need to come to a conclusion which is satisfying to all of us. There are proposals which are going to come forth in the long run, which deal with accessibility issues, which deal with people with disabilities, and one of the groups, indigenous I think groups and we need to just reflect on them properly.

So Chairperson, we just wanted to add our voice to that aspect, that we do need to talk about them properly. Thank you, Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. The text in square brackets, my intention was that my friend Nassar will coordinate these texts out of the drafting group of your item, because it is particular item we are well aware, so I will ask him to conduct this particular business.

Now we can move to D4, output D43. No problems? I have to ask the interpreter if you can allow me five to ten minutes more to finish the strategic plan.

>> Yes, Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Very kind of you. Very kind of the delegates to be patient. So D43 no problem. D44. It's okay. We have done. So we have done with the strategic plan.

So, we have only this, Nigeria, Togo, please. Nigeria, you have the floor.

>> NIGERIA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We want to use this opportunity to inform delegates that this evening, by 6:00 p.m. Nigeria will be hosting delegates to a cocktail reception on the second floor in this particular hotel, Hilton Hotel. Thank you. You are all invited to the reception.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Nigeria, for your kind invitation. Togo.

>> TOGO: Thank you, Chair. Good morning. Togo, this is regards to the theme of this conference, and objectives and outcomes, there is no specific mention of the way in which to foster countries to use ICTs to achieve the 17 Sustainable Development Goals. Togo in its strategic plan, there is no place where we might be able to foster countries to use ICTs in order to achieve the SDGs. Therefore, I don't know if this is the moment to bring this up now, but Togo feels this is lacking and this is very important to include, maybe in D4. Maybe we can put a place in the strategic plan, where we can foster the use of ICTs to achieve the SDGs.

I think this would be very important in particular given the theme of this conference. Thank you, Chair.

>> CHAIR: I think that really there was a misunderstanding, because annex A remains, has been taken out because the title of in the outcome has changed. The Secretariat needs some time to put the correct title, and after we make also the annex A available in the final strategic plan. That is my understanding. Zaza, can you confirm?

>> That is correct, Mr. Chairman. Also just to add that this aspect is addressed in depth in the declaration, the issue of ICTs for SDGs, if that will answer the question.

>> CHAIR: No more requests from the floor. No. With that, I have to say that my dear friend and colleague Vice Chairman from Singapore is giving you the task to Chair a drafting group on the point of 2, D21, D22 and D23. And you will have the chance to meet in this room this afternoon from 5 -- no, Buenos Aires room from 5 -- from 12 to 14 hours. I don't know how Nassar can convene his interested people all here in the room. What is your preference, Nassar, to informal meeting room or formal contact? United Arab Emirates.

>> UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. If it's only one Member States who have concerns about the text, Mr. Chairman, I would prefer informal. But if there are others who would like to join the meeting, then if it's only two or three, maybe we can have informal but having a formal, I'm afraid this will open the discussion and we will get into other topics which, I mean other areas of the subject which we may not conclude. Informal, my preference is to have informal, maybe after the closure of the meeting because Togo is just behind me so we can have discussions, and others they can join us, if they want to join the discussion. Thank you Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, it's my favorite solution. Thank you for your action. Brazil, you want the floor?

>> BRAZIL: Thank you, Chair. I'd like to clarify that we are in agreement within the group to work on the outcomes 21, 22 and 23. However, we would also like to ensure we are all on the same page, that depending on the outcome of these discussions on 21, there may be additional drafting in 31. Thank you, Chair.

>> CHAIR: Solve within the objective 2 and not will come back but is depending on the result of the discussion, that is clear to me. With that, I think we will not continue because it's already overtime.

I say good work to my friends from Singapore and my friends from United Arab Emirates. I hope when we convene this afternoon, we will have good news. The meeting is adjourned. Thank you.

(meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.)

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