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>> CHAIR: Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen, and welcome back to the plenary of Committee 3. Today we would be starting with the Seventh Session of Committee 3. There isn't a draft agenda, not only for the Seventh but also for the Eighth and Ninth Sessions which will be running in sequence today. The agenda is Revision 3 of document ADM/18. But even in this third revision I would like to propose a slight change in the order of different topics that we would be considering. In the draft agenda after the adoption of the agenda originally we were proposing to go to the Ad Hoc on Study Group questions and get a report from the Chair of the Ad Hoc on the Study Group questions as to the progress on the work. I understand that they are working on Study Group questions and so in order to be more efficient I'm proposing to postpone this consideration of Study Group questions maybe to the Ninth Session, which we would be having today starting from 1830.

That is a change in the order of different topics that we will be considering. I'm seeking your agreement to these changes and to the adoption of the agenda, draft agenda.

Any comments? United States?

>> UNITED STATES: Thank you, Chairman. And we appreciate the consideration of all the discussions that are currently ongoing in parallel.

Just a question for clarification. I understand that you are proposing to revise the agenda so that we do not address the Study questions at this time. Is the Ad Hoc group on Study Group questions still continuing those discussions now in parallel with this meeting?

>> CHAIR: Thank you, United States. Yes, and thank you for asking this question because we need to be as clear as possible. They are working at this time. And the objective is to give them adequate time to sufficiently discuss different topics. Some of the topics need more time to discuss and to consult. And for this reason, as I said, they are continuing to work. We hope that we will be able to get at least partially some of the outputs that they have either already agreed or would be providing us subsequently.

United States.

>> UNITED STATES: Thank you, Chairman. I apologize for sticking on this point for a moment. I think we have some concerns with the formal Ad Hoc of this committee meeting at the same time. I know we have a very large delegation. We are ourselves than even struggling with covering these meetings, considering that it's the same committee it does present some concerns for us because many of the folks who are covering Study questions are also covering some of the items that will come up here. And again, as I said, we have a very large delegation, and I'm sure it's presenting more significant issues for other delegations as well.

I don't know if other delegates have views on this. Our understanding, I think even with some of the advice from TDAG coming into the meeting was that Ad Hoc groups of a committee would not be meeting at the same time as that parent committee. Thank you, Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Russian Federation.

>> RUSSIAN FEDERATION: Thank you very much, Chair. The Russian Federation delegation supports the statement by the United States of America. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Chairogo.

>> TOGO: Thank you, Chairman. Togo has the same concern as Russia and the United States. There are not enough of us to attend all parallel meetings. Above all, there are issues that are being developed here and in the Ad Hoc groups that are of interest to everyone. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Chair, Togo.

From a procedural point of view, of course, you are absolutely correct. We should not have Ad Hoc groups running in parallel with the plenary of Committee 3 .

Nevertheless, we are pressed for time. And in the interest of moving forward and avoid late night sessions, I was hoping that maybe we could start with some of the items that are not related to those who are covering Study Group questions. And for that reason, exceptionally we consider to have unofficially, if I may use that word, parallel sessions between a plenary of Committee 3 and Ad Hoc on Study Group questions.

Of course, I am in your hands. If you want to either suspend this meeting of the plenary or to request them to, to request the Ad Hoc group to suspend their meeting and come on to our meeting, we would be in your hands. Nevertheless, we have to make up for the opportunity to discuss in parallel some other way. And the other alternative is to work late night sessions. However you prefer, I can go along. United States.

>> UNITED STATES: Thank you, Chairman. We certainly understand the difficulty in terms of time that we are dealing with here. Nevertheless, we are of the view that the Ad Hoc group on study questions should discontinue its discussions for now. Our worry is that issues that we discuss here in this session may require revisiting if the appropriate folks are not in the room. Thank you, Chair.

>> CHAIR: Chair, United States. Cote d'Ivoire.

>> COTE D'IVOIRE: Thank you, Chairman. I just wanted to underscore that indeed there is a lack of time and the ad hoc group is an informal group.

I would suggest for next time, first of all, having limited times, but above all meetings at times where once Study Group 3 has finished its work because sometimes they work into the night and quite late. I think this needs to be well organized. As regards Study Group 3, before we have work done at that level we could have free time that is more flexible for meetings. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Chair, Cote d'Ivoire. I saw there was a request from the floor from the United Arab Emirates. Sorry for overlooking your request. United Arab Emirates?

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>> UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: Thank you, Chairman. After having listened to the statements by the various administrations with respect to our working methods, specifically on the subgroups of Committee 3 , we agree with those delegations as regards how we should hold meetings of Committee 3 and how we should hold other group meetings on various issues, including the issues considered by this committee.

And this is why we believe that it is not appropriate to have these meetings simultaneously. And to consider here questions concerning the study groups and also to consider questions concerning study groups in the subgroups and in this meeting. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Togo.

>> TOGO: Thank you very much. I just want to revisit a what I said previously. For example, in the morning in the Ad Hoc group there was a parallel meeting. We don't know which meeting to go to when there are two meetings simultaneously. So the Ad Hoc group we think should be suspended even if it means a night session. We should do it that way because that's what we came to do. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Chair, Togo.

Having listened to many delegations, I think it is appropriate to suspend our meeting for ten minutes and request the Ad Hoc group on study group questions to suspend their work and join us, so that we can continue our work. Then give them another time to do their work. If that is something that you can go along with, we would do it this way. United Kingdom.

>> UNITED KINGDOM: Thank you, Chair. We agree with those who said that Ad Hoc groups should not meet at the same time as Committee 3. We are in your hands as to how best to achieve that.

We note, however, that we have set up a lot of Ad Hoc groups. They have a lot of work to do. Com 3, according to the agenda, is meeting for three hours this afternoon and three hours this evening, which makes it very difficult for Ad Hoc groups to find time outside of those hours to meet. So perhaps you could also work with the Secretariat to consider what time com 3 needs to meet in order to make sure that there are opportunities for the Ad Hocs both to find time and to plan that time in advance. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Chair, United Kingdom. I think what I'm going to propose is this: We would suspend the meeting for ten minutes. We would come back at 1500 hours. We will continue for one hour. I hope we will be able to cover a number of different resolutions that have already been discussed in Ad Hocs so that we would be able to finish our consideration of those resolutions.

Then at that time we would be having a break. And we would consult with the Secretariat and also with the Chairs of the Ad Hoc groups as to whether it will be worthwhile for them to use between 1600 hours to 1830 hours that we would not be meeting and give them our time for them to continue their discussions.

So that's the way I'm proposing to move forward. If there are no objections, then I propose that we suspend the meeting

for the time meeting for ten minutes only. Come back at 1500 hours. Any objections? None?

Thank you very much. The meeting is suspended for ten minutes.

(A recess was taken.)

(Standing by.)

(Sound of bell.)

>> CHAIR: Ladies and gentlemen, welcome back. And let's resume our Seventh Session of the Plenary of Committee three.

We have an extensive agenda before us. And I invite you to be as efficient as possible in our discussions. As we discussed earlier, we will be starting with the work that was already done by Ad Hoc groups on resolution 9. But before we do that in order to be clear my intention is to continue until 4:00 o'clock. Then we would suspend and give the Ad Hocs the time until 6:30 this evening when we would be resuming our Plenary of Committee three.

So this is the way that we intend to move forward. In this way there would not be any parallel meetings between the Plenary of Committee three and other Ad Hocs that are part of Committee three.

Any comments on the way forward? None?

Okay. We move in this way. So the first thing that we would like to consider is resolution 9, the output of resolution 9.

Okay. I was going to propose that we go with resolution 9. But I understand that the document is not yet posted and so in order for everybody to have the opportunity to look at the document, maybe we need to come back to resolution 9 subsequently. Can we go to resolution 20? And I ask Saudi Arabia to brief us on the output. I see that Saudi Arabia is not in the room. We go to the next resolution, 37. Sudan, are you here? Sudan, please.

>> SUDAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. We had two meetings and we finished our work, Mr. Chairman. And which have looked into the documents that were part of resolution 50 and resolution 54, which facilitated a lot the mission that we had in this group. Now we are done with that and we have all the results in the document DT 19. We have put some brackets, minor brackets especially on the term "specific" as there is a proposal to use a "special" instead of specific. This document is submitted to you for approval, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Sudan, for the work that you have done. Document DT/19 is for discussion. The Chairman of the Ad Hoc group indicated that the work is almost finished. There is one more square bracket in this document that we need to

decide. Otherwise, there are no other points. I open the floor for your comments and views. United States.

>> UNITED STATES: Thank you, Chairman. I'm speaking on behalf of CSOP at the moment. We greatly appreciate the work of the Chair from Sudan and we participated in those discussions. As I mentioned, I think in one of our first com 3 sessions, CTEL has an inter-American proposal on resolutions 50 and 54 that relate very closely to this document on 37. We received this consolidated document. We are reviewing it as our region. We may have some additional inputs to the Drafting Group, but we think we the proposals are very similar. 245U7BG thank you, Mr. Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, CTEL and United States. Germany?

>> GERMANY: It is a comment, not a question. Is DT/19 already published? Because I don't have it on my list. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: We will check and let you know. Bear with us. Any other comments?

While we are checking, I was not clear on what the U.S. said. Are you prepared to consider the approval of the revised document as proposed by the Chair of that Ad Hoc group? Or you need to have more time?

>> UNITED STATES: Thank you, Chair. We would request additional time. As I mentioned, we received this revised consolidated document yesterday. We are reviewing as a region to compare with our proposal. As I mentioned, I think they are very similar. We do hope to be able to reach consensus here. As I said, we are still reviewing, though.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much. Togo?

>> TOGO: Thank you, Chairman. Togo is speaking about the fact that we haven't managed to download this document. But you are asking for our opinion on it. So we haven't yet managed to download this document online. Thank you very much.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. Of course, we would check, but as requested I think we need to come back to this resolution at a later time. My request to the CTEL group is to try to expedite your consultations with the Chair of this Ad Hoc group with a view to even remove this square bracket in one way or the other so that we would be able to adopt this at our evening session today, if that is possible. I do appreciate that, if you could do that. Thank you very much.

Then we go to the next document, Document 43 by the Chair of the Ad Hoc group on resolution 43 was Russia. Russia, can you brief us on your progress?

>> RUSSIAN FEDERATION: Thank you very much, Chairman. With regard to resolution 43, we looked at three proposals from

the regional organisations. In order to consider them at the meetings.

As a result today at the last second meeting we completed our consideration of the document and we came up with agreement, a single agreement on this document which this morning I sent into the Secretariat. So the DT document could be drawn up.

So we have no square brackets or problematic issues. And I hope that after the publication of the document, Chairman, you will be able to consider the draft and approve it. Thank you very much.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Russian Federation for all your work. I do appreciate it. So we would be waiting for the Secretariat to convert your document, your DT 1 so we will be able to consider it hopefully later today. Thank you.

We go to resolution 45, which is next. I understand the work is continuing on resolution 45. But nevertheless, could I ask Ghana to brief us on what they did? And I would like to, since Ghana was also requested to take the lead on resolution 69, could I request Ghana to brief us on both resolutions 45 and 69 at the same time?

Ghana?

>> GHANA: Thank you very much, Chair. We met on Saturday from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and then this morning from 10:30 to just about 12 noon on these two resolutions.

Let me start with close to good news first. That will be on resolution 69, which has a certain phrase that has to be agreed upon. So we look up to that money fully the next meeting that there will be an agreement for that inclusion and then we can bring it back to you.

Our resolution 45, there were considerable contributions, divergent views on this resolution. We have taken time listen to every argument on the inclusions, the amendments that are being proposed. Considering that the position of the United States and also supported by Canada was a no change, there was the agreement that even with that not with standing we could look at the further considerations and we have done that.

Especially for the instructive parts, there are a number of issues that have to be agreed upon before we are able to conclude on this resolution. We have not been able to consider the part which is on the recalling and the recognizing and the noting parts. We could say as an achievement in pages is that we started with 28 pages and now we are on 24 pages.

So Chair, you may give us a considerable time again for us to bring you a resolution which probably will be under ten pages. Thank you very much, Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Ghana. Thank you very much for all your efforts. One question that I have is, of course, we would

be giving you the time between 4:00 o'clock this afternoon until 6:30. Do you think you can use this time to finalize your work on these two resolutions?

Ghana?

>> GHANA: Thank you very much, Chair. You are generous and we will make good use of this time to bring you our best result. And we counsel on all Delegates for us to bring a good outcome, considering the number of other meetings that has to go on on other resolutions. We hope to bring a result out of this time that you are planning to grant to us. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, Ghana. Next is resolution 47. Brazil was the lead person to coordinate different views on resolution 47. Brazil, can you brief us on your progress, please?

>> BRAZIL: Thank you, Chair. We had two sessions on Friday afternoon and on Saturday afternoon. We had conversations with all the regions from RCC, Arab states, from CTEL, from European countries, from all the other regions. And we reached a common understanding of the proposals and consolidated the views of all that participated on our two sessions.

We sent to the Secretariat the proposal that was agreed with the participants of our meetings. And to be published as a DT for the consideration of this Committee. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, Brazil, for the work that you have done. It is my understanding that in principle you have completed all the work. Now we need to ask the Secretariat to process the document further and produce a DT document. So there is no further discussion in your group and we can consider it when the DT is ready in our Plenary Committee three. I see you are nodding. Thank you very much.

Then we go to resolution 63. United Kingdom was in charge of this resolution. United Kingdom, you have the floor, please.

>> UNITED KINGDOM: Thank you, Chair. Well, we have now a consolidated text which brings together the proposals from CTEL and CPT. That's DL/74. We metaphor an hour this morning to discuss that document. We made some progress, but we will need to continue the conversation a little longer. And we had intended to meet this evening. Now we see that com 3 is meeting this evening. I have asked the Secretariat if it is possible to find a room for between 4:00 o'clock and 6:30. When I hear back from the Secretariat, I will let all interested colleagues know by email as soon as possible. I hope we will be able to meet then and make further progress. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, United Kingdom. My appreciation for your efforts. Do you feel that within that time frame you wiebl to finish everything and provide us with a



consolidated text agreeable to all stakeholders? United Kingdom?

>> UNITED KINGDOM: I'm very optimistic, Mr. Chairman. With the support of colleagues, I think that's possible. We will do our best.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much. I was just informed that rooms are available for different Ad Hoc groups, including your Ad Hoc group on resolution 63.

So my request is please, inform all colleagues that are interested in your work to be prepared to start working as of 1600 hours today. Thank you very much.

Up to now we have finished the consideration of some of the resolutions that we have already considered in the Plenary of Committee three earlier. And formed Ad Hoc groups to provide us with consolidated text. Now we can continue with other resolutions. The first is resolution 17. We have five documents. The first is document from African region, 19A7. I invite the focal point from Africa to please present this document.

Focal point from Africa on resolution 17?

If not in the room we can go to the next document, CTEL document, 20A14. CTEL focal point?

Are you ready to present this document?

While we are waiting for CTEL to prepare themselves, we go to the next document from the Arab Group, 21A5. Samoa is asking for the floor. Samoa?

>> SUDAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is Sudan. I'm sitting next to my friend from Somalia. Mr. Chairman, we already presented this document before. And we have now informal discussion about the document and I think we have only one issue left. It is regarding the proposal from Arab states on the report of social economic impact on implementing initiatives.

Mr. Chairman, we are still negotiating. Maybe soon we will have good results for you. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Sudan.

Again we go to the next document, Asia-Pacific, 22A10, Rev. 1. I invite the focal point from Asia-Pacific to present their document. Australia?

>> AUSTRALIA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. We also already presented this document and we are in discussions with the other regions. It looks like we will soon have a way forward. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. RCC, document 23A10?

Okay. So the situation is this. Different regions started to have informal discussions prior to formal consideration of their documents in the Plenary of Committee three, which is

good. We would be saving time. In that respect all we need to do is to wait for the outcome of their consultations. However, we need to have a focal point, one administration to be in charge.

We will come back to this resolution 17 later when we have more definitive outcome which will be agreeable to everybody.

We now go to document on resolution 39. Resolution 39, we have one document. 20A1. It is a CTEL document. I invite a focal point from CTEL to please brief us on this.

Mexico, please.

>> MEXICO: Thank you very much, Chairman. We do regret this, but we are a little confused because the documents, resolution 17 which we have just gone through, and this document too, have been introduced. Our Delegate from Paraguay introduced this document. There were no comments. In addition to this, this is a resolution which only pertains to the Americas region, as we understand from that session. This document was approved.

So we don't know why this document is appearing once again on our Agenda, Chairman. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Mexico. Yes, you are absolutely correct, there is a confusion. But we have to clear this confusion. I think as you mentioned we have considered this document and there is no point in continuing the discussion of. My apologies for this confusion.

So we go to the remaining documents. Document resolution 15.

Please.

Kyrgyzstan?

>> KYRGYZSTAN: Thank you, Chairman. I would like to return to resolution 17, if that's still relevant. It was also introduced on behalf of the RCC, by the Russian Federation. If resolution 17 is already concluded, it is just for information. Thank you very much.

>> CHAIR: Thank you.

AKyrgyzstan. No, resolution 17 is not concluded. We will be waiting for the outcome of the Ad Hoc group on resolution 17. My apologies for any confusion. We will come back to resolution 17.

Now we are on ...

>> Thank you, Chairman. I'll tell you about the work done on resolution 15, if I may. We introduced this at our last meeting. It is the only document on proposals to review this resolution. We had some comments in the room when it was introduced, and clarifications of issues. And we were working closely with representatives of the U.K., the Czech Republic and

the coordinator for CEPT and other colleagues, others who were inned.

We prepared a preliminary document which was sent by us to the Secretariat. We believe it could be published as a DT document or DL document. Colleagues will look at it again and we hope we will be able to finally adopt it following that. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, Russia. Could I ask you to please provide us with your DL or DT, draft DL or DT so we can start processing it with a view to discuss it at our next Plenary? Russia, please.

>> RUSSIAN FEDERATION: Chairman, thank you very much. Well, as I said, I only sent this document into the Secretariat and copied in all of the colleagues who participated in agreeing it. Thank you very much, Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Russia.

Then I suggest that we go to what we left and consider other documents. I would be starting with document 64, the title of which is protecting supporting users and users, consumers of telecommunication information and communication technology services. We have four documents to be considered. The first is document 20A6 by CTEL and I invite the focal point from CTEL to please present this document.

Mexico, you have the floor.

>> MEXICO: Thank you very much, Chairman. On behalf of CTEL I would like to present document 26. It is a proposed modification to the resolution on consumer protection. Resolution 64. The proposal of CTEL includes proposals to the resolutions, we believe there are issues of quality, data protection and education for consumers. So this instructs the Director of the BDT that these topics should be studied and there should be best practice manuals prepared. It also promotes workshops and seminars and invites states to empower users and consumers through consumer education practices and quality services, ensuring security and best practices. Finally it includes users with disabilities and older people for their equal access to ICTs. Thank you very much.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Mexico. Next document 23A23 from RCC. I invite focal points from RCC to present this document. Kyrgyzstan, you have the floor.

>> KYRGYZSTAN: Thank you, Chairman. Well, as was already indicated, this document is a proposed draft revision to WTCC, resolution 64, which takes into account the work done in the T sector and in the Radio Sector, the R Sector and also decisions taken by the Plenipotentiary conference and also the world telecommunications Assembly in Tunisia. The proposals consist

of additional recommendations or inclusion in work in the development sector.

Working with the T sector, the standardisation sector and the Radio Sector in this study area. Thank you very much, Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. Next is document 24A14, by CPT. I invite the focal point, Sweden, please.

>> SWEDEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The European proposal on resolution 64 proposes minor changes such as updating references and adding reference to the sustainable development goals in the introductory part.

Europe sees no need for further changes to resolution 64. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Sweden. Any volunteers to take the lead on this and provide us with a consolidated text? Romania?

>> ROMANIA: Yes, Chairman, I would like to volunteer on behalf of CBT to prepare this text.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, Romania. I appreciate your engagement on this. You will be in charge. Please do as much as you can in a very short time and provide us with a consolidated text. Thank you.

We now go to the next resolution. I would start with resolution 46, assistance and promotion of indigenous communities in the world, Information Society through information and telecommunication technology.

We have four documents. First is from the African Group, 19A11. And I invite the focal point from Africa to present this document.

If not in the room, next is document 20A3 from CTEL, focal point from CTEL, please? Mexico.

>> MEXICO: Thank you, Chairman. This resolution proposes a merger of the two existing resolutions on Indigenous Peoples. This is something that has been considered of crucial importance since the agreements of the Information Society. This resolution 46 and the, well, the proposed new resolution 46, I mean, includes the actions establish under resolution 68. Basically, that is the aim of this resolution, to provide consistency between the actions which the BDT is undertaking for the benefit of Indigenous Peoples or communities. This includes activities such as training, pilot projects, research work can be dealt with in Study questions and training of capacity building for Members of the will indigenous communities in order to ensure that their telecommunications networks are maintained.

So that is the essence of the proposal from CTEL, thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Mexico. Next is document 21A16 and I invite the focal point from Arab Group to present this document.

Egypt, please.

>> EGYPT: Thank you, Chairman. We can simplify the various resolutions. The Arab countries would like to revise the resolution 64, either to promote the rights of the indigenous groups of various continents. We would like to update the resolution taking into account the various divergents and continue with the indigenous populations by adding the content of resolution 86 and also would like to delete resolution 86. Both resolutions aim at actually some objectives that we would like to ask the ITU to help the indigenous population in the various activities related to ITU. We would like to add that we have in fact convened a meeting on this topic and would like to ask you, sir, to create an hoctd group in order to complete this work. Thank you very much, sir.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Egypt. Next document 22A anyone, the focal points from Asia-Pacific, please? Philippines.

>> PHILIPPINES: Good afternoon. On behalf of the APD administrations I would like to present ACP19, revision 1. This provides a proposal of the Philippines to streamline two resolutions, namely 46 entitled assistance and proposal for indigenous groups in the world, and information and resolution 68 entitled assistance to Indigenous Peoples within the activities of the telecommunication Bureau in its related m practices.

Both aim to promote and assist indigenous communities through ICT. It is absurd that resolution 68 reinforces resolution 46, reserving to support digital inclusion of Indigenous Peoples within the activities and programmes of the telecommunications Bureau. Given the relationship between the two resolution rs, ADT administrations proposal merging or streamlining the two resolutions with a matter to be suppressed. It is the intention to establish a comprehensive resolution that provides assistance and promotion for indigenous communities in the world. That will be all, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Philippines. Can we go back to Africa, Senegal? You are asking? You have the floor, sir.

>> SENEGAL: Thank you, Chairman. It is an honor for Senegal to rep the African Group and briefly present our proposal to merge 18 and 46 in a new resolution. We beef the Geneva plan of action and the Tunisia plans on of U.N. charter on Indigenous People's rights concerning Indigenous Peoples and also in line with the best practices for connecting communities in compliance with the principles of ICTs. Our foundation to continue a work based on the tradition of self sustainability. We ask of the conference on behalf of Indigenous Peoples to strengthen assistance provided under the BDT to boost digital

inclusion through seminars, workshops and training on ICTs, integrating best practices and the experience of these peoples.

Notably through the ICT academies and also to expand access to pilot projects for training and innovation and ownership. We hope that the BDT will be charged with putting in place new mechanisms for cooperation between Indigenous Peoples across the world. Thank you, Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, Senegal. We go to resolution 46. We did have four presentations. We have similar presentations on resolution 68 which is on the same topic. I think all regions are proposing to merge these two resolutions and suppress resolution 68.

If that is the case, then I suggest that we form one Ad Hoc group that would be in charge of both resolution 46 and 68. I'm asking Senegal to be the lead administration coordinating various proposals on this topic. Senegal, would you be prepared to accept this?

>> SENEGAL: Yes, Chairman, it would be a great honor. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much. Considering the amount of work that you have already spent on these two resolutions, my request is that please, if you can provide us with very quickly with the DT document that we can process further and consider it in our meeting, hopefully later tonight.

Thank you. Then we go to resolution 11, telecommunications information and telecommunication technology services in rural, isolated and poorly served areas and indigenous communities. We have two documents. One from CTEL, 20A15. I invite the focal point from CTEL to present this document.

>> MEXICO: Thank you, Chairman. This resolution also has the aim of updating resolution 11, which is on telecommunications and ICTs in ice lated areas. And bear in mind the existing recommendations on this issue. It adds things compared to the previous WTDC. And picks up on work done by the Study Groups done on this issue. It seeks to continue to consider fixed and mobile broadband rollout, and native satellite connections in rural or remote areas. It also proposes metric methodologies to measure conditions with respect to brawpped band. It looks at public private partnerships and their participation through operators, not for profit operators and community operators. It also requests various actions from the Telecommunication Development Bureau to lead efforts focused on providing support from governments for these communities which are in remote areas.

It also requests that the BDT provide assistance to Member States so they can develop policies, mechanisms and regulatory initiatives to reduce the digital divide through increasing

broadband and its adoption. It also touches on activities such as seminars and workshops, the purpose of which will be to exchange best practices in this regard.

That's what we are submitting to you for consideration from CTEL. Thank you very much.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Mexico. Next is document 23A7 by RCC. I invite the focal point from Azerbaijan to present this document. You have the floor, sir.

>> AZERBAIJAN: Thank you, Chairman. Colleagues. On behalf of the regional Commonwealth in the field of telecommunications we offer for your consideration Draft Resolution 11. We note that this area of work is inextricably linked with issues of telecommunication network development including broadband telecommunication networks, fourth generation, fifth generation, and later generation networks, and also solving problems of ensuring nondiscriminatory access to them, and to telecommunication ICT resources. And assisting countries in bridges the digital divide.

And the standardisation gap.

This resolution was considered in Dubai in 14 and in the document there are many references to that conference. The changes are editorial in character and are mainly linked to the changes in references to previous conferences, also some new resolutions have been adopted in recent years.

There is also the proposal to add the text jointly with the standardisation and telecommunications sectors because there was a proposal to add a new section aimed at coordinating and encourage research and the integration of standards.

We consider that these changes will boost the importance of this resolution and also will create the requisite foundation for integrating ICTs in rural, isolated and poorly served areas and also in indigenous communities. Specific proposals are listed in the document.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Azerbaijan. Any comments on resolution 11? The floor is open.

There is no request for the floor. In that case, I am asking Azerbaijan to be the lead country and coordinate with Mexico as the focal point for the CTEL countries and the objective is to provide us with a consolidated text agreed by everybody.

Azerbaijan, do you accept my request?

>> AZERBAIJAN: Yes, Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much. In that case, again similar to other Ad Hoc groups, I am asking you to be as efficient as possible and use the time that is available to the draft, to the Ad Hoc groups from 4:00 o'clock to 6:30 this

evening to please come up with a consolidated text. Thank you very much.

Next we go to resolution 58. Telecommunication information and communication technology accessibility for persons with disabilities including persons with age-related disabilities.

We have three documents. The first is document 19A14 from Africa. I invite --

>> Sorrys Chair, sorry, sorry to interrupt, could you clarify when will resolution 55 be addressed, please?

>> CHAIR: My apologies. I just overlooked resolution 55. So we go back to resolution 55. It is in the list. Resolution 55 is mainstreaming agenda perspective for an inclusive and egalitarian Information Society. We have three documents. The first is 19A3 by Africa region. And I invite the focal point from Africa to please present this document.

The focal point from Africa. South Africa, you have the floor.

>> SOUTH AFRICA: Mr. Chairman, I will ask for your indulgence to come back on this item. Whilst our focal point has arrived. Apologies for that. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: No problem. Next is document 20A16 from CTEL countries. I invite the focal point from CTEL to present this. Canada, you have the floor, Madam.

>> CANADA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And good afternoon, colleagues. It is my pleasure to present on behalf of CTEL resolutions to 55, mainstreaming, for inclusive and egalitarian Information Society, modifications from CTEL reflect the importance of advancing gender equality for our societies for economic and social empowerment of women and girls in ICTs and further align our efforts on moving us closer to achieving the sustainable development goals of the 2030 Agenda. In particular, goal 5, achieve gender equality and empower women and girls.

Modifications also focus on reducing barriers that women and girls encounter to access and use ICTs in terms of digital literacy, including training in STEM fields and to empower women and girls to become creators and developers of telecommunication technology. I would like to inform you, Mr. Chairman, that some industries have approached us and we have started some informal discussions to address their concerns in their proposal. We look forward to working with all interested colleagues on a consensus text on this resolution. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Canada. Next is 24A7 from the European countries. The focal point from Europe, please. Sweden.



>> SWEDEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am happy to present the CPET proposal to resolution 25. The most important part of the European proposal is in the introductory part under noting, making reference to the SDGs with, 5B, which focuses on empowering women and girls in ICT. We also added an additional reference to the SDGs throughout the text.

In addition, under further considering we have added also 8, stating support key recommendations of the report of the Working Group on broadband and gender, of the broadband commission for sustainable development. We also removed outdated references, trying to make the document more timely. Furthermore, we noted that under considering, B, the work task force should be re-replied with Working Group on gender issues.

Under notes further, C, we understand there has been some further developments in the United Nations and it might be appropriate to consider these achievements by adding the following sentence under the comma: As well as the U.N. Secretary General's recent launch of the system wide initiative on gender parity.

As CTEL mentioned we began informal discussions and we are happy to discuss our proposal further with the other regions. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Sweden. Can we go back now to Africa? South Africa? Are you ready?

South Africa, please.

>> SOUTH AFRICA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The contribution from the African Group in relation to the resolution 55 in the main is that the BDT should maintain the cross links and collaboration as appropriate with the task force on gender issues. As set out by the Secretary General and the Working Group on broadband and gender for the broadband commission for digital development.

As well as to ensure reciprocity for supporting the gender mainstreaming in U.N. activities. And those groups that should join forces to eliminate inequalities in access to any use of telecommunication. In the interests of building a non-discriminate inventory and egalitarian Information Society.

Thank you, Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, South Africa. I'm seeking volunteers to take the lead on this resolution 55.

Sweden?

>> SWEDEN: On behalf of CPTES, Sweden is happy to take the lead.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much. I understand you have already started your formal discussions. My request is to expedite the work and try to provide us with a consolidated text, preferably for our meeting later this evening.

Ladies and gentlemen, colleagues, it is almost 4:00 o'clock. We have to give now the time to the Ad Hoc groups. But I understand the observer from the World Health Organization is seeking the floor. And I invite the observer from WHO to take the floor. You have the floor.

>> WHO: Thank you very much. Good afternoon. My name is Nick Banatrello and I lead the U.N. secretary on the interagency task force on the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases which includes cardiovascular, cancer, chronic lung disease and diabetes as well as mental health and injuries. Since 2013 the World Health Organization and International Telecommunication Union have been collaborating on joint and health initiative: Be healthy, be mobile. The initiative works with governments and development partners including academia and the private sector to create and sustain large scale health programmes tackling NCDs. Not pilot initiatives, but national programmes.

The initiative is currently focused on smoking cessation, diabetes, hypertension, cervical cancer and asthma and is operating in Burkina Faso, Egypt, India, Norway, the Philippines, Senegal, Tunisia, the U.K., Papua New Guinea and Zambia. Today there are over 3 million people across the world that are part of be healthy, be mobile.

But the initiative provides a platform responding to other public health challenges. It is supported national Ebola efforts and looking to scale up action on tuberculosis.

Be healthy be mobile is an example of how we can sectors can work together on the ground, they set forth the mandates show that the sectors can be more than the individual parts. We are looking to expand our work to extend be healthy be mobile to other. We are eager to hear from new future partners. Let ITU or WHO know if you would like to know more on how you can join us. Thank you very much.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, the observer from WHO.

I see that Saudi Arabia is asking for the floor. Very quickly, if you can, please. Sir.

>> SAUDI ARABIA: Thank you, Chairman. And good afternoon, everyone. As far as I know, Chairman, you asked for a report on resolution number 20?

I was not in the room, but I am ready to present or do a presentation on this resolution as soon as you require it, sir. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thanks, Distinguished Delegate from Saudi Arabia, we will go forward with that when we come back at 1830. You can present at that time.

I see that Japan is asking for the floor. Japan?

>> JAPAN: Thank you very much for the presentation on WHO. On the Committee, we also input a new resolution called on eHealth. Please review SCP22 A.6. Thank you very much.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Japan, for being very brief and efficient. Now we can make some announcements. We would be suspending our meeting and resume our work at 1830 this evening. I'm asking you to please come back at 1830. In the meantime, the Ad Hoc groups should work, in particular the hocstd group on Study Group questions would start work immediately in room Atopico A and they have until 1830 to do their work. In addition, I have asked the Secretariat to provide them with rooms as of tomorrow from 8 to 11. And this will be announced on the screens outside the room.

So with this, I think we need to adjourn our meeting now and come back at 1830. Sweden is asking for the floor. Please be as brief as you can. Sweden.

>> SWEDEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. First I would like to thank ITU and the secretariat for the updated version of the ITU app which now contains the complete meeting schedule of the conference. It will make it easier for the Delegations.

But I would also request that you try as soon as possible to update with the information of the meetings that you announced today are available in the app also. I think this will be an item that would be very useful for the Delegates in the future to see exactly where the meeting takes place. You don't have to go to the screen or use your computer. You can just use the app. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Sweden. We take note of your request. I'm sure the Secretariat would try their best to satisfy the point that you mentioned.

Any other requests for the floor? No?

Thank you. The meeting is closed.

(The meeting adjourned at 1605 local time.)

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