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>> CHAIR: Dear friends, Ladies and Gentlemen. Let's start our meeting. We only have one hour and this is our last session. First, during the four meetings of the Working Group of Plenary of Friday last week we concluded discussion on the draft text Strategic Plan. And we started discussion following the presentation of the document by the membership. At the end of the session was established the -- a drafting group on various areas which was to be chaired by my dear friend from South Africa, one of my four Vice-Chairmen. So don't -- you will have work. I want to thank her for the excellent work that she did on Saturday which resulted in a very good outcome.

I also want to thank the Delegates who participated in the work of the drafting group who really went through all certainties.

Friends, I want to start to adopt the ITU-D Strategic Plan. We already agreed on Friday. Please refer to DL/68, a temporary document 16 which shows changes in track mode for your reference. I ask the Secretariat to project temporary document 16. Take some time but it will be on the screen. Here we are.

You see the bodies of practical displaying text as a result of our deliberation. And if you go out little by little you see that. Yes. And please go further so you see all the text. If

you see there is still a footnote proposed by CITELE on the outputs, Strategic Plan of the other sector, it really -- this proposal to drop the footnote. If CITELE wants the text of the footnote it could be reported as a compromise in my report to the Plenary. So it will not disappear the idea but will not be included in the text of the Strategic Plan. Can we agree with this procedure? United States of America.

>> UNITED STATES: Thank you, Chairman and good morning, everyone. Well, Chairman, we had considerable discussion regarding what the outputs were for the ITU-D for the strategic plan. And it was extremely important for us in our region that we had an understanding. And when someone picked up this document they understood what the products and services were. We insist that we retain this footnote. We do not agree to delete it. Thank you very much.

>> CHAIR: Uruguay.

>> URUGUAY: Good morning, Chair. As explained by the Delegate of the United States CITELE would like to see this footnote, would like to see this retained. Thank you, Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. Cote D'Ivoire.

>> COTE D'IVOIRE: Thank you, Chair. With regards to the African region we put forward a draft which is in alignment with the outcomes of 1/5 but we can't see our changes in the draft put forward. Therefore we seek your clarification here, Chair.

>> CHAIR: Yeah. The question was not to use the output I was told. However our output is commonly used in all Strategic Plan. So is that the reason why it remains like that? Now I understand that CITELE wanted to add a footnote, if the meeting agrees, was a proposal to streamline the text, will remain a footnote as it is. No request from the floor. So that's the case, remain the footnote. But it is a pity that the different Strategic Plans are a different approach. But that's the life.

So with that I think we have -- we can -- I note that we can adopt this Strategic Plan. Note that there is dynamics that was -- you have not really discussed. There were simply reporting what we have decided. In fact, I have forwarded to the Chairman of Committee 3 in order to update these linkage, to take in to account the -- what has been in the -- their action plan and so to have the real latest version. Maybe you will -- at the final end you would see slightly modified this annex. Because as together we with the Strategic Plan has been forwarded to Committee 3. I thank the Chair for Committee 3 for the -- further action.

With that we can propose -- United States of America, please.

>> UNITED STATES: Thank you, Chairman. Just further clarification, have we discussed annex A in a drafting group or

in this meeting? If we have, apologies, but I don't recall having that discussion on this document. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: No, I think -- I had to be clear. 3A has not been discussed. It is simply reporting the decision taken on this Strategic Plan because there are the outcome. And as I say the linkage with the goals has not been discussed in this group. It will be discussed in the Committee 3 according to the action plan and decision taken by Committee 3. It is from our concern only reporting what are the outcomes and the right outcome. The linkage and the -- with the goals that is a matter of Committee 3. I hope I was clear. United States of America.

>> UNITED STATES: Thank you, Chairman. I'm sorry to take the floor again. So we are just going to transmit this document -- this annex A to Committee 3 without any -- it is not approved. It is just for information? Or do we expect Committee 3 to make some decisions regarding this document?

>> CHAIR: We are transmitting the actual Strategic Plan as endorsed by this group while this annex is only for information because it is reported in the Strategic Plan and associated goals and the linkages should be decided by Committee 3. So it is for information in this case. I hope this -- United States.

>> UNITED STATES: Thank you, Chairman. Just that the United States would like to reserve coming back to this document because as we see that this document attributes the SDGs across the ITU-D strat plan. And we would be interested to see how this would lead in to the other work, especially as we get in to the Council Working Group on the strat plan. So we would like to reserve coming back after we see the complete picture of the adoption of the documents.

>> CHAIR: It is clear that I say annex 3 is for referencing of Committee 3. So we are not approving now annex 3. But to complete is necessary to have all the text. Now the goal should be discussed in Committee 3 according to the action plan they adopted it. That's my understanding. Because we cannot advance what will happen in Committee 3. And you are all free to discuss in Committee 3 what you deem appropriate. Singapore.

>> SINGAPORE: Thank you, Chairman. On behalf of the Asia-Pacific Region I would like to bring attention to output 2-1. I think the original proposal from the Asia-Pacific Region is the effective and efficient management of proper use of telecommunication number resources. So I would like to get the Secretariat to add numbering. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: I think that's -- I think that was the general output we see in service and technology. That includes all the numbering results to go in the action plan because it was the understanding that everything is included in this fact and not to make details. So that's the reasoning. So should be in the

action plan and should figure there. Can we move further and go to what is remaining? Because we have quite a lot of things to do still. And let's move to the Buenos Aires Declaration. And my Vice-Chairman to present the work of the drafting group containing the DL/71 temporary document 7 with track changes for your reference. Ms. Poní, I give you the floor.

>> INGRID PONÍ: Thank you very much Honorable Chairperson. Our group met from 9:30 to 1700 on Saturday and made some considerable progress. And for this I would like to thank all Delegations who participated. We managed to reach consensus on a number of issues. However they asked you some square brackets on the declarations, that part. As in some of these areas Member States needed to consult before taking a final decision. The theme text as indicated to Member States is found in DL/71 and the one with the modifications is in DT/17.

Now the panels which were not resolves first were 7. They were divergent as to whether technologies and applications acquired since this coincided with similar text to Resolution 9. The focal point for S9 was consulted on this. And I do believe that some consensus has been reached at that level which would also influence the decision with regard to this para. In para 8 there is some language in square brackets which is proposed to be added related to capacity building on this issue.

Moving on to para or 17, personal data protection and privacy should form part of the text that some Member States required consultation in this regard before making a final decision. The last issue was on Declares 22 where we are presenting two options as a number of Member States were not comfortable with some of the weighting contained in square brackets.

Chairperson, let me conclude by once again thanking Member States for their spirit of cooperation and also their assistance they afforded me in carrying this work forward. And finally let me also thank the Secretariat for all their assistance and support. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Ms. Poní, for the good work you have performed during the weekend and which I have assisted from the back door let's say. Now as we heard from you there are four issues that are in brackets which are subject for consultation also. I hope to solve after you finish the meeting. Can we try to solve this issue here? Because really I do not want to give the Chairman of the Plenary text with square brackets. We are reopening the question. If possible, I'll try to give him a clean, agreed text. But if it is not possible, ha-ha, that's the reply.

So we -- you point out the first item on Declares 7. Can we have agreement? Can we provide to either remove the square

brackets or remove the text in square brackets because that's the alternative?

So let's try --

>> URUGUAY: Chair, on behalf of CITELE we would like to emphasize that today at 3:30 we have a coordination meeting and at this point we will discuss these points which are still in square brackets. Unfortunately at the moment we don't have a regional position on these outstanding points. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Okay. That means the square brackets remains and I have no other meeting. And that's a pity but the Russian Federation.

>> RUSSIAN FEDERATION: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Document as English, I will speak in English. Our proposal and many members of the Ad Hoc Group expressed the view that we may delete square brackets but keep the text. Because if you read the text carefully, it said that new emerging technology trends in telecommunications/ICT and then such as Delegation not from our region, from different region expressed the view that when it says such it is good to have as a sample of new emerging technologies. Moreover all technologies are mentioned in the Strategic Plan in Resolution 71 and, for example, Artificial Intelligence is a topic for next political Forum. I think it is clear recognition by the -- all members of the importance of those things mentioned here and our proposal is to remove square brackets and keep the text. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Germany.

>> GERMANY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We are going to repeat the text as the discussion that was already and then in the group on CITELE this is the reason why there are square brackets. There were some countries that didn't want in particular the listing of technologies or trends. There was a clear statement from Uruguay with regard to the CITELE region. I do not believe that we resumed the discussion. We listened carefully to the arguments of the Distinguished Delegate from Russia which are very valuable but we should leave the regions to coordinate themselves. And so far we are in favor of keeping the square brackets at the moment. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: According to what the Delegate of Russia, and please correct me, when the (inaudible) will change year by year basis. So if we delete what is in brackets, not in brackets, new emerging energy trends in telecommunication should be a better nested proposal supporting global efforts in further development of Information Society. It does not give an example. As you say the examples are already in some Resolution or are in the operational plan. So why not deleting the little -- the example because the example is always dangerous. Russia.

>> RUSSIAN FEDERATION: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would

like to use your own -- you reminded several times that the declaration is not mainly for the ITU people. The declaration is mainly for people outside of the ITU. And those samples are known for many people outside of the ITU. And we simply want to demonstrate that we are working on this direction and it also reflects ITU specificity in ITU activities. We do not agree to delete those samples.

>> CHAIR: So we stay in square brackets but I believe that Argentina will bring us a way forward.

>> ARGENTINA: Thank you, Chair. Simply I just want to echo the previous comments. This is a general declaration of which we are trying to show what ITU is working on in the rest of the world. We don't participate in our work. We understand that in our sector new trends and technologies are constantly evolving. In a year we might be talking about something else. It is important to give some references, to give some guides to those looking at the document and other organizations that are working on. Therefore we think that some examples should be retained to ensure that the text has meaning. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. So remain square brackets and I hope that in consultation we will go on. So when the Chairman has to deal with this in Plenary, we will have not -- we will not reopen again the same discussion. The next paragraph with the square brackets is 8. And I understand that there has been some agreement on the text of Resolution 9. Can we -- can we propose deletion of the square brackets? Any opposition to delete the square brackets? Uruguay.

>> URUGUAY: I'm sorry for taking the floor once again. Because I explained in my earlier intervention and we don't have a regional position on the square brackets which we are extending until we have our drafting meeting on these outstanding points later. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: So but in your consideration taking in to account that Resolution No. 9 reached some conclusion and maybe will -- since it is only CITELE when I forward the text can eventually delete these square brackets. That's -- remain clear. No problem. So I understand that the -- if we can try to go to the item 17, and there is square brackets in all the text, plus extra square brackets in the middle, any proposal to solve this problem? Russian Federation.

>> RUSSIAN FEDERATION: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to inform you that this text was almost agreed during the discussion because I was coordinating preparation of this text. However, at the last minute there was a proposal to put the (inaudible) as well as personal data protection and privacy to the first line instead of seven lines. If it is possible for other organizations, Asian organizations, I would propose to

delete square brackets and what -- as well as personal data protection and privacy at the first place and keep the second place. And ask my colleague from the regional organization who proposed to move it to achieve compromise to agree with that. And then I have a feeling that we may keep 17. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. We will make a try. Can the meeting agree on the proposal to delete the text in the first square brackets and to delete the square brackets from the second part? And as a consequence I understand there is square brackets in entire 17. So can we proceed accordingly? If the -- United States of America.

>> UNITED STATES: Thank you, Chairman. So our colleague from Uruguay has already stated that we are going to have a coordination meeting this afternoon to sort out the square brackets. But on this particular point I would still need further clarification from capital at home. So I would need further time to consult on this. Sorry. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: So I think my recollection, I did what was possible because we do not solve any problem. And we keep coming with the same text in square brackets. So now let's move to 22 where there are two alternatives. Any proposal for solution or party consultation with CITEL? But there is a preference for one or the other? I see no requests for the floor. That means that the text remains like it is because there is no proposal for changing. Provided my Vice-Chairman's proposal to solve last minute. Different position. I see no requests for the floor. So I am afraid we will stay with the text like it is.

And very bad for our Plenary, for our Chairman. I hope that they solve the problem -- the problem will be solved by informal consultation prior to I have to report to the Plenary. I hope you report to the Plenary with a clean text without square brackets. If you need assistance and extra time because I do not want to arrive at Plenary with text in square brackets and it is not good for my dear friend Chairman. So with that I'm afraid we cannot move any further. You have any suggestion, Mr. Zawazawa? There is a proposal in 22 to adopt the first version and to delete the second version. Can we agree the first version in square brackets to discussion and not to have the second version? Only have one version in square brackets at least this sector? It seems that that's the case because I have no requests for the floor. So we have only the first version -- Mexico.

>> MEXICO: Thank you, Chair. The second version is a CITEL proposal. And as our colleagues from Uruguay have said we have still not taken a decision on the square bracketed text. We cannot support the option offered.

>> CHAIR: United States of America.

>> UNITED STATES: Thank you, Chairman. Just to concur with

our colleagues from Mexico and Uruguay. We hope to have this resolved this afternoon through our coordination meeting with CITEL.

>> CHAIR: Let's hope for the best. I have to inform. Since it is only CITEL maybe we can come in one or two solutions. The other one is more complex. Please inform ME and continue in informal consultation. Myself and Ms. Poni are at your disposal to move the problem. Before I report to the Plenary, I do not want the Chairman to be in a difficult position. Having said that we cannot adopt with this square bracket the Buenos Aires Declaration. No requests from the floor. I thank you for your cooperation.

We are a little bit ahead of schedule. But we did make progress. I prefer to spend more time to make progress, but we can make what is possible. So being our last session allow me first to thank all my four Vice-Chairmen who did really support me. We have had several coordination meetings. And I thank the Chairmen of the Ad Hoc Group who met during the meeting. And I thank also Mr. Zawazawa and all the staff was supportive in this text. So before I go Portugal.

>> PORTUGAL: Thank you. Just to congratulate you for your wonderful efforts you have made. We are always very proud of your wise and balanced Chairmanship.

>> CHAIR: Thank you for the support given. And so with that I think we can conclude our meeting. Thank you.

(Gavel)

(Session concluded at 12:04 p.m. ART)

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