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>> CHAIR: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to our ninth session in Committee 3. The Draft Agenda is in Document 25E, ADM/25E, and I pass this document to be presented -- I mean, to be displayed on the screen. Thank you very much.

The Draft Agenda is, as I said Document ADM/25E, and in this Draft Agenda, we'll be covering a number of different topics. Those topics are contained in Document DL/81, and the reason that we have put -- put it in this way is that because Document DL/81 is evolving as we progress. The work is in good progress, and so we would like to have the flexibility of being able to present and discuss the work which is being carried out and continued to be completed by different Ad Hoc Groups. So I'll submit the Draft Agenda as contained in ADM/25 for your approval. Any comments?

Ukraine is asking for the floor. You have the floor, sir.

Ladies and gentlemen, bear with us because we need to take into account what has already been discussed in various Ad Hoc Groups. Just bear with me for a minute or two. I'll get back to you, so ...

Thank you for your patience. Now we can go to the Draft Agenda, and my proposal was to adopt the Draft Agenda as contained in Item ADM/25. Any requests for the floor? None. I'll take it that you approve the Draft Agenda, as in this document. Thank you very much.

Then we go to Document DL/81. In Document DL/81 we have a number of different topics. We start with the status report of the Study Group Questions, and I'd like to suggest that we start with Question 7/2. There is a Document DT/20 that has been available, and I ask Mr. Babu to first very briefly inform the meeting of your progress, and then we'll go to this Document DT/20 on Question 7/2. Mr. Babu.

>> KISHORE BABU: Thank you very much, Chairman, and since I'm meeting all of you today first time, very good morning and best wishes for today's session as well as the upcoming sessions.

And to apprise you of our developments and discussions during the Study Group meetings, Chairman -- and first and foremost, let me acknowledge the first I appreciate the participation from all the members, and many meetings have happened. That's the reason I'm unable to count at this moment how many drafting discussions happened.

Last session we had just been completed, and yesterday night people were available until 11:30 to 11:40 p.m. to give their inputs actively in understanding of questions.

Now, coming to generally about the Study Group Question status, we have finished all the questions of the Study Group 1 and Study Group 2 existing questions except the Question 1 of 1 which is under discussion right now. We are expected to complete it in the next session, which we are going to start from 12:30.

Apart from this, Chairman, we have here observations. There were a few proposals for Questions 6/2 and L/2. There's was general agreement about it.

There's also a proposal from Arab Group to merge Question 6/2 and 7/2, and since that is not decided at the drafting group, we wanted to bring that to your level to decide about the major part, but the text and as well as titles for the questions have been finalized in case we decide to keep them independent. Text are available and details are available. This is our submission, and with regard to other questions, there are already some details that are available as per the agenda. A few more details will be coming to you for the next meeting. This is our update up until now. Thank you, Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, Mr. Babu, for your progress report.

Then in light of your explanation, Mr. Babu, I suggest that we skip those questions that are still pending, including combination and merger of different questions, and I understood from your presentation that Question 7/2 is still subject to discussions whether it should be merged with other questions or not, so I'm suggesting that for the time being we skip Question 7/2 until the time that we have a more definitive hopefully consolidated text on this question.

Mr. Babu, my question is now with regard to Question 5/2, as in Document DT/43. Have you finished everything, and can we

consider Document DT/43?

>> KISHORE BABU: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With regard to Question 5/2, the text is completely ready and is approved from the members. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much. Can we see Document DT/43? Yes. Can you scroll down? This is the output of the Ad Hoc Group on Study Group Questions. I understand there are no square brackets and everything was agreed by those who participated in the working -- in the Ad Hoc Group on Study Group Questions. Any comments on this document? Any requests for the floor? None. Can I take it that everybody agrees with adopting the revised Question 5/2, as contained in Document DT/43? Excellent. Thank you very much. I'll take it that you approve.

And there is a question from Venezuela. Venezuela, please go ahead.

Now there is a question from Mali.

>> MALI: Thank you, Chairman. I simply wanted to go to Question 7/2. I'd like to draw everyone's attention --

>> CHAIR: Mali, please, we are on Question 5/2. We are on question 5/2.

>> MALI: No, I think 7/2.

>> CHAIR: No. We're on 5/2. We'll come back to 7/2.

>> MALI: Because we already passed by that. Okay.

>> CHAIR: Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Any objection to adopting and approving the work of the Ad Hoc Group on Study Group Questions with regard to Question 5/2? No objection? No requests for the floor? Thank you very much. So decided, this committee approves the work of the Ad Hoc Group on Study Group Question with respect to Question 5/2.

Then we'll go to Question 1/2. Mr. Babu, could you advise us whether the text you have in Document DT/44 is the final, final text, no square brackets, and everybody agreed to the text in your Ad Hoc Group. Mr. Babu.

>> KISHORE BABU: Thank you, Chairman. The question is to 2/2 -- I'm sorry, discussing 1 --

>> CHAIR: 1/2.

>> KISHORE BABU: 1/2. Okay. Thank you, Chairman. The Question 1/2 is entering the title. It has been finalized along with the text. Thank you very much.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Mr. Babu. Then I am seeking your views on Document DT/44, the output of the Working -- of the Ad Hoc Group on Question 1/2. There are no square brackets. There is a unified text. This is the consolidated text of all proposals on this question. I see a request for the floor from ATDI. You have the floor.

>> ATDI: Thank you, Chairman. Good morning. The question that I ask, we discussed this issue quite a number ago, and you had many -- some modifications. The question is the Document 44 is the last version that we were discussing, because when did we -- you insert the document if only one hour ago we completed the

discussion? So the question is, is it the last version? Thank you, Chair.

>> CHAIR: Could you scroll down the -- this document for Mr. Babu to check whether it's the last version they considered in this Ad Hoc Group?

>> KISHORE BABU: Just could we look at the title once, please. No, actually, sorry, Chairman, this is not the last version because the title was finalized in the previous meeting. Perhaps the new version is yet to be updated.

>> CHAIR: Okay.

>> KISHORE BABU: But the title and everything else is finalized as well as the Distinguished Delegation. It is complete and without any square brackets.

>> CHAIR: Okay. Thank you very much. We'll come back to this Document 44. It is not -- the version that we have in the system is not the final definitive version. I just noted that there is a square bracket in this version of the document, and so we will come back to Question 1/2 when we have the new version processed in the system.

In order to avoid further confusion, I suggest that we leave the Study Group Questions for the time being and wait for the system to process the documents that were just considered by the Ad Hoc Group on Study Group Questions and then come back to it at our next session or maybe towards the end of this session.

There is no other way because we have no other final document that we could consider at this time.

So in the meeting I would like to move to the third agenda on the -- the third item on the agenda, which on Action Plan. We would begin with a report from the chairman of the Working Group on the Plenary. The report is in Document 58, and to this document 58, we have -- there was an attachment. It's DT/16. It is the result of the work that the Working Group of the Plenary did, and I draw attention to this document so that we could take them into account in our discussion on the subject on Action Plan and Strategic Plan. Any comment on this? Any requests from the floor? None. Thank you very much.

We'll now go to Number 4, which is the Action Plan. Similarly to Document 58, we also have Document 8, which has been prepared earlier. This Document 8 would assist us in our discussions on -- on our deliberations on the Action Plan. We do not need to present this Document 8. This is the background document, and I draw your attention to this document that we may be able to benefit from the content of this document in our discussions.

Next is Document 20A18 on Action Plan. This document is from CITELE, and I invite the focal point from CITELE to please present this document. Canada, you have the floor, ma'am.

>> CANADA: Thank you, Chairman, and good morning, colleagues. On behalf of CITELE, I have the honor to present this to the ITU-D. These edits, the edits of CITELE, aim to do three

things. First, the closely aligned ITU objectives with outputs and outcomes with principles of results-based management.

Second, clarify the ITU's role related to the WSIS Action Lines and the Sustainable Development Goals, as well as ITU-D's role in contributing to their implementation, ensuring ITU-D operates within the mandate given by the ITU membership and according to its core competencies and expertise.

And finally, to consolidate all the administration's concerns regarding issues that should be addressed in the next period. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and we remain open to any questions, and we look forward to contributing to our consensus text. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Canada. Next we have a document from the Arab Group, 21A32, and I invite the focal point from the Arab Group, which is Egypt, to please present this document.

>> EGYPT: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good morning, everybody. It is my honor to present to you the update of the Arab Group to the draft Buenos Aires Action Plan. This proposal comes in the framework of the update of the Strategic Plan, namely with regard to the objectives of the Action Plan. We have three main points.

First of all, the Action Plan must include the issues concerning electronic waste as well as electronic inclusion and the use of renewable resources. This is, in a nutshell, what comes in the update of the Action Plan, as presented by the Arab Group, and we look forward to consolidating all the proposals on this issue. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, Egypt.

Next we have four documents from Asia Pacific, 22A14/1, /2, /3, /4, and I invite the focal point from Asia Pacific, Singapore, to please present this document. You have the floor.

>> SINGAPORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On behalf of the Asia Pacific region, I'm pleased to present to the meeting our proposed amendments to the ITU-D Action Plan. As you've mentioned, we A14 is presented. I'll present all four together and give an overview of our key proposals.

First, the Asia Pacific region recognizes that we are facilitating the digital economy, and you see in our proposals we have put digital economy into the aspects of the plan. We also propose renewable areas in the management of telecommunication member resources, combating counterfeit and combating mobile device theft and enhancing interconnectivity. We propose for the BDT to carry out a comprehensive study of LDCs, LLDCs, and SIDS. Those are our proposed amendments, and we look forward to working with the other regions on the consolidated document. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, Singapore. Next is Document 24A19, this is from CITELE, and I invite the focal point from CITELE to present this document. I'm sorry, this is a document

from CEPT, and I invite the focal point from CEPT to please present this document. Czech Republic, please.

>> CZECH REPUBLIC: Good morning, everybody, and thank you very much, Mr. Chairman, for giving us the floor. The Action Plan and CEPT version focuses on three areas.

First, there are editorials because we would like to align this Action Plan to the most -- to the last development intersector. We also focused on some editorial that could be done across the document but also across the sector using or uniting using of terms such as "telecommunication," "ICT," and so on, so these expressions should be unified, and it concerns quite a number of expressions.

Then we are focusing on developing countries or Member States in need. There should not be general obligation for all the members, but there could be that are meant more precisely, especially in certain situations in certain objectives.

And our last focus is on gender equality, including toolkits with assessment tools and guidelines for development and implementation of the digital streaming and so on, and preferably the programme for empowering girls and women in order to achieve gender equality.

We are open to any comments and are looking forward to have the compared version that will suit everybody or all the regions and all the states. Thank you very much.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Czech Republic. Next we have six documents by Sector member ESOA, and I invite the representative from ESOA to present these six documents. You have the floor.

>> ESOA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's my pleasure to present the EMEA Satellite Operator Association Action Plan on ITU-D.

Consistent with the belief that achieving the Sustainable Development Goals in a timely manner will require leveraging a variety of telecommunications and ICTs. ESOA's contribution is intended to promote a technology-neutral approach to working towards the ITU-D's objectives.

In particular, ESOA's contribution addresses matters related to broadband networks, key technologies for rural communications, disaster preparedness, and creating an enabling policy and regulatory framework. That's our brief summary, and we look forward to discussing these proposals in more detail at an appropriate time. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much for a very quick presentation of your document.

Now the floor is open for any general remarks. Any requests for the floor? None.

Then I would propose that we form an Ad Hoc Group which would be tasked to consider all different proposals on the Action Plan and come up with a consolidated text. I am suggesting that we request the vice chair from Spain, the vice chair of Committee 3 from Spain, to take the leading role in

coordinating various different proposals on Action Plan. Blanca.

>> BLANCA GONZALEZ: Thank you very much, Chairman. We will do the best we can. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Many, many thanks for accepting my request. I'm sure that we are in very good hands and we can proceed to the next agenda item.

The fifth point in our document today are General Matters. We have three documents. One is CTO/40, and I invite the author to please present this.

If they're not in the room, then we can go to the next document. It's Document Number 48. It is from the Internet Society, and I invite the Internet Society to please present this document.

If they're not in the room, then I'll go to the next document -- oh, they are in the room. Okay. Internet Society, you have the floor.

>> INTERNET SOCIETY: Thank you very much. My name is Raul Echeberria. I'm the vice president of the Internet Society. This is the first time we are taking the floor. Let me congratulate you on your appointment, wish you the best of luck over the next few days of intense negotiations.

Going to the -- to the point, ladies and gentlemen, officials, esteemed colleagues and delegates, we appreciate this meeting to introduce our contribution. The Internet Society is a global not-for-profit organization committed to making the Internet available to everyone everywhere.

For 25 years we have worked in collaboration to promote and advance Internet growth and development. Internet Society has worked during those 25 years everywhere to bring the Internet to people to improve their lives.

As the organizational home for the Internet Engineering Task Force and the Online Trust Alliance, we are actually engaged in Internet standards activities and Internet trust and security issues. I will be brief and highlight for you that our contribution draws on our experiences that have brought much success in Internet development.

We know the public-private partnerships, stakeholder collaboration, and normative solutions for Internet development are key success factors in bringing the Internet to everyone. Many people are unconnected, and we believe that to achieve the goal of bringing Internet access to more of the world's population, new ways of thinking and new partnerships are required.

Thinking ways to enable connectivity are, one, new policies to enable new networks. We encourage participants to consider policies that enable normative approaches to connect people in underserved communities. Community networks are one of those ways. They are infrastructure deployed and operated by citizens to meet their own communication needs. Community networks can and do provide affordable connectivity. New policy and

regulatory approaches to support community networks include experimental licensing, spectrum approaches to support them, shared secondary use, and TVWS, and new approaches to funding them. For example, changing universal service funds to help in the deployment.

We just released the new paper on spectrum approaches for community networks, and we recommend you take a look at that. It is time to align the policy framework and regulations for improving our ability of achieving Sustainable Development Goals.

Security. We wish participants to think globally and act locally to foster security solutions that will foster impenetrable and secure networks. That is not one single solution that could be taken by one single stakeholder. Collective responsibility is needed.

To encourage participants to implement proven approaches for Internet growth and development, such as the multi-stakeholder model and enabling and betterment approach. We have to bring the multistakeholder model to the local level to drive solutions that address local needs.

Finally, we encourage participants to consider the diversity of roles in the Internet ecosystems, and that's the whole participation being included in discussions on internal matters, to ensure that expertise, technical knowledge, and lessons learned on values internal development aspects from stakeholders is well represented. Thank you very much.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much. Next we go to Document 49 by Canada. You have the floor, Madam.

>> CANADA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for giving me the floor again. Canada would like to present our contribution entitled "Empowering Women through the Internet." This contribution showcases current projects around the globe from the network economy's programme of Canada's International Development Research Center, IDRC, which aims to support better gender-related outcomes to technology and development in three related areas. First, by enhancing pro-women policies and rights online; second, by improving governments and creating economic opportunities that empower women by testing and scaling digital innovations; and lastly, by improving access to technology and the skills needed to create and innovate.

Mr. Chairman, while I still have the floor, I would like to bring to the attention of our colleagues the information Document 3E, entitled "Summary Report of the Side Event Shaping the Future of the Internet with Gender Equality." This event took place on Tuesday, October the 10th, at the Google offices, organized by the Internet Society, ISOC, in partnership with the International Development Research Center of Canada, IDRC, the Association for Progressive Communications, APC, and Google, along with participation from the Argentinean government and ITU equals Intech. This side event aims to include an inclusive



dialogue around two main issues, access and leadership for gender equality. We believe that in order to move us closer to achieving the Sustainable Development Goal 5, achieve gender equality and empower women and girls, we need to examine more closely the role that ICTs and in particular the Internet can play in advancing a more inclusive, developed, and sustainable society. We hope that the summary of these discussions highlighted in the document can feed into the development of key recommendations that policymakers in the world of ICTs can work towards in the fulfillment of SDG -- SDG 5 on empowering women and girls and ensuring they're equally integrated into the digital society and enjoy the opportunities of the Internet. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Canada. Can we go back to Document 40 from CTO, if they are now in the room? I believe it is Caribbean Telecommunication Organization? Not in the room? We will come back to this document at a later stage. So on this document, 48 and 49, I suggest that we take note of these documents and move -- we move forward. Any comments? Thank you very much.

Now we continue with our consideration of other issues. First is Resolution 9. You may recall that we did have an Ad Hoc on Resolution 9. There is Document DT/27, and I invite the chair of this Ad Hoc Group to please present a report. You have the floor, madam.

>> Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm pleased to inform you that following our third Ad Hoc last evening we have, indeed, concluded the review of Resolution 9. Once again, I would like to acknowledge the excellent spirit of cooperation, which was evident during that meeting, as displayed during the Saturday Ad Hoc as well as the brief meeting we held on Monday morning.

Chairman, I'm pleased to offer you and Committee 3 Document DT/27, the revised Resolution 9 with no further changes made to the version as of Saturday, 14th October. Before I hand the floor back to you, Chairman, I would like to put on record my appreciation to everyone who attended the Res. 9 Ad Hoc drafting meetings. As I mentioned previously, but for the collective efforts of all parties present and the conciliatory mood evident in the room all three times we met, we would not have been able to conclude our work so expeditiously. Towards this, as chair of the Ad Hoc, I would like to acknowledge a few of our colleagues whose contributions are key to the swift but purposeful review of Resolution 9, and they are the regional focal points for Res 9. For the APT, Mr. Nguyen Ngoc Canh, for the Arab States, Dr. Fadel Digham; for ATU, Mr. Belaid Hamza; for CEPT, Mr. Dominique Wurges; for CITELECOM, Mr. Gregory Ratta; and for RCC, Mr. Sergey Pastukh, all have become my brothers over the short but impactful time we spent on Resolution 9. I am deeply moved by how gracious each of them has been in this process.

Chairman, I would like to thank also Mr. Brahim Sanou and Mr. Francois Rancy, who joined us for the Ad Hocs for the whole

of Saturday, I might add. Their contributions are very helpful and presence encouraging and I thank them for that. Chairman, thank you for your presence at the Ad Hoc and your wise council. I'm sorry I can't name others who have helped us reach this outcome.

Is it my pleasure to have the distinct to work with everyone in Res. 9, and I look forward to this document continuing to be a key resolution for the work of ITU-D moving forward. DT/27 is yours, Chairman. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much for the Ad Hoc Group on Resolution 9. Can we scroll slowly on this document? This document, of course, is the body of the resolution, and there is an annex to it.

As the chair of the Ad Hoc mentioned already, there has been extensive consultations and discussions, and there is consensus on this resolution as well as on the annex to this resolution. The floor is open for any comment. Egypt.

>> EGYPT: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well, towards a group Resolution 9 started at 9D8, to this point, looking into the past, I would like to say that I'm really honored to have worked as a chairman of this resolution in close collaboration with all the members of the management team from both ITU-R and ITU-D, namely from ITU-D the director, Mr. Sanou, and the chairman of Study Group 1, Madam Roxanne, and from the BDT side, Dr. Ken Estashavan, and Ms. Christine, and also our colleagues and friends from the ITU party, and on the top of it, Mr. Rancy, the director, Mr. Philip Obineu, and my colleague Mr. Sergey. I'm really very proud and honored of the work we conducted together, and looking ahead and actually saying to them, to both directors right now, we have full trust in fulfilling the needs of the developing countries, and we have come up with what's needed to fulfill such needs, and just a final word for our lady, the director or the chairperson of the other group, I -- Ad Hoc Group, I want to thank those who are able to collect opinions and come to this consensus, and actually, I would say that this agreement right now on this text reflects that there was no contention in the past and there won't be any contention in the future. Thank you very much.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Egypt. Next is Vietnam.

>> VIETNAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Resolution 9 is one very important topic. Before this meeting, there are very diverse view among regions on these resolutions. Vietnam wants to congratulate the success of the Ad Hoc Group on this resolution. We appreciate and thank the effort of the chair of the group and to create the cooperation spirit between regions. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Vietnam. Can I take it that we can adopt the Revised Resolution 9 as contained in Document DT/27E?

Any objection? None? Thank you very much. So decided. And please join me in applauding the Ad Hoc Group --

(Applause)

-- for the excellent work that they did and the well-abled chairmanship of my good friend. I look forward to the same spirit of cooperation on other sensitive topics that are before us.

Okay. Next is Resolution 15. We have Document 38, and I invite the chair of the Ad Hoc Group on Resolution 15, Russian Federation, please.

>> RUSSIAN FEDERATION: Thank you, Chairman. We carried out broad consultation with all of the interested parties. We took into account and sought to reflect in our text all of the necessary comments which were espoused by the participants in the group, and they were all reflected in the text as a compromised text, and we are presenting it to you for your consideration. Thank you, sir.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Russia, for all your efforts. We do appreciate. Can we have this Document 38, DT/38 on the screen? Please scroll down, please. So this is the text of the Revised Resolution 15, as contained in Document DT/38. As mentioned by the chair of this Ad Hoc Group, there has been a unified position on this. This is a consolidated text, and everybody agreed to this version. Any comments on this? None. Can I take it that you approve Resolution 15, as amended and modified in Document DT/38? Any objection? I do not see any requests for the floor, so I'll take it -- United States.

>> UNITED STATES: Thank you, Chairman. This is a question, and I apologize. Our understanding was there were informal consultations occurring, and we are just reviewing this revised version now. Perhaps we would benefit just from a bit more time to review here. Again, it was our understanding this was happening on an informal basis. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, United States. In this case, I suggest that we suspend our discussion on this revision of Resolution 15 for the time being so that delegates could have the opportunity to carefully consider the revised version and be able to make a decision. Thank you.

Next is Document 43, Assistance for Implementing IMT, International Mobile Telecommunications. We have Document DT/30. This document will be on the screen momentarily. In the meantime, I ask the chair of the Ad Hoc Group on Resolution 43 to please present this document. Russian Federation.

>> RUSSIAN FEDERATION: Thank you very much, Chairman. Document DT/38 is the result of the work of our drafting group, which met twice and successfully considered three proposals from mutual organizations.

>> CHAIR: Russian Federation, can I interrupt you for a second? On Document DT/38, I think the decision was to give it more time so that people could study this document. We will come back to Document DT/38. We are now on Document 30.

>> RUSSIAN FEDERATION: Yes. I do apologize, Chairman. I

meant DT/30. This contains Resolution 43. All of the proposals from the Regional Commonwealth in the Field of Communications, the Africa Group, and also from the Asia Pacific Community Group were considered and we agreed on a single text which contains one set of square brackets on the reference to a question because we simply didn't know which one to include, given that the questions are still being considered. These square brackets are in the section, Instructs the Director of the BDT, Paragraph 12.

On the rest of this document there are no square brackets, and it might be adopted without any amendments, and I would like to here thank all of those who participated in this meeting where there was an excellent spirit of cooperation that prevailed along with those interested in compromise, which allowed us to quite swiftly conclude our consideration of Resolution 43.

Taking this into account, Chairman, I would like to submit for your consideration Revised Resolution 43. Thank you very much.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, Sergey for all your hard work. We have this document before us. This document does not have any square brackets, and I am seeking your views. Argentina.

>> ARGENTINA: Thank you, Chairman. I just wanted to make a comment with regard to an issue that we need to take into account with the Drafting Committee because in the group we decided to replace NGN with future networks, and I think there may be a part of this document which contains a reference to NGN, and it should be future networks, so just to bear this in mind. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, Argentina. Any other views? Can I take it that we can approve Document DT/30 with the notification of using future networks instead of NGN? Do we agree? Any objection? I do not see any request for the floor, so I'll take it that you approve and adopt the Revised Resolution 43, as contained in Document DT/30, with the minor correction of -- and change of NGN, replacing it with Future Networks. Thank you very much. So decided.

Ladies and gentlemen, we have come to the end of our session today at this time. We do not have any document pending except Resolution 11, so we were initially planning to have -- to continue our discussions in the afternoon, starting at 2:30, but since we do not have any document to be presented in our Plenary of Committee 3, I think the best is to postpone our meeting later to -- to the evening session, in which case we would be able to at least try to make some DTs available coming out of the different Ad Hoc Groups.

So my suggestion is that we will be using this time for the Ad Hoc Groups to continue their work. I know some of them, they have come across some difficult issues that we need to give them

some more time to continue their discussions. Specifically, I'm requesting Mr. Babu to please use the time available while he's here. I understand that he will be leaving later this afternoon, so -- but there are some other questions, specifically the new questions that needs to be addressed, and I'm suggesting that -- and I'm requesting Singapore to take over the chairmanship of the Ad Hoc Group on Study Questions. Fortunately, most of the work has already been done, but the remaining, we would be in the very able chairmanship of Singapore. Singapore, do you accept?

>> SINGAPORE: Unfortunately, Chairman, this is a very small delegation, and each of us will be in groups this afternoon, so I'm afraid I wouldn't be able to assist in your request. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much. Next is Rwanda. Rwanda, you have the floor.

>> RWANDA: Thank you, Chair. It is about the resolution presented yesterday, Resolution 35, which was to be merged with the Resolution 25 and it was approved in Com3, so it should also be under -- there is no other discussion on this. It was approved, so I ask your guidance. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Rwanda. Next is ATDI.

>> ATDI: Thank you, Chair. Regarding Question 7/2, I ask for the floor, and again, Document DT/20 is concerning that it is stable, even the title we agreed to this morning, so may I propose not to wait for Resolution 2 and what will happen in Committee 4 because we are now on Tuesday, so we can take Document DT/20, approve it in this level, and if it will be decided to merge 6/2 and 7/2, according to the Arab proposal, then at least that maybe will work. Thank you, Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, ATDI. Yes, we tried to do that, but the document which is available on the system has square brackets, and for that reason, I suggested that we may need to give some more time for the final version to be processed in the system and be made available to -- to delegates. So it was for that reason that I suggested we would come back to Question 7/2.

>> ATDI: The only brackets are in the title, and they were approved this morning. Thank you. And regarding Mali, we would like to hear what Mali wanted to say on 7/2. Thank you, Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, ATDI. Germany.

>> GERMANY: Chairman, well, the issue is that a document that had been approved finally at the small group a half an hour ago or two hours ago, as the system is -- is not available at this time, so my document, for example, for 76 will hopefully be available this evening. This is simply the time needed to process the -- a finally agreed document at Ad Hoc level and to translate it into the different languages, so it's not an issue of an hour, it's rather an issue of half a day, and this is the procedure. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, Germany, for this

explanation. Yes, we do need to give time for documents to be processed, and there will be no way. We will definitely come back. There will not be any meeting of Committee 4 to consider leaving DT/20 in its earlier version. Committee 4 will be meeting tomorrow, and we're hoping tonight we would be able to consider DT/20 and other DTs that will become available as we move along.

It's 12:37. Can I ask the interpreters for another five minutes.

>> INTERPRETER: Yes, Chairman, five more minutes is fine.

>> CHAIR: We have a practical problem in our hands, and that is Mr. Babu is leaving at 1345, so I'd like to conclude this session as soon as possible so that he could be able to continue with some of the remaining items in his Ad Hoc Group, and in the meantime, if you are agreeable, I would try to seek the agreement of other able delegates who could continue the work of Mr. Babu, and we would try to benefit from the expertise available within different delegations to ask him to please chair the remaining portion of the work in this Ad Hoc. So I'm seeking your agreement that I would be able to proceed with this. Any objection to proceeding in this way? I do not see any requests for the floor. So I take it that you agree with my suggestion. Thank you very much. I think it would be best if we could now conclude our meeting and come back at 6:30 this evening to continue our work, and in the meantime, we have a few hours first for the Ad Hoc Groups to continue their work, and second, for our colleagues and the Secretariat to continue processing the documents that are becoming available. We will be considering them later in our session in the evening. I see that the Secretariat is asking the floor. You have the floor.

>> SECRETARIAT: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. A few announcements is as follows. Dear delegates and ladies and gentlemen, Argentina administration kindly offers a gift to all the participating delegates so that you are kindly welcomed to collect the gift from the gift desk outside of this Pacifico. Also, delegates who are planning to travel back on 20 and then 21st of October are advised to check the transportation to airport and provided by host, so these are a few announcements, and then also, those small Ad Hoc Groups who need some support from Secretariat and the room and the place, contact one of us so that we can just provide you with the necessary -- the support. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. Any other views? I do not see any requests for the floor, so I can take it that we can conclude our meeting now and come back at 1830 this evening. Thank you very much.

>> SECRETARIAT: 1630. Come back 1630.

>> CHAIR: 18.

(Sounding gavel)

(Session concluded at 12:40 p.m. Local Time)

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