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>> CHAIR: Good morning. Good morning, everybody. I would like to check with the interpreters.
>> INTERPRETERS: Good morning. The interpreters.
>> CHAIR: You're ready?
>> INTERPRETERS: The interpreters are ready. Good morning.
>> CHAIR: And so good morning, we're going to start now with the 12th Plenary meeting. Before tackling our agenda, I would like to note that we have almost no time left at our disposal. This due to the fact that we are due to finish this session at noon, which means that we have extremely small amount of time available, and so I appeal to everybody who prepares -- who is preparing to take the floor on the various issues before us for them to limit their statements to two minutes at the very most. We worked very late into the night yesterday, and so it is high time for us to be as constructive as possible for us to efficiently reach agreement.

This morning, the most important task before us is to handle the Buenos Aires Declaration and then the various issues related to the study committees, and finally the resolutions. We need to revise the resolutions again. During the meeting yesterday, we heard a fairly big number of disagreements and we continued working until 4:00 in the morning yesterday, and so now I call on you to show a strong spirit of cooperation. We're going to present to you a number of different proposals aimed at

reaching an agreement where disagreements may continue, and so without any further ado, I would like to start with our agenda, presented to you in Admin Document 34, ADM/34. Are there any comments on the agenda?

I see no requests for the floor. The agenda is approved. Therefore, we can move on to Agenda Item 3, the Buenos Aires Declaration. In principle, we agreed to focus on Discussion Paragraph 17, and we asked the Vice Chair of the Conference for the Americas Region to carry out some consultations. Therefore, I would like to ask the vice chair from the Americas region if he could give us an introduction to this topic in addition to the fact that we limited the discussion in consultations to Paragraph 17 and whether or not there are any other issues which he believes are relevant, we would be pleased to hear from him on those. You have the floor, sir.

>> JEFFERSON NACIF: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Good morning all colleagues. I'll be very brief, since we don't have much time. On Paragraph 7 of the Declaration, it was agreed to delete the words such as "Cloud computing," "IoT," and "artificial intelligence" and keeping the words "new and emerging technologies/trends in telecommunications/ICTs."

In Paragraph 8, it was agreed to delete /D where it read ITU-D, now it's only ITU, so it's "ITU provides capacity building" and so on.

On Paragraph 17, there are still issues pending on the word "privacy," as you can see on the screen. It's an issue that we have to solve here in the Plenary, that the word "privacy" is the main concern of the groups, of some groups.

And lastly, the Paragraph 22, there was a request to include -- no, sorry, 22, it was agreed -- yes, the 22 Alt., alternative text would be the valid text, but under conditions and under mutually agreed terms can be deleted, as the consultations that we kept.

We're still maintaining the expectation that we can deal with Paragraph 17, that this Plenary can solve this issue fastly, but "privacy" is still a word that we have to deal with. That would be very briefly, Mr. Chairman. I thank you for interest on the work that I've been doing with our colleagues. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

>> CHAIR: I would like to, therefore, summarize what Jefferson indicated. Under 7 there's an agreement on the text, and the text, such as Cloud computing, big data, Internet of Things, and artificial intelligence would be deleted. Technologies/trends in telecommunications/ICTs will remain in the text. Is that correct, Jefferson?

>> JEFFERSON NACIF: Yes, Mr. Chairman, that's correct.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. In Paragraph 8, I would ask you to read slowly how the final text should read. Thank you.

>> JEFFERSON NACIF: Mr. Chairman, Paragraph 8, the modification is quite simple. It's just delete the slash and the

letter D.

>> CHAIR: Then Item 8 should read "That ITU provides capacity building and tools for effective and efficient spectrum management that is critical for policymakers, regulators, operators, broadcasters, and other relevant parties, given the increasing demands for scarce radio frequency spectrum and satellite orbit resources." Is that the right understanding, Jefferson, please?

>> JEFFERSON NACIF: Yes, Mr. Chairman, you are correct.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much.

Moving now to Item 22, the second option, which I think was the basis for achieving this consensus, if I understood right, the Paragraph will be as follows: "That innovation should be integrated into national policies, initiatives and programmes, with cooperation and partnership between developing countries and between developed and developing countries to facilitate technology and knowledge transfer under mutually agreed terms, to promote sustainable development and economic growth." Is that correct, Jefferson?

>> JEFFERSON NACIF: Yes, Mr. Chairman, there is an agreement to keep the words "mutually agreed terms" as well in this regard. That's correct. You can keep "mutually agreed terms" and delete "unfavorable conditions and."

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Jefferson. We move back to No. 17. I understood the only issue remaining in this paragraph is the word "privacy," so if we delete "privacy," the paragraph will be as follows: "That building trust, confidence, and security in the use of telecommunications/ICTs as well as personal data protection is a priority, with the need for international cooperation and coordination between governments, relevant organizations, private companies and entities in building capacity and exchanging best practices for the development of related public policies and legal, regulatory, and technical measures that address, inter-alia, personal data protection, and that stakeholders should work together to ensure the reliability and security of ICT networks and services." Is that the right understanding, Jefferson?

>> JEFFERSON NACIF: Yes, Mr. Chairman, this is the right understanding. Determined in the meetings of the Ad Hoc Group, we had all the language for trying to replace "privacy" and the whole idea of personal data protection, but at the end, we could not find any agreement remaining on the questions related to privacy to solve in this Plenary. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, Jefferson. And thank you -- thank you very much. I would like to really sincerely thank you for the effort that you've made to seek consensus, not only on this item but on other issues too.

I would, therefore, having read all of the paragraphs, which were, in one way or another, under question, I hope we're clear on Paragraphs 7, 8, and 22. With that, I would like to

open up the floor and ask you whether or not, with the reading that was done of Paragraph 17, we have an agreement. Are there any comments? Sudan, you have the floor.

>> SUDAN: Thank you Chairman, and good morning to all of the delegates. Chairman, the text which talks about previously comes from high-level document from WSIS+10. We have not amended it. The reference to privacy is from the Plenipotentiary Conference Resolution 130 -- 30. That previously is a priority for us, and nothing justifies the removal of this reference to privacy. Thank you, sir.

>> CHAIR: United Arab Emirates.

>> UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman, and good morning to all colleagues. Mr. Chairman, we recognize highly the efforts by all the Distinguished Delegates on this specific document, and, Mr. Chairman, reference to the informal consultation that you have conducted today morning, I think with regards to Article 17, we are in agreement to the consensus that was reached or the discussion that was reached today morning, so with regard to the text, we agree to the proposal.

Mr. Chairman, with regards to Agenda Item No. 22, it was felt that only up favorable conditions would be taken out of the text; however, our understanding from the discussions, Mr. Chairman, that the square brackets in Article 22, where it reads, "Under favorable conditions and on mutually agreed terms" will be deleted, but the -- but what I have heard from Mr. Jefferson when he read the text, "mutually agreed terms" is still in the text, so I don't think this was the -- the agreement, at least from -- as I understand. If you can please, Mr. Chairman, give some clarifications on that. And also, please, if you can, let us know with regards to the discussions on the Resolution 45 as discussed today morning. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Russian Federation, you have the floor.

>> RUSSIAN FEDERATION: Thank you very much, Chairman, and good morning, colleagues. I'd like to support the statement by the United Arab Emirates on 17 and also on Point 22. As far as I remember, this morning we decided in Paragraph 22 to suppress the square brackets together with the content of those brackets. Thank you, Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Brazil, you have the floor.

>> BRAZIL: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I'm here consulting my notes, and actually, the representative of UAE and RCC are correct. We had a discussion on keeping "mutually agreed terms" or the other "mutually agreed," and it was at the end of the meeting agreed that both terms would be deleted. If those are deleted, then the standing of the meeting -- standing of the representatives is that it wouldn't cause any harm to the text. In consulting my notes, I can see that they were right. Both terms would be deleted, and I apologize for having mistaken this point. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

>> CHAIR: I thank the delegate of Brazil, and I give the floor to Jordan.

>> JORDAN: Thank you very much, Chairman. I will speak briefly, given. Given the inaccuracy, I would go back to my previous statement. This is a very important document. It's the last document to be adopted after the adoption of all of the resolutions. Given the content of this document, I propose that we come back to this document a little later after we've adopted the other resolutions. Thank you, Chairman.

>> CHAIR: The United Kingdom, you have the floor.

>> UNITED KINGDOM: Thank you very much, Chair, and good morning to everyone. I'm going to start by saying that I'm speaking on behalf of CEPT, not the UK. This is a very difficult discussion for us. Privacy is a very sensitive issue, and we have repeatedly -- repeatedly made our position on privacy known throughout this conference.

That being said, we find that compromise and cooperation is very important here, and so with that in mind, we would like to propose Alternative text for Paragraph 17, if you would allow me to.

Thank you. I would also appreciate if -- I can read it at dictation speed, but I would also appreciate it if it can be put up on the screen so that everyone can read it clearly, if that's possible.

Okay. Thank you. We start with "That building trust, confidence and security in the use of telecommunications/ICTs is a priority, with the need for international cooperation between governments, relevant organizations, private companies and entities in building capacity and exchanging best practices for the development of related public policies and legal, regulatory, and technical measures, that address, inter-alia, personal data protection, and in raising awareness of aspects of privacy that are relevant to international telecommunication standardization, and that stakeholders should work together to ensure the reliability and security of ICT networks and services."

Okay. All right. I see that it's not on the screen, so I'm happy to read it out again.

Okay. "That building trust, confidence, and security in the use of telecommunications/ICTs is a priority, with the need for international cooperation between governments, relevant organizations, private companies and entities in building capacity and exchanging best practices for the development of related public policies and legal, regulatory, and technical measures that address, inter-alia, personal data protection," and in raising -- yeah, I'll read it out again.

-- and in raising awareness of -- of aspects of privacy -- of aspects of privacy that are relevant to international telecommunication standardization, and that -- I believe in this text there is cooperation and coordination. We would take out

"coordination" and leave in "cooperation."

Yes. Thank you, Chair.

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

>> UNITED STATES: Thank you very much, Mr. Chair. First, I would like to express the United States' support for this compromise language proposed by the United Kingdom. In addition, in the spirit of compromise, I would just like to note that although I expressed reservations and concerns yesterday about the text -- about deleting "mutually agreed terms" from Paragraph 22, the United States is prepared to enter a consensus -- enter into consensus on a Declaration that does not include that language; however, I will note that we will add a statement to the record that disassociates ourself from that paragraph and explains our concerns, but we want to make sure that we have a good Declaration for this conference. Thank you very much.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, United States.

I think with this last statement, we can close the discussion about Item 22 Alt. And delete all the wording between square brackets, "Under favorable conditions and on mutually agreed terms." I take note on your reservation as well.

So we now have an agreement on Item 22, 7, and 8. I would like to have comments on No. 17, more precisely on this compromise proposal that the United Kingdom has presented that is showing on the screen that allows for aspects of privacy to be present in the Declaration, which I think was one of the main aspects under discussion.

United Kingdom, you have the floor. Please be brief.

>> UNITED KINGDOM: Thank you very much, Chair. Yes, this is a brief comment. I just want to clarify that we are speaking on behalf of CEPT. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you for the clarification. Canada has the floor.

>> CANADA: Good morning, Chairman, and good morning to all colleagues. Mr. Chairman, after -- thanks to CEPT and the United Kingdom for this contribution. We believe that it is a very good step going forward, and we would like to express our support for the text, as read and written on the screen by the United Kingdom on behalf of CEPT. Thank you, Chair.

>> CHAIR: The United Arab Emirates.

>> UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: Thank you. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, we are a bit concerned that we had a meeting today morning between the regions, and we thought that we are coming to this meeting to discuss what was already agreed in that meeting. Now we're seeing a new text, which we need time to consider, and we are very much concerned, Mr. Chairman, with this approach. I believe we have gone today morning through a lengthy discussion and have discussed this Declaration with Resolution 45 with us, Mr. Chairman, in the meeting, so we are very concerned, Mr. Chairman, about how we are proceeding and seeing proposals that was not even discussed in that -- in the

meeting today morning.

I know this are the rights of any member state or group to bring text, but still this text for us, we will not be able to agree. We need to consider. So just by -- by stating the text and seeing it on the floor and -- and -- we would need time, Mr. Chairman.

However, your explanation and what Mr. Nacif when he read that text, that's fine with us, especially after reading Article 17 and 22, read by Mr. Nacif and corrected, according to our understanding, is acceptable to us; however -- I'm not saying that we are in disagreement; however, if this is going to go forward, we need time to consider this text before we agree on this text. Thank you, Chairman.

>> CHAIR: The United Arab Emirates, I'd like to ask a question for you. In principle you would be in agreement with the changes that have been achieved thanks to the effort of the United States in its proposal presented by CEPT -- and this proposal presented by CEPT, but you would like more time to consider it. Is that the case? Are we in agreement on the text, but perhaps there is another aspect on which you would like a little more time? Is that the case?

>> UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: Yes, Mr. Chairman, it is the case, and we deserve our right to also, as others, propose amendments to this text, which is our right after considering this text also to redraft it if we see that this text is not clear, but, however, on the other hand, Mr. Chairman, what was discussed and agreed, we are fine with that, so I encourage you, Mr. Chairman, that we go back to what was agreed, and if you want to move forward with this text, we will need time to consider and reserve our right as an Arab Group any amendments to this text as we see. Thank you, Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Lithuania, you have the floor.

>> LITHUANIA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the Distinguished Delegate from UAE for his explanation of the understanding of what happened this morning in the meeting. Well, I thank you for convening that meeting, first of all, and this meeting, in my understanding, was an attempt to find a compromise. We didn't walk from that room with a compromise, and we're putting our best effort to look for compromise, and we're putting our efforts to find a solution on the document. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. Japan, you have the floor.

>> JAPAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and good morning. Japan also is concerned about the terms of the privacy. Now, we are thankful to the proposal by the CEPT that results from the concern from that and would like to directly support the new proposed text on this Item 17. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. The Russian Federation, you have the floor.

>> RUSSIAN FEDERATION: Thank you, Chairman. I would like to

indicate that we thought we should follow the agreement which was achieved in the morning in accordance with which we, before finally making a decision on the Declaration, needed to discuss and make a decision on Resolution 45.

As regards the proposed amendments to the text, then at first blush, we don't have any objections; however, we do need some time so as to analyze it finally. Thank you very much.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much. Given that reference has been made at various points to a meeting that we had as delegates and regional representatives in this meeting, what was addressed mainly were three issues, the Declaration, Resolution 45, and outstanding issues with regard to Definition.

Now, following the agenda in the order that it's been published today, as you can see, Agenda Item 3 was the Declaration. I was not aware of the order in which the Secretariat had structured the agenda because I had to work in that meeting while the agenda was being drawn up.

In any case, it does seem to me that the most important document that we have to define without any doubt, and there was unanimous agreement on this with all the people that I spoke with, is the Declaration, so, therefore, it seems important to me to highlight that with the proposal that was made by the United States with regard to Paragraph 22 and this new proposal, which was made by CEPT on Paragraph 17, which provides for the mention of "privacy" in the Declaration, we've come to an agreement, which is a very important one with regard to the text. I do understand there are some reservations, however, I would like it to be clear so that the discussion's as transparent as possible these reservations would not be referring to the text of the Declaration but possibly subsequently to the results of the discussions that we may have on the other two issues that we're going to address today as priorities. That's Resolution 45 and questions relating -- the Study Group Questions.

So as a result, I would like to move on in our consideration of the agenda, continuing with the Study Group Questions, which in last night's session as well as today in the morning have been identified as being central aspects for the Development Sector to then satisfactorily be able to perform its task and work on -- then after that we can work on Resolution 45.

I do take note of some reservations. I would like to reiterate that I am sensitive to these reservations, and I'm aware of them, but I would like to ask you or urge you for us to find a -- agreement on the reliability of the text with the modifications which have been proposed under Paragraph or Item 22 and 17. So leave this text as being a valid one without any prejudice to reservations which are not related to the text itself but rather to the results of the discussion that we may have and we ought to have around the other outstanding issues

that we have to resolve under Resolution 45 and, of course, the questions which need to be defined.

Saudi Arabia has requested the floor. I would like to ask you whether or not you could comment on my request to the Plenary. Thank you.

>> SAUDI ARABIA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Actually, I think we are close to a way forward with respect to Paragraph 17. I'm sorry for bringing you back to that paragraph. Mr. Chairman, there was a discussion this morning to take this paragraph and delete the word "privacy," and maybe we could move forward with that, so a proposal came from CEPT, and we thank you them for that proposal; however, it seems there is a request for more time to consider that or to look into that proposal, and due to the time constraint, maybe, Mr. Chairman, you could ask the Plenary if 17, with the deletion of "privacy" is acceptable, and we could move forward. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

>> CHAIR: I thank the delegate of Saudi Arabia. There was an understanding in the meeting that a request was to keep the word "privacy" in the text of the Declaration; hence, the effort that CEPT made, not the United Kingdom but CEPT, to come up with a text for us which could cover the issue of privacy. That was the understanding, and, in fact, those who proposed the text were those who were requesting the removal of the term "privacy," so that's the outcome of the discussion that we had, not only today but over the past seven or eight days within the Working Group of the Plenary and then later on in informal meetings, which were chaired by the Vice Chair of the Conference, the Delegate of Brazil.

And for those reasons, I -- I'm not quite certain as to the request to delete the word "privacy" when the request for removing this word is, in fact -- was, in fact, put forward by those who are proposing it now. The United Arab Emirates, you have the floor.

>> UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Well, again, I'd like to reiterate -- and also I'm speaking on behalf of the Arab Groups -- Arab Group, so with regards to the text in 17, we agree, as was according to the reading or according to how it was formulated and read by Mr. Nacif and also by you, Mr. Chairman, and that the term "privacy" will go out from this text, and with that, we agree.

So as I said, the proposal from CEPT, we have considered that; however, we need more time, so our concern is that proposing a new text at this stage and -- do you want us, Mr. Chairman, to approve it? This is not something acceptable for us. However, how -- yes, what we see on the screen, this is acceptable to us.

And in 22, Article 22, the terms -- both terms in the square brackets will go out in terms of the "under favorable conditions and mutually agreed terms," so this will be deleted, and 17, as was on the, is acceptable to us. Thank you,

Mr. Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much. Brazil, you have the floor.

>> BRAZIL: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Again, it's correct, the understanding of deleting those words, and I apologize again for making that error, and I'm very glad that the United States also agreed on deleting those terms on 22.

And coming back to 17, I would like to say that keeping the text as simple -- that is our understanding -- as simple as we can, just deleting the words "privacy" would be the accepted and acceptable solution for all of the meeting, in my opinion, because including new words at this stage would be quite difficult and would be necessary to come to a new agreement and to a new Ad Hoc Group to think about the new text again, so in Brazil's opinion, Mr. Chairman, this is the simple and the most effective way of dealing with this 17 paragraph, which is deleting "privacy" in this text and going back to the previous consensus of the Dubai Declaration, which is quite similar to what we see on the screen right now. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much. France.

>> FRANCE: Thank you, Chairman. As a country of the European Union, I would like to record the importance that my country attaches to these issues of private life, privacy, and protection of personal data. We support the inclusion of "privacy" or "private life" as was proposed by the United Kingdom; however, we do only have a few hours before the end of this conference, so we would like to -- in your wisdom, Chairman, you can also accept the simple text as was agreed in the Ad Hoc Drafting Group. Thank you, sir.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, France. The Russian Federation.

>> RUSSIAN FEDERATION: Thank you, Chairman. I will be brief. We would like to support the intervention made by the Arab States Group and the chair of the Ad Hoc Group and France and keep the text as it is currently shown on the screen. That is the text of Paragraph 17. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Ghana, you have the floor.

>> GHANA: Thank you, Chair. Good morning, colleagues. Chairman, as earlier speakers from the chairman of the Ad Hoc Group, who Brazil has said, Russia, UAE, and France, to proceed with this conference, my opinion is that we all support the text that we have on the screen now without any further amendments to them. Thank you very much, Chair.

>> CHAIR: We will close the list of speakers. The last member state who will take the floor will be the United Kingdom. I give the floor to Germany.

>> GERMANY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is a just to give our support to the remarks from our colleague from France. I think that it is clear that we -- as Germany always supports the discussions on privacy, in particular in the framework of the UN Internal Assembly where there are important resolutions on these

issues, and -- but nevertheless, as our French colleague said, it is now time pressing, and we are prepared to accept the compromise.

>> CHAIR: Italy, you have the floor.

>> ITALY: Thank you, Chairman. I merely wish to say that we are aligned with France and Germany. We can support this text. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much. If the requests which remain are to agree with the proposals which have just been made, I would like to ask you to withdraw your use of the floor, and we'll take the comments that we have. The United Kingdom.

>> UNITED KINGDOM: Thank you, Chair. We are trying here to work with colleagues to find consensus in some very difficult areas. Our position has been very clear throughout this conference that we've tried our best to find ways to move forward.

Our concern here is the suggestion that data protection is a priority, so we are able to accept the reference to personal data protection at the end of the paragraph, but we do not understand the argument why when there are so many important priorities for development that we have discussed in this conference, we are saying here that personal data protection is a priority, so we would be willing to accept personal data protection at the end of the paragraph, but we still do not understand the need for it to be listed as a priority in this paragraph. Thank you, Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much. I see that a new discussion has begun. I would like to ask you -- and this is a proposal that I'm making. I believe that there's very broad consensus on the text that we have managed to come up with for 7, 8, 17, and 22. I would like to ask you to take these texts as being agreed without any prejudice to the reservations that anyone may make to return to these issues for consideration of the other two issues that we do still have to address. I would like to seek the agreement of the Plenary to close discussion on the Declaration, accepting the text as valid, the text in which we had agreement, recognizing that there's a possibility for reservations to be made, and, of course, all of you have the right to have reservation to return to this issue. That is my proposal. The United Arab Emirates.

>> UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: Thank you. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman, and we agree to your proposal; however, I'd like to mention the following, Mr. Chairman, that when we agreed to take out "and privacy," this is actually the Arab Group who proposed it, so I agree it's very important for us; however, in terms of, you know, the agreement that was reached or the discussion that people might argue that there was no agreement, so according to the discussion that happened, we'd like to move forward with your proposal but reiterate that privacy is one of the highest priorities for the Arab States. Thank you very much,

Mr. Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much for supporting my proposal. Senegal, if you -- is it to express an opinion on this?

>> SENEGAL: Thank you, Chairman. We just approached a compromise on the text you requested, if Senegal could withdraw its request for the floor. We wanted to do this because we think that we need to work towards a solution for the text proposed.

As was stated by Brazil, France, the UAE, Ghana, I believe that there is a sort of compromise possible with the deletion of the word "privacy," and I think before us we have a good text, but going back to work on that text again I think means that we're just losing time. We are at the very end of the conference. The word "privacy" in Resolution 130 of the PP or 55 of the WTDC of 2014 can also -- it can also be found in certain other texts -- if the countries can accept this -- accept this good compromise, we shouldn't go back on that. I think that these discussions at this point could be closed so that we can move forward with a good compromise, Chairman, and so personally, I, on behalf of Senegal, want to stop working with this text. We believe that there is a good consensus that we have achieved. Thank you, Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much. In that case, we'll take this text, as agreed on by consensus, so that we can continue with Study Group Questions. I would like to reiterate without any prejudice to reservations that you can make to return to these points. I would like to thank you for your support in this proposal.

Having adopted the compromise text on the Declaration, let us therefore turn to a consideration of the text of the Study Group Questions. I would like to begin with Document 111, which contains Question 3/2. It's on Page 13 of the document. The United States, you have the floor.

>> UNITED STATES: Thank you, Mr. Chair, and I don't want to take any time in the conference, but I do want to quickly read the statement that I need to read with consensus on the Declaration. The United States makes the following statement Paragraph 22 of the Declaration and ask that it be included in the final report of the conference. The United States disassociates itself from Paragraph 22 to the extent that it could promote technology transfer that is not mutually agreed and voluntary. For the United States, any such language will have no standing in future negotiations. The United States continues to oppose language that we believe undermines intellectual property rights. Thank you for your indulgence and taking time from the conference.

>> CHAIR: I thank the United States. I understand that the United States had already formulated this reservation, so let's just take this reservation as a unilateral one to be included in the final report, which is mandatory for the conference as a whole. We are only talking about a unilateral reservation, a

unilateral statement from the United States. I would like to return to review of Document 111, return to Page 13. Here we are considering Question 3/2 of Study Group 2.

Before taking our consideration of the question page by page, I would like to turn to Committee 3 and ask whether he has any comments about this text and the consideration thereof. The chair of Committee 3, you have the floor

>> AHMAD REZA SHARAFAT: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman, and good morning to everybody. Mr. Chairman, as I said yesterday, this text has been discussed in Committee 3. There are a number of square brackets, and the square brackets depend -- are dependent on the compromised package on a number of issues. My good colleague from Bahamas has been working on the revisions to Question 3/2 in order to provide us with a compromise text with no square brackets, and I'll seek your agreement to refer to the Distinguished Delegate from Bahamas for further updates on this. Thank you, sir.

>> CHAIR: The Bahamas, as coordinator of the Drafting Group, you have the floor.

>> BAHAMAS: Mr. Chairman, we must beg your indulgence. My colleague, who is actually Chair for the Working Group is not here as yet. He will be here presently. Could you -- would you be so kind as to stand this matter down for a few minutes.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much. Yes, in that case, while we wait for the Distinguished Delegate of the Bahamas to join us, we can then turn to Question 4/1, Document 99. That's Question 4/1 in Document 99. Page 1, Study Group 1, Question 4/1.

I'd like to hear any comments on Page 1 of this document. Dr. Sharafat, you have the floor.

>> AHMAD REZA SHARAFAT: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Yes, as I indicated yesterday, there are a number of square brackets in Question 4/1, and my good colleague from Brazil has been actively involved trying to arrive at a consolidated text with no square brackets, so, again, Mr. Chairman, I'd like to suggest that maybe we should seek further progress report from Brazil, please.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Dr. Sharafat. I give the floor to the Delegate of Brazil.

>> BRAZIL: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman, and thanks, Mr. -- Dr. Sharafat, for entrusting me with this also difficult question. Actually, Question 4/1 depends on the developments and acceptance of including some items of Question 4/1 into Question 3/1, so I would suggest that we move to Question 3/1 because depending on the developments of it and acceptance of the Plenary, modifications will be necessary on Question 4/1, Mr. Chairman, so that is my suggestion for the Plenary. Thank you very much.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much. Question 3/1 is, in fact, the question which is going to be considered next. In order not to delay the work of the Plenary, I would like to ask you -- ask

those who worked as coordinators in the Working Groups to draft Questions 3/1, 3/2, and 4/1 to meet if they can and come back to us with a proposal, which leads to the removal of the square brackets around these questions in the text that we're submitting for your consideration. Perhaps following the coffee break, we might be able to have some idea about how to proceed with addressing these three questions. Are there any comments? Dr. Sharafat, you have the floor.

>> AHMAD REZA SHARAFAT: Thank you, again, Mr. Chairman. One question still remains to be discussed, and that is Question 6/2. In yesterday's meetings, I indicated that there was a decision by Committee 4 to combine Questions 6/2 and 8/2 in previous study period. There was no proposal -- specific proposal for any modifications to Questions 6/2 and 8/2, so all we had to do is to remove one question and combine the two questions. We have undertaken this.

United States have been very kind to undertake the coordination on this. We have two DT documents. I'm still trying to locate the relevant document that we can have in your Plenary, but nevertheless, while we're on this topic, there are no square brackets in the DTs for Question 6/2, and the title of which was discussed yesterday in ICTs and the environment, so I submit, Mr. Chairman, that because there are no square brackets in the text and there has been consultations extensively, maybe it would be advisable if the Plenary to take a decision on this so that we would be able to proceed on Question 6/2 as well. Thank you, sir.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, Dr. Sharafat, for having drawn our attention to this issue. I would like to propose that the task requested on -- be undertake number a small group and that we'll consider 6/2, which is already a bracket-free text, whether or not we could include the consideration of this question too in the informal group too and address those four questions which are still outstanding.

Dr. Sharafat, are you in agreement?

>> AHMAD REZA SHARAFAT: Yes, sir. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much. In that case, I would like to ask those who were interested with coordinating the Drafting Group for each one of these questions to meet, in addition to anyone else who's interested who would like to join, for them to propose to us a solution intended to come to some solution on the text we currently have bracketed to be presented to the Plenary for its approval on these questions.

Having said this, and in order to give you time to work starting from now, I would like to take a break of 15 minutes. It's currently 11:18 a.m. We will come back to the session after 15 minutes. Thank you.

(Break taken)

Ladies and gentlemen, we're now going to reconvene the Plenary session. Can you please take your seats.

To continue, I'd now like to give the floor to the delegate from Brazil, who was working on the conceptual text referring to Questions 4/1 and 3/1. Jefferson, you have the floor.

Whilst we're waiting for Jefferson, we'll just change the document for now, and I'll give the floor to the delegate from the Bahamas who has also been working on the review and redrafting for Question 3/2. I'd like to remind you that this is contained in Document 111. Distinguished Delegate from the Bahamas, you have the floor.

>> BAHAMAS: Good morning. Thank you, Chairman. As I began discussing yesterday, we have reached text which we believe is - or not we believe, but which is acceptable to the Delegations that have an interest or who participated in the discussions much on the Study Question. The text is not entirely reflected in -- apologies, my copy of the document's not opening at the moment. The text is not entirely reflected in the -- there have been some minor changes in order to remove the square brackets.

As I mentioned yesterday, one of the key changes was an agreement that the word "privacy" would be deleted from any of the new proposals, and that was agreed by all people -- all of the delegates that were included that were part of the discussion, which included all of the delegates who made proposals, and also the Arab Group.

So the first change -- Chair, do I need go through -- I went through yesterday some of these changes. I'm just wondering whether you want me to start from the beginning.

>> CHAIR: Yes, please.

>> BAHAMAS: Thank you. So the first change is in the third paragraph on the screen on the statement of the situation of the problem, and it's the word "privacy" which appears in the third line of the paragraph, privacy and the comma after it should be deleted.

If we can now go to the second page of the text -- sorry -- clause or Paragraph L, there's square brackets around that paragraph. It was agreed to remove those square brackets without any change to the text reflected on the screen.

The next Paragraph M, the square brackets in the text beginning "According to the WSIS+10 statement," it was agreed to remove the square brackets, but we have some change to the text. So after -- if I could read the change. Instead of -- delete "according to," so start with the -- "The WSIS+10 statement on the implementation of WSIS outcomes," and delete everything else and replace it -- I'll read the text to replace it with -- "and the WSIS+10 vision for WSIS beyond 2015, adopted at the ITU-Coordinated WSIS+10 high event -- WSIS+10 high-level event," open parentheses "Geneva 2014 and endorsed by the Plenipotentiary Conference," open brackets, "Busan 2014," close brackets, "which were submitted as an input into the overall review on the implementation of" -- as -- sorry -- "submitted as an input into the overall review" -- "overall" and "review"

should be capitals, but I guess the Editorial Committee can do that -- "on the implementation of WSIS outcomes by the UNGA." And that's the end of the text. And it was proposed to remove -- agreed that we would remove the square brackets based on this text.

The next set of square brackets are Paragraphs 2-G, and Chairman, I think we still have one delegation that remains and may want to have a position before these square brackets are removed, so I'll leave that text in until you open it to the floor.

And then if we could go to 3/1. We have one more small change to this text. The word "privacy" appears in the second -- second line of the second paragraph, and consistent with the agreement to remove "privacy," we have -- yeah, delete "and privacy" and replace it with "including personal data."

Thank you, Chairman. Those are the changes that we've agreed in this document.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, Distinguished Delegate from the Bahamas. I see that you have reached an important level of consensus in this document. If I've understood you correctly, there are -- there's only one matter under discussion, which is in the Part 2-B. Could you just confirm this point here for me, please.

>> BAHAMAS: Thank you, Chairman. Yes. The only area we have not been able to reach complete agreement is whether or not we delete the square brackets or the text in this section. I believe that the delegation from Brazil would like to keep the text. The remaining persons in the group would prefer to delete the text and remove the square brackets, obviously. So -- and if there is agreement from Brazil that this can now be deleted, we would be -- we would have complete agreed text on this Study Question. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, sir. I need to ask Brazil if it can accept the deletion of the text in square brackets. Then we would have a consensual text here. Brazil, you have the floor.

>> BRAZIL: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Sorry for making you wait. I was reading this again, and actually, this is a little bit different than our original proposal because the sense of the regional proposal was to promote awareness raising on personal data protection and building -- and capacity building regarding cybersecurity, so from this phrase now, I don't see focus on awareness raising for users on personal data protection, so, Mr. Chairman, if I may propose that the words "protection of personal data" or "personal data protection" be moved to "promote awareness raising for users on protection of personal data." I think, Mr. Chairman, this is a direct -- direct idea of what is intended within our proposal. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, the Distinguished Delegate from

Brazil.

I'd now like to ask the Distinguished Delegate of Bahamas - you kindly put all these coordinated efforts together under this question. Could you review the small change offered by Brazil. Could this be accepted by you?

>> BAHAMAS: Thank you, Chairman. I wouldn't -- as the text was agreed between various delegations from the group, I would prefer the floor -- if there were any objections from the floor, that would be more appropriate, because I wouldn't presume to speak for the other persons with whom we consulted. Chair, if that's okay, if this is acceptable to you, I think that would be a more appropriate approach rather than me trying to assume what other delegations might want on this.

>> CHAIR: United States, you have the floor.

>> UNITED STATES: Thank you, Chair, and thank you to our colleague from Bahamas for sharing the discussion that we had in the room. I appreciate the comments made by our colleague from Brazil and appreciate that this was the original proposal that came in. I just wanted to reflect a little bit the conversations that took place in the -- in the discussions about this, and there was a slight adjustment based on the discussion regarding this -- the fact that this study question refers to primary cybersecurity issues, so the -- the change would be to promote awareness-raising for users and capacity building regarding cybersecurity, and then there was quite a bit of discussion about the fact that deleting the part in brackets about -- relating to the protection of personal data because the paragraph before on Paragraph F reflects the concept and content that people were concerned about regarding personal -- the protection of personal data.

In addition, the promoting awareness is for all issues regarding users -- users' concerns with regard to cybersecurity, and protecting personal data is one of many, so it had seemed to have an extra emphasis and prioritization that I believe there was not a consensus in the room on that.

And so the sort of partnership between Paragraph F and Paragraph G captured the -- in our view captures the two concepts with my edit the way that it was captured in the room. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, the Delegate from the United States. Before giving the floor to Canada, once again, I'd like to put forward the arguments put forward by the United States. I'd like to invite the Delegation from Brazil to -- whether they can agree on the proposed text put forward by the convener on this text. Brazil, you have the floor.

>> BRAZIL: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. As a compromise, we can agree. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, Brazil. I'm really grateful to you for your collaboration. As you know, we're all pressed for time, and all of the consensus that we can reach as soon as

possible are really very welcome and valued by this chairmanship. Sorry. Canada, you have the floor.

>> CANADA: Thank you, Chairman. Very briefly, if we could scroll up the text to 2-B, it appears that there is also brackets on the third line between end and guidelines. Thank you

>> CHAIR: Yes, Distinguished Delegate from Canada. I understand your point. I need to ask the Delegate from the Bahamas if he can confirm what I'm about to say. I think this point here is just a question -- a typo -- a typing error, and language can stay as it is. The Delegate from the Bahamas, you have the floor.

>> BAHAMAS: Yes. Thank you, Chairman, and thank you to Canada for that point, but, yes, this is a typing error. The changes when used -- and this is my fault because when I did those changes, they weren't done using track changes, so I guess when the data's struck out, if you look carefully, the brackets have actually been struck out, so the text should read "measures and guidelines, including mitigation techniques, legislative, and regulatory measures that countries can use," and so on, so that is correct. Those brackets have been removed, and this is just a typing -- editorial error or typographical error.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much for that clarification. Brazil, you have the floor.

>> BRAZIL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Sorry for coming back to Paragraph G. Could we see it again on the screen so that I can be sure what is going to be at the end? Thank you very much for your comprehension, Mr. Chairman. That's exactly what we agreed with. Thank you.

Yes, Mr. Chairman, I would like to commend the huge work and efforts made by all colleagues, in particular the Chair from Bahamas. He was really great on putting this together and trying to find a consensus. I appreciate for his patience. Thank you very much.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, the Delegate from Brazil, and I would also like to repeat our gratitude for having reached this consensual text.

Seeing no further comments, Question 3/2 is thereby approved, which can be found in Document 111. Thank you very much.

Now we'll move on to the Distinguished Delegate from Brazil, who was coordinating the consultations on Questions 3/1 and 4/1. The Distinguished Delegate from Brazil, you have the floor to present this report, please.

>> BRAZIL: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Can we have the text on the screen, if possible. It would be better for colleagues to follow. Yes. If you could scroll down. Yes, to Page -- to Page 2.

On the title, it was agreed in the group as well. Now you can see that there are the words "in OTTs." This is to encompass the idea put on Question 4/1, and everyone agreed on

including OTTs here and some aspects of Question 4/1 in our group.

Going to Page 2, the text is divided by -- by the title, so you'll see on the two questions or issues for study, you'll see that the first bullet is Cloud computing, then M services, and no comments on that by the group. And then over the top. As there are many changes in this text, I would like to read so that could -- so that everyone can -- could accompany here. It is "impacts of the use and provisioning of OTTs, including impacts on regulatory frameworks, network infrastructure, economic impacts, and business models."

Letter B is "Assessments of the competition effect on the market." Those are -- those were, Mr. Chairman, the main paragraphs that we had to discuss this morning.

And then if everyone agrees with A and D -- yes -- which are now highlighted -- could you scroll down a little bit. Yes. Yes. More. More. You can go to the last item. This -- yes. This is -- I think it will be H now reads "National experiences describing the economic and business model among telecom operators and OTT providers." Those are the changes, Mr. Chairman, that we had this morning during this coffee break, and if the audience -- if the Plenary agrees with these modifications, the Question 4/1 would be subsequently modified. OTT on the texts, on the Question 4/1 as proposed would be deleted, as well as the Paragraph 6 on the question or issue for study, because in the opinion of the group, all those ideas were then embedded in Question 3/1. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, Distinguished Delegate from Brazil. The United Kingdom, you have the floor.

>> UNITED KINGDOM: Chairman, thank you, and we would like to give our thanks to Jefferson. This discussion really did require the maximum flexibility from all sides, I believe. Thank you.

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

>> UNITED STATES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and I want to thank all of the colleagues who worked together to -- in the spirit of compromise to find a way forward for treatment of the issue of OTTs and ITU-D study questions. I think that this represents a good way forward for both Question 3/1 and Question 4/1 that will allow for a full discussion of economic and policy aspects of the full ecosystem around OTTs in one study question. It will allow for some efficiencies in our work within the study questions and avoid duplication. I want to thank Jefferson from Brazil for his leadership of our group. I think he really did a great job of bringing us all together and working out compromised text that I think met us -- kind of met halfway between all of our different views, and the United States supports the text in the -- on the screen and for this way forward. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much. Ghana, you have the floor.

>> GHANA: Thank you, Chair. On behalf of the African Group, we want to thank Brazil for leading the group through the days and even our last moments to come to. It is a very good outcome for Question 3/1 and also for the propositions for 4/1. We want to thank everybody else, as said by United Kingdom and United States, for their cooperation to this outcome. Thank you, Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much. United Arab Emirates, you have the floor.

>> UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: Thank you. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman, and on behalf of the Arab Group, Mr. Chairman, we'd like to also thank Mr. Jefferson for leading this work. It's been a tough discussion on this resolution -- excuse me, on these questions for a long time, so although the results might not be perfect; however, since we have reached consensus, we thank all the parties who've been involved in the discussion, and we agree to the text that was proposed. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much. I understand that there is total consensus with regards to this text, which this Drafting Group has worked upon under the leadership of Jefferson. Pertaining to both questions which were under discussion, I think this is a very important issue. I think it's really important we've been able to incorporate these questions pertaining to these aspects.

Now I'd like to give the floor to Romania. I'd like to know, is this in relation to the text or would you like to add something else?

>> ROMANIA: Thank you, Chairman. It is related to this issue. We would like to thank Brazil for taking the lead on achieving the compromised text. It did require a lot of effort from all sides, and I would like to thank everyone for their cooperation on behalf of the CEPT countries, and also, we would like to align ourselves with your comments. This is a very important issue to us all. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Iran, you have the floor.

>> I: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Likewise, as the chair of Committee 3, I'd like to extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to my distinguished colleague from Brazil as well as my distinguished colleague from Bahamas for their invaluable effort and action on achieving compromise on these three questions. Thank you, sir.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much to all of you. Thereby, Questions 4/1 and 3/1 are approved. Thank you very much.

Moving on now, I'd like to give the floor to Dr. Sharafat. He will feed back to us on Question 6/2. This is in relation to Question 8/2. You have the floor, Dr. Sharafat.

>> AHMAD REZA SHARAFAT: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. The document for consolidation of Questions 6/2 and 8/2, I think it is being processed and would be put on the system any moment.

But in the meantime, we do have a document, Document 95 on Question 4/1 -- oh, we already considered that, so I don't have any --

>> CHAIR: This has already been approved, Dr. Sharafat.

>> AHMAD REZA SHARAFAT: Right. My apologies. I don't have anything at this time, but a few more questions are coming up, and the documents are being processed. Bear with us a few minutes. We will be having some documents. Thank you, sir.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Dr. Sharafat. Therefore, we'll just wait a few minutes in order to be able to come back to Question 6/2 and its consolidation with Question 8/2.

Yes, Dr. Sharafat.

>> AHMAD REZA SHARAFAT: Mr. Chairman, I think now we have Document 112 available, and if I may propose to go through this document because we have Resolution 75 as well as three Study Group questions, 5/1, 2/2, and 4/2, 6/2, and 9/2. So, Mr. Chairman, if we could consider this document whenever it's appropriate. Thank you, sir.

>> CHAIR: Dr. Sharafat, please go ahead. You can present this document.

>> AHMAD REZA SHARAFAT: If we could go to Resolution 75, we'll begin this document by Resolution 75. It is on Page 2, and there are no square brackets, and I submit it for the approval of the Plenary.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Dr. Sharafat. Are there any comments on the proposed drafting on Resolution 75, Revision Buenos Aires 2017? Rwanda, you have the floor.

>> RWANDA: Thank you, Chair. Just an edit on considering Paragraph D. Instead of 2015-2020, it is 2015-2030. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, sir. Dr. Sharafat, do you agree with this editorial comment?

>> AHMAD REZA SHARAFAT: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, my Distinguished Colleague from Rwanda is absolutely correct. We noted this typo when we were considering this document in Committee 3, but it has not been properly reflected. We will take care of it editorially. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much. Rwanda, you have the floor once again.

>> RWANDA: Thank you. The Resolution 75 has also annexes. There should have been an annex also to it.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Distinguished Delegate. Before any further consideration, I'd like to ask if we are in a position to approve the text of the resolution, which includes the proposed changes incorporated and, thus, is being presented by Dr. Sharafat. Are there any comments upon this text? Seeing none, we, thereby, approve the text of this resolution.

Dr. Sharafat, I'd like to ask you with regards to the annexes of this resolution, are there any comments you would like to bring to our attention? Anything which requires further drafting work?

>> AHMAD REZA SHARAFAT: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. The annexes are not included in this document. It has not been intentionally deleted. Possibly a clerical error. We were really just looking into the text and the annexes, and it should be put back on -- on this Resolution 75. Thank you, sir.

>> CHAIR: Distinguished Delegate from Rwanda, and both Dr. Sharafat and the Secretariat, so this resolution doesn't have annexes. Could you please clarify exactly to which annexes or to which document are you referring?

>> RWANDA: Thank you, Chair. If I recall what has been done during this, the Resolution 75 is a combined version of Alt. Resolution 35 and Resolution 75. The merger of the two, Resolution 35 has annexes, and the annexes of the Resolution 35 and its content have been merged into the Resolution 75, and here we see a combination of 35 and 75, but we don't see the annexes, but the annexes were there. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Dr. Sharafat. I will be grateful if you can please comment upon the point raised by the Distinguished Delegate from Rwanda.

>> AHMAD REZA SHARAFAT: Thank you very much. The reference documents for resolution of 35 and 75 are DT/76 and DT/88, and so those two DT documents should have been put into this if it's been an unintentional error and we should put them back in Resolution 75 as mentioned by the Distinguished Delegate from Rwanda. Thank you, sir.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Dr. Sharafat. And I'd like to ask the Distinguished Delegate of Rwanda if by incorporating these annexes from Resolution 35 and Resolution 75 whether we might be able to completely approve this resolution and its annexes. I'd also like to know if there are any comments pertaining to the annexes which are still not yet on the screen. Rwanda, you have the floor.

>> RWANDA: Thank you. I agree.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much. If there are no comments, we will therefore approve the annexes to Resolution 75, Revision Buenos Aires 2017. Thank you very much. Dr. Sharafat, do you have anything further to present?

>> AHMAD REZA SHARAFAT: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Next is Question 5/1, starting on Page 4 of this document. As you can see, there are no square brackets in this question 5/1. This was discussed in Committee 3, and I submit it, Mr. Chairman, for the Plenary, please, to approve. Thank you, sir.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Dr. Sharafat. Are there any comments on Question 5/1? As Dr. Sharafat has said, there are no square brackets in this text, nor do I have any comments before me. Therefore, we will approve Question 5/1. The Dr. Sharafat, you have the floor again.

>> AHMAD REZA SHARAFAT: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Next is question 2/2, starting on Page 10 of this document.

Again, Mr. Chairman, as you can see, there are no square brackets, and this question has already been discussed at the Committee 3 level, so I submit it for the approval of the Plenary. Thank you, sir.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, Dr. Sharafat. I'd like to know if there are any comments or objections pertaining to the text proposed under Question 2/2 from Study Group 2 2. Seeing no observations, Question 2/2 is thereby approved.

Dr. Sharafat, you have the floor once again.

>> AHMAD REZA SHARAFAT: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Next is Question 4/2, starting on Page 14. My distinguished colleague, Ms. Kelly O'Keefe, from the United States, has been coordinating this on Question 4/2, and I would seek your permission that she would be able to speak on Question 4/2. here are some proposals, thank you, sir.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Dr. Sharafat. United States, you have the floor.

>> UNITED STATES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As explained by the Chairman of Committee 3, the United States has prepared some revisions to this document based on the compromised agreement in Committee 3 to approve -- to remove all the square brackets in the text related to counterfeit ICT equipment and theft of mobile devices, and -- and split the document in to sections. So the proposed text hasn't changed from what was presented to Committee 3, and the only modification in this version is to indicate section headings for topics related to conformance and interoperability, counterfeit, and mobile device theft, so with that, are I'd present these changes to the document. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, Distinguished Delegate from the United States. I'd like to know if there are any comments or objections to the text which has been proposed to us without square brackets. Seeing no objections, Question 4/2 is thereby approved.

Dr. Sharafat, you have the floor.

>> AHMAD REZA SHARAFAT: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Next is Question 6/2, starting on Page 20. Question 6/2 is the result of merging Questions 6/2 and 8/2 in the previous study period. As I have mentioned earlier, we did not have any proposal to amend Questions 6/2 and 8/2, but because of the decisions by Committee 4 to merge the two questions, we now have text, including the title, the new title for Question 6/2, and the text starting on Page 20 reflects the agreement by the concerned parties. We did not have, Mr. Chairman, the time to go through this document in our Committee 3 meeting, but nevertheless, extensive consultations have been carried out, and this text, as you can see, there are no square brackets, and I submit this for the approval of the Plenary in its current form. Thank you, sir.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Dr. Sharafat. I'd like to open the floor for comments upon this document, which has been put

forward to us pertaining to Question 6/2. I thought this is also related to Question 8/2, which would be incorporated and merged into Question 6/2.

Seeing no objections or comments, we will, therefore, approve Question 6/2. Thank you very much.

Dr. Sharafat, you have the floor.

>> AHMAD REZA SHARAFAT: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Next is deletion, suppression of Question 9/2, which is the last point in this document, and I submit this deletion of Question 9/2 for you to please approve. Thank you, sir.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much. Are there any comments pertaining to the suppression of Question 9/2? It is thereby approved to suppress Question 9/2. Thank you very much.

Dr. Sharafat, you have the floor.

>> AHMAD REZA SHARAFAT: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I think we have completed consideration of this document, so whenever there are any other -- there is any other document that you need my intervention, I'm at your disposal. Thank you, sir.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Dr. Sharafat. As you've given me such good news, I wanted to know if you have any further good news to share with me. Thank you, once again, for your collaboration.

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