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Please note that submitted information will be presented during the RDF-AMS P2C Roundtables and it will also be reflected on the pledging platform of the Partner 2 Connect Digital Coalition.

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TITLE: Committee of Small Operators.

DESCRIPTION OF ACTION: [Provide a brief description up to 500 words]

The Institute elaborated a first draft of the Rules of Operation of the Small Operators Committee, which the Governing Board of the Institute approved to submit to the public consultation process, in its Internet portal, for a period of 20 working days, that is, from October 28 to November 25, 2022.

This Committee aims to have a space with small operators, to address the needs, proposals, concerns, and real problems that these companies suffer, such as:

- Deregulation and administrative simplification.
- Analyze the implementation of light regulation schemes (soft law).
- Establish new mechanisms to access the network of large operators.
- Accessibility of information on active and passive infrastructure and their points of presence.
- Attention to training needs in regulatory and technical issues that allow them to take better advantage of their network.
- Such as issues related to new technologies, compliance with obligations, and use of the Institute's electronic systems.

The Committee will allow to know and understand the proposals and concerns of the small operators on topics such as: regulation improvement, administrative simplification, detection of new technologies or training needs, and the incorporation of measures to stimulate quality in the provision of its services. Therefore, the main challenge was to establish the parameters, characteristics, and appropriate considerations to determine what will be understood by a small operator.

For these reasons, the Institute is strengthening the proposal of this Committee, through the realization of focus groups that have affected the completion date of the project.

In the first quarter of 2023, the Institute held working meetings with relevant stakeholders of the telecommunications sector to present the draft Rules. In this sense, through the socialization of the project, we will be working on the construction of the last version of the project.

The goal is to submit the final version of the rules to the consideration of the Plenary of the Institute during the fourth quarter of 2023.

COUNTRIES in FOCUS: [Name countries to be impacted by this action]

Mexico---

YEARS of IMPLEMENTATION: [Tick the relevant boxes or delete the irrelevant items]

✓ 2023

☐ 2024

☐ 2025

RELEVANT ITU REGIONAL INITIATIVE: [Tick the relevant boxes or delete the irrelevant items]

☐ AMS1: Infrastructure deployment (DEPLOYMENT OF MODERN, RESILIENT, SECURE AND SUSTAINABLE TELECOMMUNICATION/INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE)

☐ AMS2: Digital Inclusion and skills development (ENHANCEMENT AND EXPANSION OF DIGITAL-LITERACY, DIGITAL-SKILLS AND DIGITAL-INCLUSION PROGRAMMES, ESPECIALLY AMONG VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

☐ AMS3: Digital transformation and innovation ecosystems (EFFECTIVE SUPPORT FOR DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION AND INNOVATION ECOSYSTEMS THROUGH SCALABLE, FUNDED AND SUSTAINABLE CONNECTIVITY PROJECTS

✓ AMS4: Enabling Policy and Regulatory environments (DEVELOPMENT OF ENABLING POLICY AND REGULATORY ENVIRONMENTS TO CONNECT THE UNCONNECTED THROUGH ACCESSIBLE AND AFFORDABLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS/INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES

Please find more information on the ITU Regional Initiatives 2023-2025, as defined by WTDC-22,

https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/Americas/Pages/RI-projects-2023-2025.aspx

RELATED ITU-D PRIORITIES AS DEFINED BY THE ITU WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE 2022

☐ Affordable connectivity

☐ Digital Transformation

✓ Enabling policy and regulatory environment

☐ Resource mobilization and international cooperation

☐ Inclusive and secure telecommunications/ICTs for sustainable development

Please find more information on the ITU-D Priorities, as defined by WTDC-22, here.

RELATED ITU PRIORITIES AS DEFINED BY ITU PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE 2022

☐ Spectrum use for space and terrestrial services

☐ International telecommunication numbering resources

✓ Inclusive and secure telecommunication/ICT infrastructure and services

☐ Digital applications

✓ Enabling environment

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