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>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, colleagues, for coming back to the meeting room so promptly at the end of the ADM Committee. I have pulled out Michael calculator again, we've 15 Agenda items and 75 minutes. That means roughly 5 minutes on average per Agenda Item. Keep that in mind and our imploring that interventions be focused on concrete proposals and very brief.

Thank you very much.

We'll pick up where we left off this morning, that was on ITU's role as supervisory authority of the International Registration system for space assets under the space protocol.

When we ended our meeting I convened a drafting group and I'm happy to say that there was widespread participation in the drafting group and as a result of that work I produced revision 1 to document C16/DT/13. We're looking at revision 1 to document DT/13.

I would like to present this as a consensus proposal of the drafting group, a delicate compromise that I hope you can all accept and that we can decide to approve this outcome concerning ITU's role.

Nigeria, please.

>> NIGERIA: Thank you, Madam Chair.

Just as you rightly said, after our morning plenary you convened a small drafting group whereby almost every interested group was in attendance. We looked at your earlier submission to the plenary. Some minor adjustments were made to the text. Madam Chair, I want to congratulate you for this delicate compromise that was arrived at.

In fact, a compromise was reached and I want to urge those present here to accept this document DT13 revision 1 as a delicate compromise. I want to urge counselors not to reopen on had this and to let us just adopt this document as presented by the Chair.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much for your wise words and your support. I see no other requests for the floor.

I invite the Council to approve the conclusion in document DT/13 revision 1.

Thank you very much.

Now we move to the next item only the Agenda which is conformance and interoperability. This document is for noting. We'll be looking hat document C16/24 and I would invite the Secretariat Mr. Present this document.

>> SECRETARIAT: Thank you, Madam Chair. Good afternoon, dear colleagues. I would like to present document 24 on behalf of the Secretary‑General. The document is conformance and interoperability program. The program is based on four pillars, pillar one is the conformity assessment program, pillar two is the interoperability events, three, the first for capacity building and pillar four is on the establishment of test centers in developing countries. Pillars one and two are led by ITU/TSB and pillars 3 and 4 are by ITU/BDT.

Regarding pillar 1, is conformity assessment, you have been discussing the conformity program, the conformity database in theoretical terms for quite some time and I would like to give you a brief introduction of what the conform tip database looks like. You see it here on this screen.

The conformity database lists products that have been tested to conform against ITU‑T Recommendations. You see here eHealth devices, one is called mobile phones and another one is called services. In each of those products there is a product column, company number column, model number and the ITU Recommendation it has been tested against.

With respect to eHealth devices, ITU has a Recommendation called 810, it is an interoperability design guidelines for personal health systems. You see there are quite a few products here that have been tested to conform against this Recommendation.

For example, there is a digital thermometer. There is a digital blood pressure monitor. There is a precision health scale. You click on one of those products, you get a bit more information.

Similarly for the mobile phones, ITU has a Recommendation test specification that checks whether mobile phones which are connected to what's called hands‑free terminals in cars are the working properly and those are the products that have been tested against to conform against the Recommendation. We have had a test event just last week and so this list will be updated in about a months' time.

This is pretty new, just last week basically. We have a Recommendation on services, this is work that's been brought into the ITU by a forum, method Internet forum, now they call themselves meth. It is now a long list of products that have been tested to conform against this particular ITU Recommendation.

Last year the Council made it clear that it needs to be an op in, companies have to say explicitly that they would like to be listed in the database. I would like to confirm that we did that so that the ITU members here listed under the services, they have explicitly said yes, they would like to be listed.

That concludes the demonstration of the conformity database. I wanted to give you a practical feel for what it looks like and not just in the theoretical realm.

We also have a Study Group 11 which is doing the work on conformity and interoperability. They have a Steering Committee for detailed procedures of the test Laboratory recognition procedure in ITU‑T. This work is being done in close collaboration with IEC. Moving to pillars 3 and 4, capacity building and the establishment of test centers, capacity building events in 2015 and 2016 focused on the establishment of CNI programs of Laboratory experience, on type approval of mobile terminals, allocation, market, best practices, next generation networks, interoperability aspects and the assessment studies have been conducted covering regulation institutions for various regions. My colleague who is responsible for leading this program, he's in Tunisia right now organizing a CNI it workshop and he's listening to that and with that, I would like to conclude that.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

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

>> VENEZUELA: Thank you very much, Madam Chair. We commend the Secretariat and the Republic of Venezuela has been conducting policies aimed at harmonizing these elements in order to ensure conformity of the products that have resulted in many benefits under this program in order to implement Resolution 177, particularly with regards to pillar 4, we have this competent infrastructure for CNI in order to give a value added and to ensure conformity with relevant international standards with regards to telecommunication products in climate change SAR, et cetera.

The progress made under pillar four has made it possible for us to move forward with the first three pillars, the different tests have been conducted for various modalities of reception. We were also introducing a new assessment and we'll see they're in conformity with the relevant standards. Capacity has made it possible for us to open up other areas to overcome certain gaps in infrastructure. We're applying this in ICTs and it is essential to counts on the ITU's support in this and to fine tune our programs and testing in order to fully implement 177 and the four pillars and we're happy to report that we have opened this discussion with the Avro office and also I'll be in a position to be able to report on the progress made.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Venezuela.

Uganda, please.

>> UGANDA:

Thank you, Madam Chair.

In the interest of time, I won't make a submission long. However, we wanted to thank the Secretariat and commend them on the progress made in implementing this Resolution of the plenipot and we look forward to more work towards realizing all the provisions of the Resolution and as a beneficiary. We know this is a very critical issue to especially developing countries and we pledge our continued support to realization of the same thing.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, Uganda.

I now invite the Council to note the report.

Thank you very much. Our next item is.

 facilitating the Internet of Things to prepare for a globally connected world. We have document C16/23 describing ITU's activities related to plenipotentiary conference Resolution 197. I invite the Secretariat to briefly introduce the document.

>> SECRETARIAT: Thank you, Madam Chair.

Document 23, I'm happy to introduce the document on behalf of the Secretary General. It covers the ITU activities of the entire ITU. Section 3, ITU‑T activities and IoT focuses on smart, sustainable cities, IoT through focus group on smart, sustainable cities approved and published over 20 it reports and specifications. This work has been published in a so‑called flip book this year in January. It contains over 1,000 pages and it is a very valuable resource of the focus group.

It was decided in June last year to create a study group on IoT with the focus on smart, sustainable cities and this focus group has met a couple of times since then. There are standards on key performance indicators for smart, sustainable cities in the approval process, in particular a new standard detailing KPIs for smart, sustainable cities to measure progress in achieving the targets of the SDGs in the making. This work is gaining significant traction and among others they joined our work on this topic. Just two weeks ago ITU and UNECC formed a forum in Rome on shaping smart cities it. It concluded with a declaration which presented a manifesto for the transition to smart, sustainable cities and in addition in Rome they launched the united for smart sustainable city initiative to advocate for public policy for a permanent position for ICTs and strategies to enable the transition to smart, sustainable cities. Some 15 U.N. agencies have already agreed to join the Advisory Board of this global initiative. Dubai was the first city that said it would apply the standards, the second was Singapore and meanwhile quite a few cities have lined up. In addition, we had a fifth meeting in September in the Bahamas and concluded with the approval of the Bahamas declaration in the joint statement issuing agencies to support countries, cities, small island states to think smarter and more sustainable. The next standards will take place in September.

In July, this year, in Singapore ITU‑T, ISO and others organized the world smart city forum.

Moving to section 4, the ITU‑R activities in IoT, spectrum management studies, a focus on the international harmonization of the frequency bands for the operation of short‑range radio devices, measurement techniques and the characteristics of the radio frequency identification devices and work is carried out on network systems. Work is underway to establish the criteria for NT2020 and beyond and the Radio Assembly in 2015 agreed on a Resolution.

In addition, the Radio Assembly approved the Resolution on the Internet of Things which invites ITU‑R to conduct studies on radio networks and systems for IoT and to develop responding Recommendations and handbooks. Section 5, ITU‑D, there were discussion papers present last year in the global symposium for regulators that were focused on the Internet of everything and interoperability in the digital ecosystem.

 theme of this year's JSR to be empowered, included, building blocks for smart societies in a connected world and addressed technology developments as well as enables for smart societies, cities and individuals, including the impact of the Internet of Things. Work progresses in the ITU‑D Study Group question on creating the smart society, social, economic development through IC, it applications. The question aimed of aims to facilitate the development of case studies and how to enable the use of telecommunications including end‑to‑end communications to support smart sustainable cities.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much.

Are there any questions on the report?

I see no requests for the floor.

I invite Council to note this report.

Mexico.

>> MEXICO: Thank you very much, Madam Chair.

Just briefly we would like to thank the Secretariat for this report. We would like to know whether we have tried to do some kind of activity in terms of the international governance and Internet of Things on behalf of the secretariat of the ITU.

Thank you very much.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Mexico.

Can you answer the question, please? Director TSB, please.

>> Director TSB: Thank you for this question.

Sometimes it is said about this IoT space, it is important to subject to the governance issue, but I don't believe it is our development of the IoT, it is not a stage as the current status ‑‑ I mean, the whole of the world, it is our ‑‑ the development status, it is a proper interconnectivity to those things and many different technologies. Our goal is as a U.N. agency we try to extend the interoperability as much as possible. It is relative to initiate this IoT, so‑called IoT governance, but we have to carefully look at how this IoT developed and then we may have another chance to discuss this subject.

Thank you very much.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Director.

We'll note the report in document C16/23 and move to the preparations for the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly is and status report.

Would you please present the report?

>> SECRETARIAT: Madam Chair, on behalf of the Secretary‑General I would like to introduce document 52, it will be proceeded by the global standards symposium on Monday, 24, October. In the country agreement between ITU and Tunisia, it was signed here on the first day of council. Invitation letters have been sent out, numerous regional meetings are taking place and continue to take place. The deadline for contributions to WTSA is basically four weeks but definitely two weeks prior to the opening of WTSA. Fellowships for eligible Member States are available for the meetings and for the WTSA16.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much.

Are there any questions on the presentations for WTSA? Seeing none, I invite the Council to note the report in document C16/52.

We move next to the possible improvements only the roll out of the plenipotentiary conference. The first document is C16/4. I invite the Secretariat to present this document.

>> SECRETARIAT: Thank you, Madam Chair.

Ladies and gentlemen, councilors, on behalf of the Secretary‑General I have the pleasure to present the document C16/4 as it relates to possible improvements on the rollout of the plenipotentiary conference. The Secretariat studied the requests for improvement and the areas of possible improvements for the following priorities guided our action:

To improve the efficiency of the whole plenipotentiary and the conduct of its work, the second priority to reduce costs as listed in Annex 2 decision 5; third priority, to enhance the role of the PB as a supreme body. On the base of these priorities and given the experience asked by the Secretariat, the document puts forth improvement measures along the four major lines. The first area, the basis of Resolution 5 revised PB14 to improve the preparatory work at regional and inter‑regional work through the enhanced coordination at a regional level in order to have greater convergence between regions on important matters with regional communication, organizations with regards to new Delegates and the APT experience demonstrates the importance of such preparations.

The second line of action is targeted at enhancing the previous role as the supreme body of the union with regards to put in place the enabling conditions to help decision makers.

It is also being suggested to have administerial week which would discuss the themes discussed in the plenary in order to replace the classical typical general policy statements to have the final signing ceremony once the text developed in Study Group 2 as it has already been done with regards to official statements. The process of elections here the improvements aim at better possession significances of candidates to identify means in order to modernize and speed up the process of elections with regard to the process of elections, the document emphasizes that on the basis of Resolution 8 of the plenipotentiary measures are being foreseen to improve the election procedures in conformity with Resolution 8 of the plenipotentiary. The elections, it has been proposed that once the Secretariat has examined all the existing solutions, technical, operational conditions and experience by other international organizations such as ILO, WHO to proceed to fully electronic means as a result of the experimental solutions will be tested for the council session in 2017.

The fourth line of action, targets paperless conferences and to use modern management resources. The fifth line suggests to reduce interpretation for Study Groups 2 and 3 in particular.

Madam Chair, this proposal is being put forward for the examination by the Council.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much.

I now invite the councilor of United Arab Emirates our host to document C16/100.

>> UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: Thank you, Madam Chair.

Good afternoon. I'll try in view of the little time available to us to present the document. It gives pleasure to the U.A.E. to present the electronic election process for the next PP at the ITU. In view of what was carried out by certain international organizations, such as the WMO and also the International Labor Organization, the ILO, that is to say to you to use electronic voting for the elections in their conferences, the U.A.E., State of U.A.E. proposes since it is the host country for the conference in 2018 to carry out the elections of that conference through an electronic voting, modern electronic voting system. We propose that the Secretariat be requested to carry out a study regarding the proposed electronic voting system and to present its results to the Council in its next session so that a decision can be taken with regards to the use of electronic voting system in elections of the PP conference.

There are elements that we would like you to take into consideration and you can find it in the document.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, U.A.E.

The floor is now open for comments and questions. I have Japan.

Japan, you have the floor. Japan closuring thank you, Madam Chair.

We would like to very briefly introduce APT's successfully capacity building program last March. The presentation document at C16/INF/15. The name of the training course was training course on preparing for Internet conference organized by the APT together with ITU and supported by the Japanese government. We call it a training course. The concept is that this training, it is to provide base knowledge about international conference to the young generation so that they can participate in the decision making process more smoothly and meaningfully.

However, the necessary training to participants in the conferences has remained in the domain of on the job training. This training is aimed at providing experience of know how so that the younger generation can obtain the necessary elements of background preparedness and confidence.

Actually, the one conducted last month, it is one of the pieces of a map that can be covered such as training courses for the role of structure and process of regional making. This time, the training course, it had two phases where they utilized online function of ITU academy for the first phase. For the next stage this year, the APT will have a similar training course and these programs, which this school for Internet conference provides to facilitate the discussion amongst stakeholders at any international conference in the future. For further information, please refer to document C16/INF/15.

Thank you very much.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Japan.

I have requests from Brazil, Russia, Kenya, Spain, U.S.A., Saudi Arabia, Egypt.

I would like to close the list and ask you to please be very, very brief. Thank you. Brazil, please.

>> BRAZIL: Thank you, Madam Chair.

Thank you, Secretariat for the report and suggestions on the document.

Thank you U.A.E. for providing the input documents for further work.

We think it is a very intelligent manner to introduce the topic. Presenting the topic, presenting the principles, asking the Secretariat to develop studies and to get back to discussing this one year after. It is very, very reasonable process.

I think the electronic voting is very important. It will improve the election process. We'll have results faster. We would like to offer the U.A.E. whatever support we can provide them just to inform you, in Brazil we have in national elections we have more than 140 million votes and the voting ends at 6:00 p.m. on election day and we have the results by midnight. It is electronic voting, very efficient in terms of the vote counting and we offer the UAE support during this year until next Council so that we can make this a better process and with the view of possibly reducing the duration of PP or leaving more time to discuss on the several important Committees that we have. In addition to the document by the U.A.E. and in the study of the Secretariat, we would like to ask you, please, to include an estimate of the time that we would save, an estimate of the cost that we would be saving either for the host Committee or for the ITU and report next year to council.

>> CHAIR: Russia, please.

>> RUSSIA: Thank you, Madam Chair.

I would like to extend my gratitude to the Secretariat and to the United Arab Emirates for the documents presented and to point out had that the in our view this would be necessary to conduct an in-depth analysis of this proposal, particularly those contained in the Secretariat's document. We're particularly doubtful about the need to renounce on political statements because it is their general policy statements enabling the Delegates to get first‑hand information about the most important objectives and potential approaches to the solutions in the ITU Member States.

We're also doubtful about the advisability of canceling the interpretation in Committees 2 and 3 which may negatively affect the quality of the outcome. Particularly given the fact that there are a number of meetings conducted by those Committees is quite significant. Is

What is most important which hasn't been mentioned but we will urge the Secretariat to look into that, as well as to have the Member States look into it, it is the provisions of the documents of the ITU and the practice of the past few decades in line with which we first settle on the size of the final and then develop the draft financial plan and only then decide on the class of contributions that's already led to plenipotentiary conferences to our inability to adopt clear‑cut, well‑balanced financial plans. Potentially an optimal approach would be to settle on the final size of the advisory union on the second day of the meeting as it was done in June of the PP14 and to announce the finalists selected to contribute on the part of the of ITU Member States on the third day, then we would be in position to develop financial plans on the basis of well‑known financial resources.

We're going to formulate this proposal at a later stage, but I would like to urge you to look into it now following the proposal by the United Arab Emirates, we fully support the holding of the electronic vote by the June elections which also voiced a word of caution when it comes to electronic voice on other matters. We believe that's the practice of the ‑‑ the traditional practice of the ITU of trying to identify consensus that needs to be followed in the consideration of other matters. When it comes to elections, this is a very efficient decision.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, Russia.

Korea, please.

>> REPUBLIC OF KOREA: Thank you, Madam Chair.

Korea appreciates the of efforts to improve the rollout of the plenipotentiary conference. We also appreciate the U.A.E. for their contributions. We believe that 13 endeavors are particularly valued since the IT has to be invested in the long‑term. Korea it is the host country of the PP14, Korea it is the possible improvement of the rollout of the plenipotentiary conference including strengthening, regional, inter‑regional preparations ensuring high‑level participation as well as enhancing electronic process. We are looking forward to the plenipotentiary conference in Dubai of the U.A.E. as it will be more advanced and efficient, providing that the proposed improvements are made.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Korea.

Switzerland ‑‑ I'm sorry. Kenya. Kenya, please.

>> KENYA: Thank you very much, Chair.

Maybe in view of the time that we have we just want to say that we welcome the opportunity for the suggestions that have been made in the Secretariat's document and indeed of that of the U.A.E. be examined and studied further so that then the possible issue is just going to the mechanism for doing that. My gut feeling, Chair, is that there seems to be a consensus that we need to work on processes that improve on how we conduct the PP.

Might it be possible then that we probably would ‑‑ you know, have one of the Council working groups to follow studies and questionnaires that will be sent to us to examine this and to provide a report to us in the next Council.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, Kenya, for your wise advice.

I do see the list keeps growing. We do not have time in plenary to take into account possible proposals about how we should move forward. Perhaps we can invite the Secretary‑General to continue consultations on possible improvements to the plenipotentiary conference process and the Secretariat to continue to develop proposals in this area based on those consultations. In particular, noting the support for electronic voting for elections and report back to Council 2017 and also encourage all members to provide their own inputs into the consultation into Council 2017. Would that be acceptable way forward rather than continuing to take interventions on this issue? If so, I would appreciate it if we could clear the list and if anyone needs the floor urgently to ask for it again.

Thank you.

I have two requests for the floor, Spain and Tunisia.

Spain, please. Thank you very much, Madam Chair.

>> SPAIN: Quickly we think it is a good idea, the solution that you suggested, only we would like to say that an objective that we could look and perhaps through eVoting to reduce the plenipotentiary from 3 to 2 weeks and ultimately the interpretation perhaps keep it in commission 3 and commission 2 because ‑‑ because that's what we would like to see happen.

Thank you very much.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Spain.

Yes, I note that Brazil previously asked for an analysis of the cost and time savings that may be achieved.

I think this will be a natural outcome of the further study.

Tunisia, please.

>> TUNISIA: Thank you very much, Madam Chair.

We support your proposal. That's all.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, Tunisia.

We will decide as I previously stated on this issue.

I appreciate your cooperation.

Saudi Arabia.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Madam Chair.

I'm sorry for intervening at a late stage. I would like to say that there is not ‑‑ there won't be negotiations with regards to the linguistic services.

We need interpretation for the meetings throughout the Study Groups.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you.

I see the Secretariat has taken note of the fact that there was some opposition to the idea of having no interpretation in Committees 2 or 3 for the plenipotentiary conference. It would really not make sense to further develop that possibility.

Thank you very much.

Let's move on to the next item.

The report of the drafting group on languages. Here we have document DT/9 and I would invite the Chairman of the drafting group to present document DT/9.

The floor is yours.

>> Chairman of the drafting group DT/9: Thank you very much, Madam Chair.

The ad hoc group met once very early on the 27th of May and concluded its work successfully. It invites the Council to modify Resolution 13/72 in accordance with the proposal submitted in document C16/73. The draft revision of Resolution 1372 can be found in Annex DT/9 the of the document, the Working Group also invites Council to take note of the observations of the Secretariat on the difficulties associated with the full implementation of the revised Resolution.

I quote the Secretariat will offer no objection to the essence of the contributions submitted but would like to draw the attention to the many challenges involved in the full implementation. The Secretariat pledged to closely assess and tackle such challenges in the most efficient manner and in light of established best practices in the United Nations system. I would like to thank the participants within the group and in particular the head of the conference services within the general Secretariat who acted as Secretary of The group for the constructive spirit which he showed and everyone showed in our work.

Thank you very much, Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much. We thank you for leading this discussion and for all participants for their positive contributions.

I see no requests for the floor, and I therefore propose to endorse the draft revision of Resolution 13/72 it and to include the disclaimer that you read in the summary record of this plenary.

Thank you very much.

We move on to the next item on our Agenda, which is the ITU Internet activities, document DT/10. In document DT/10 we have the package of information that in accordance with Resolution 102 of the 2014 plenipotentiary conference the ITU Secretary‑General is to transmit to the Secretary‑General of the United Nations. So you'll see the Secretary‑General's report in document C16/33 to the 2016 session of Council summarizing the Union's activities. The fact that this report was noted by Council Member States at our session, this Council had an opportunity for written views was provided to Council Member States on document C16/33 during the session. No written comments were presented and then we'll have the official summary record of the related verbal discussions among Council Member States that you will see in this document as Annex 2, an extract of the summary record.

This is the package of information following the process that we used in Council 2015 that will be transmitted to the Secretary‑General of the United Nations.

I now invite comment from the floor.

Seeing no comments, I invite Council to approve document DT10 for transmission to the Secretary‑General of the United Nations.

Thank you very much.

Let us move then to the next item on the Agenda. It is the report by the Chairman of the Working Group on international related public policy issues, I invite you to open document DT/12 and invite the Chairman of the Council Working Group on Internet to present the document and his conclusions.

Thank you very much.

>> Chairman of the Council Working Group on Internet: Thank you, Madam Chair.

As Chair of the Council Working Group on international Internet related to public policy issues I would like to remind you that we held consultations since Friday last week and following the consultations were able to come up with the text yesterday, a consensual text which was a result of all of the consultations undertaken. This text can be found in document DT/12.

This text should be integrated in the summary record of this Council meeting.

Madam Chair, I would ask you to integrate this text in the summary record of this session, and I would also like to thank all of those countries who participated in these consultations for all of their endeavors undertaken in order to arrive to this consensual approach.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much.

I would like to thank you as Chair of the group that produced this text. I know it took a lot of consultation and hard work to reach a consensus. I invite the council to agree on this so it can be reflected in the summary record of this plenary session.

Seeing no requests for the floor, it is so decided. Thank you very much.

Let's move on now to the report of the drafting group on WSIS and the Sustainable Development Goals. I draw your attention to document DT/11 and invite the Chairman of that group to present the document and conclusions of the group.

>> Chairman of argues developing DT/11: We held it two meetings, we'll have one single Resolution that will cover the WSIS issues and SDG issues and the new version will be entitled the ITU role only the WSIS outcomes it taking in account the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Once the work was completed I have only received one observation from Brazil, I would like to ask through you, Brazil, to make it available, but for my part I'm not familiar with that statement and so I'm depending on what they're going to say. We have agreed on the terms of reference that was submitted in this document for consideration.

Finally, I would like to thank all of the members of the group which have conducted difficult work, and I ask you to give me half a minute after you have taken the decision because I would need to consult with other members of this group in my capacity as its Chair.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much.

Brazil, please.

>> BRAZIL: Thank you, Madam Chair. First of all, thank you Professor, for conducting the two meetings. We participated in most of the second meeting.

During the meeting, I was following and participating on the discussions, but I expressed a concern in the issue of not limiting the work of the ITU and implementation of the SDG pace, Sustainable Development Goals to the WSIS framework for two reasons basically, we may have technical innovations that are beyond the action lines which were defined in the Tunis Agenda more than ten years ago. Beyond the scope of the action lines in which the ITU is identified as a lead facilitator or contributor. The second reason already stated, it is that this specific Tunis Agenda seems outdated. An example, possibly needing a revision, for example, if action line C8 on culture and linguistic diversity does not see the ITU as lead facilitator or contributor but there was discussions on the multi‑lingual Internet on the ITU's and good outcomes from that action line even though ITU was not identified there at that time.

These are the basic reasons that we don't want text in to the Resolution that will limit the role of the ITU as was said this morning that's cross‑cutting throughout the 17SDGs and we don't want this to be limited to the WSIS framework for the reasons that we have presented. Taken into account DT11 ‑‑ I'm sorry for that, Madam Chair. We had to raise this issue at this time.

Taking results 3 which says that to use the WSIS ‑‑ it to use the WSIS framework in which the ITU hopes to achieve it's 2030 Agenda. In English, this seems very restricting because it says it the ITU can only help achieve the Agenda through the WSIS mechanism and that's why we propose that it reads to use the WSIS framework as the foundation for which the ITU helps achieve the 2030 Agenda because foundation is something that you can build on, it is a starting point, the basis, you can build on that and in the same line, the same line of reasoning instruct the Secretary‑General ‑‑ it is a short revision, to ensure that ITU activities related to the 2030 Agenda and the WSIS process are closely aligned and are conducted in accordance with the mandates and within the allocated resources in the financial plan and biannual budget. Basically it is recent events phrasing the first part of the Secretary‑General it but suppressing an important part which we think limits too much the processes within the ITU. It says with policies and procedures, we think it is important to always develop new policies and internal procedures because that's the role of council if we're not here to advise Secretariat in the ways that we want them to conduct the Union, perhaps there is no need for us to be here. We're always trying to innovate and improve efficiency p these are our suggestions.

Again, I apologize for bringing this in plenary.

As I said, the ad hoc group, we needed to look at the end product of the work to see if our concerns of not limiting the work of the ITU were taken into account.

Thank you very much.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, Brazil.

It won't be possible to turn the plenary into a drafting group. I would ask if there are any comments on the proposal made by Brazil. In particular I would look to the Chair of the drafting group who I believe held several meetings.

Dr. Minkin

>> Thank you, Madam Chair.

Well as pointed out, in my view these modifications are quite acceptable especially when translated into Russian there would be minor changes indeed.

>> CHAIR: Thank you.

Canada, please.

>> CANADA: Thank you, Madam Chair.

I would like to thank the Professor and all of those, Kara, that worked very hard until 10:30 p.m. on achieving the document that's been brought to your attention, Madam Chair. We believe that the work that we did took considerable amount of effort, compromise leading to consensus. We believe the document brought to your attention is explicit and clear enough. Although we acknowledge the concerns raised by Brazil we believe first and foremost that the WSIS framework is a fundamental piece in this Resolution and secondly, most importantly, Madam Chair, it is Wednesday already and I don't know how we would be in a position now to go to another ad hoc drafting group to revise this and stay for another six hours until we come back again for a new document for your presentation.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Canada. Mexico, please.

>> MEXICO: Thank you very much, Madam Chair. Firstly, we would like to thank Professor Minkin for his excellent leadership in this drafting group. We spent many hours on this document and nevertheless we think that it is due to the very important ‑‑ the importance of this to all of us. We would like to thank the proposal given by the Distinguished Delegate by Brazil and we think that these are minor changes which could ‑‑ which could give better clarity to the document that's brought your attention here to the plenary.

We would like to ask, therefore, that we consider including these minor changes within the document. I think this would make the document clearer on the objective of this document.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Mexico.

My list is growing. I'm afraid I'll have no choice but to ask Dr. Minkin if he ‑‑ Dr. Minkin ‑‑

>> Thank you very much.

I would suggest a compromise, thank you, Madam Chair.

In resource 3 if you were to substitute foundation for mechanism I'll put full stop ‑‑ no. Replace. Yes. Substitute mechanism for foundation.

That would be sufficient.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much.

The only change proposed to make to the document is to replace the word mechanism with foundation.

Venezuela, please.

>> VENEZUELA: Thank you very much, Madam Chair.

I was ready before Professor Minkin's intervention. I would just like to align ourselves with the observations made by Brazil. That's all.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much.

Seeing no further requests for the floor, I would invite the Council to approve the revised Resolution 13/32 as provided in document DT/11 with the change of the word mechanism to foundation in resolves 3.

Thank you very much.

Dr. Minkin.

>> Dr. MINKIN: Thank you, Madam Chair, thank you very much to all that you've greed to finalize the work of this document.

I have a question in my capacity as Chair of the council Working Group, I would like to ask the Council to clarify the following matter: At high‑level event in 2014 we obtained consensus to all stakeholders through MVP. Were statements agreed and the concept of statements and vision. Those two documents were approved by the plenipotentiary.

I would like to seek confirmation of the Council that these two documents for the ITU are genuine documents and that they were conducted by the ITU in this area to take into account not only those areas which were agreed in Geneva but also those new provisions with regard to each of the action lines to which the ITU has relevance, I also found in the two documents which were approved by the plenipotentiary conferences. For the ITU, these two documents have legal force.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR: We may need some time to come back with an answer to that question. Welcome back to it before this Council ends.

Thank you.

Let's move next to the item on our Agenda, the cooperation agreement with Interpol, document C16/71. We're now getting into new issues.

I have the pleasure to invite you to present document C16/71.

>> Thank you, Madam Chair. Ladies and gentlemen, Distinguished Delegates, on behalf of the ITU Secretary‑General it is my pleasure to introduce document C16/71 which is a report from the ITU Secretary‑General on the status of the draft cooperation agreement between ITU and Interpol. The purpose of the document is to submit to council for consideration and as appropriate provisional approval a cooperation agreement between ITU and the international criminal police organization Interpol whose purpose is to establish a formal framework for Interpol and ITU to cooperate for the mutual benefit and within scope of the respective mandates and resources to promoting cybersecurity capacity building and to address cyber threats, including child online protection. Section 1 provides background information on the history of the discussions between the two organizations and their mandate concerning cooperation within the U.N. system and with other relevant intergovernmental organizations. Section 2 provides the status of the Interpol's agreement of the agreement. The agreement was submitted in of the General Assembly held in Rwanda in November, 2015 to approve the cooperation with ITU and authorize Interpol's Secretary‑General to sign it. Section 3 is the approval procedure. Under number 80, the Council has the authority to conclude agreements on a provisional basis and that the provisional agreements shall be submitted to the next plenipotentiary conference in accordance with Article 8 of the constitution. Article 8 in particular, number 58 mandates the plenipotentiary conference to examine any provisional agreements concluded by the Council on behalf of the union and take such measures in connection there with as it deems appropriate.

In light of the foregoing, the Council has requested to consider and as appropriate approve the cooperation agreement between ITU and Interpol in Annex A in accordance with number 80 of the Convention and consider as an appropriate approve the draft decision in Annex B, authorize the Secretary‑General to sign the agreement on behalf of the Union and instruct the Secretary‑General to bring the decision to the notice of the Interpol Secretary‑General.

The agreement is attached to document 71 as Annex A for your consideration.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much.

I now open the floor for comments.

Morocco, please.

>> MOROCCO: Thank you, Madam Chair.

I have no objections that this agreement be concluded and at the same time I would need more clarification with regard to the provisions of Article 6 of this document.

>> CHAIR: United States, please.

>> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: We appreciate the Secretary‑General providing Council the opportunity to review MOUs with financial, strategic implications and we appreciate this opportunity to weigh in on this agreement between the ITU and Interpol.

The United States supports the existing relationship between Interpol and ITU. Interpol has a lot of expertise that the ITU membership ship benefits from and they have been a helpful contributor to the Working Group on child online protection and informing members about their work and opportunities to get involved.

For us there's language in the MOU that sets an expectation that the ITU would be involved with law enforcement and operational cybersecurity activities. As those are outside the role and mandate of the ITU and are beyond what the BDT envisions for this cooperation we believe revisions are needed before we can authorize the Secretary‑General's signature. That being said, we don't want to delay the implementation of the cooperation as we think there is a lot of benefit to the membership for this cooperation to take place. We hope to be able to work with colleagues to craft a draft decision that allows the cooperation to begin but establishes a process for updating the agreement by the next Council meeting if possible and certainly before the 2018 plenipotentiary conference. We stand ready to help do that work.

Thank you very much.

>> CHAIR: Rwanda.

>> RWANDA: Thank you, Madam Chair.

Also Rwanda appreciates the Secretariat for contributing this and the contribution by the United States.

Rwanda is of the view that as proposed by the United States that that decision by Council can be crafted and in addition to allowing the process to continue we're of the view that this Council should provisionally approve the cooperation agreement to allow ITU and Interpol to proceed with this partnership. Given the concerns that the membership may have, we're of the view that this would be captured within the decision so that they set the boundaries within which the implementation of this agreement would be done and create room for the Secretariat to be able to update this agreement before PP18 at which point it would be permanently approved.

Thank you, Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Rwanda.

China.

>> CHINA: China would like to thank the Secretariat for submitting the documents to the Council.

We agree with Rwanda and the supports that we could provisionally approve this agreement and allow the Secretary‑General to sign the agreement. We're of the view that the content is appropriate which has defined the scope of the cooperation in a general way and in this framework and according to relevant mandates they will carry out the cooperation.

We have noted that the U.S. has ‑‑ they're wanting to limit some ‑‑ the content of the concrete work to carry out the agreement. We would think that the appropriate way is to define these ‑‑ to provide these views leading to the Council's decisions and also to draw attention of Interpol's Secretary‑General of the decisions so as to guarantee that both organizations can carry out cooperation according to these decisions.

In the meantime, we have noted that in fact the plenary of Interpol has already approval of the agreements and also the Secretary‑General of Interpol has already signed the agreement.

In we modify the agreements this would mean that Interpol would have to review and approval, again, which means a great deal of costs and time and it is not the best way for the cooperation between the two organizations and is also quite inappropriate for the image of ITU and the cooperation between ITU and other organizations.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much.

I have a growing list of requests for the floor. I noted in the comments that there were questions asked and an observation made that besides making a decision on this cooperation agreement in the proposal in document 71 we need to have a decision out of Council.

I would ask the United States, since you volunteered to help, Ms. Klein, if you could convene a drafting group and help get these questions answered that have been asked and the decision of this Council in time for tomorrow's plenary. I know it is not enough time to do your work.

It is not possible for us to take half a dozen more countries and to craft the decision in this plenary.

If that's agreeable, I would like to proceed in that way.

Thank you very much.

If you could ‑‑ I'll note that you have available room T.101 and before we adjourn today, please let members know what time you would like to meet.

I still have India and Nigeria asking for the floor.

Do you insist since we're going to have a drafting group? Nigeria has ‑‑ India, please.

>> INDIA: Thank you, Madam Chair. Concerning the view that you have expressed, we'll make it brief and crisp. Here we're looking at international cooperation in signer security support among the countries. Perhaps there is not doubts on why we should not enter into with Interpol as they're working on the subject which will help the Member States to take further collaboration effectively and at the international cooperation part so of support of you, we will join the drafting group and we'll go further.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much for your cooperation.

I would like to now to move to the report of child online protection which is C16/15. I invite the Vice‑Chair of the council Working Group Ms. Whyte‑Gomez to present the document.

>> Ladies and gentlemen, Distinguished Delegates, I cherish very much this opportunity to present this report on child online protection, a topic that my country holds very close to our public policy. Let me first of all apologize for the Chair of the Council Working Group on child online protection for not being able to participate in this session of the Council 16. Therefore, in my role has Vice‑Chair it is my pleasure to introduce C16/15 which represents the main resource of the tenth and 11th meetings of the group on child online protection.

The 10th meeting of CWGCOP was held on 30, September, 2015 and the 11th meeting was held on 16, February, of this year both in ITU headquarters in Geneva.

Approximately 100 participants were representing different stakeholders, participated both remotely and physically in the meetings. Both meetings highlighted the important role of the United Nations as a global convener in facilitator for different stakeholders to work towards a universally available open secure and trustworthy Internet.

In addition, the group received many contributions from members and from ‑‑ and invited external experts. The related documents are available on the CWGCOP website. During the 10th meeting the outcome of the first youth online consultation was discussed. The group drew attention to and analyzed the possible topics for the consultation in how to engage their natural organizations to contribute to the consultation. With regard to the COP framework members appreciated the exercise while recognized the need for further consultation on the detailed content of the framework.

Finally, the proposal by the coalition was also discussed in an online consultation on the principles set forth by the published works proposed. In the 11th meeting following the report of the ITU Secretariat on the progress made by the COP initiative the group discussed the outcomes of the three online consultations. The five rights which derived from the coalition proposal, topics for the next online youth consultation and feedback received in relation to the COP framework. The group welcomed the implementation and development of the regional initiatives on COP for Europe in CIS and suggested that the Secretariat to increase synergies in coordination with other stakeholders within the U.N. and other forum.

Section 3 of the report focuses on the outcomes of the meetings. Now, during the 10th meeting the Chairman encouraged more interaction and more contributions from Member States in COP partners as well as from regional organizations.

Regarding the youth consultation, the group agreed to further the discuss ‑‑ with regard to the child rights coalition and their proposal, the group agreed to consult on the principles especially the need to take account of elements such as accessibility.

In relation to the proposed framework to set global targets and goals on child online safety it was agreed that further consultations should be carried out between now ‑‑ between then and the next meeting of the group.

During the 11th meeting, as mentioned, as I previously mentioned, which was held February 16th, it was agreed that the group welcomed the initiatives that raised awareness about the importance of child online safety such as rights and agreed to take into account such initiatives in the work of the group going forward. The subject of cyberbullying on social media will be the first topic of the online youth consultation.

Last, the Secretariat would post online the next draft of the COP framework. The work continues, Madam the, and together with the Secretariat we'll be happy to bring the comments to enrich and to guide the proceedings of the Working Group of the Council.

Thank you very much.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, Your Excellency. Thank you for being here to present this report.

Seeing no requests for the floor I would invite Council to endorse the report in document C16/25.

Venezuela.

>> VENEZUELA: I would like to thank the work from this group on child online protection and mention we're complete lit committed to this issue.

Thank you very much.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Venezuela.

U.A.E., please.

>> UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: Thank you, Madam Chair.

Very quickly, I would like to ask a question: The plenipotentiary in 2014 has allowed stakeholders to participate in this Working Group. I would like to know from the Vice‑Chair man was there a participation from stakeholders, with as it efficient and were they very active in their participation.

Thank you, Madam.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, U.A.E.

I would invite Her Excellency to respond to the question.

>> Thank you, Madam Chair.

I would like to mention as I included the information before that more than 100 participants were able to attend the meetings both here in Geneva and online. We do believe that the participation has been enthusiastic and that we, indeed, have had and received collaboration from regional organizations from different stakeholders, from the non‑governmental organizations as well as governments, media, stakeholders in general because we also have the industry participating in the Working Group.

Nevertheless, we would like to also highlight that we have emphasized in our discussions the need to encourage further cooperation and interaction, especially from governments, from governments, from the developing countries, from organizations, also we believe that to the regional Bureaus of the ITU would be of help in order to promote better engagement of by the youth and governments throughout the world in different initiatives to work better towards child online protection.

To summarize, I would say that there has been very important participation which has enriched the work of the Working Group but there is need for improvement and we would very much welcome further collaboration and further participation attendance by groups, countries especially countries of the different regions of the world many of which already have presence and missions here in Geneva and we would very much welcome to this group to increase their participation.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much.

Italy, please.

>> ITALY: Thank you, Chairman.

Simply to say I support the Working Group and the initiative and there is also ‑‑ there is in the report, it is clear, there will be online consultation on child, online, it is open to everyone and a good cooperation with other regional initiative and that's really the work of the Chair, Vice‑Chairman, the supporting staff.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much.

I invite Council to endorse the report in document C16/25.

Thank you very much.

So decided.

May I ask the interpreters for 10 more minutes? I would like to try to finish the document on youth and ICT. It is a document just for noting.

>> Yes, ma'am.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. We have document C16/20, activities on youth through ICTs.

I invite you to present the document.

>> Thank you very much. It is my pleasure to present document 20 on behalf of the Secretary‑General and ITU's activities on youth and ICTs. This document provides an overview of the activities he organized by ITU since the last Council which have benefited directly from tens of thousands of girls that have participated in girls in ICT day over 100 researchers from 30 universities that joined us for the ITU kaleidoscope event. 60 young innovators for 40 countries that joined us for ITU Telecom World, the young innovators competition. Madam Chair, these figures give an idea of the variety of activities that are organized by the ITU on Youth and ICTs and the diverse impact and outreach achieved from the union thanks to these and on the part activities highlighted in the report including the launch of the new emerged partnership, the continuation of the internship program at the ITU, our contributions to the U.N. global initiative on it decent jobs for youth and the regular visits to the ICT discovery.

Looking into the future, ITU will continue advancing on the implementation of Resolution 198 thanks to the support of our partners, international organizations, the private sector, Civil Society, in particular His Excellency, the from Costa Rica who is promoting the role of telecommunications and ICTs and how it can empower youth across the globe.

The report also invites ITU membership to make voluntary contributions to the new fund that was established in accordance with Resolution 198. Council is invited to note this report.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much.

Are there any comments from the floor on document 20?

I invite Council to note this report, and seeing that we have 7 of our minutes left. Let's continue on to the next item, date and duration of the 2017/2018 ‑‑ 2019 sessions of Council.

You will find the document C16/2 and I invite the Secretariat to present this document.

>> SECRETARIAT: Thank you very much, Madam Chair. .

I have the honor to introduce document C16/2 it with regards to the proposed dates and duration of the 2017/2018/2019 sessions of the Council. In line with past practice dates have been selected in accordance with taking into account Resolution 111 which ‑‑ which will look at all of the sessions, the Resolution 11 with regards to religious periods and taking into account other conferences to reduce the Council begin one day. It is proposed to confirm the dates for 2017 from the 15th May to the 24th of May, 2017 and to confirm the dates of 2018 from the 19th of April to the 27th of April, 2018, and to approve the proposed dates of 2019 from Monday the 10th of June to Wednesday the 19th of June, 2019.

The Council is invited to approve the dates for adopting the draft decision contained in the Annex of this document.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much.

Are there any comments? I open the floor for comments.

United States.

>> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Thank you, Madam Chair.

We have talked to some countries about the stress we have been under on this particular Council, I don't know if the Agendas will continue to be as challenging. Many countries agreed that perhaps shorten the Council to eight days was a mistake and we should make it nine. It brings me back to when the United States in the 90s said we should only have two years between WRCs and after three WRCs we cried uncle and went back to three to four years. I'm just wondering if any other administrations would support that idea.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Saudi Arabia.

>> SAUDI ARABIA: Thank you, Madam Chair. We would like to express our support for what was said by the Honorable Delegate of the United States of America and the possibility of increasing the Council session by one day and two days for those sessions that are subject to the discussion of the budget.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much.

U.A.E., please.

>> UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: Thank you very much, Madam Chair. Very briefly, we in turn do support what's been said by the Honorable Delegate of the U.S.A. in increasing the days of the Council to nine days.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much.

Russia, please.

>> RUSSIA: We would like to support the proposal by the United States. It is very hard to work at this pace and nine days would be much more comfortable for all Delegates.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you.

Bulgaria, please.

>> BULGARIA: Good afternoon, Madam Chair.

We're thankful for this suggestion from the Honorable Delegation of The United States of America.

Madam Chair, on many items we're rushing and not going into substance. Today we had the meeting with the representative of the staff and he's brought some issues which deserve more attention. Madam Chair, we support fully what was proposed by the U.S.A. Delegation and also we would like through you to put it in the minutes of the meeting so that the next Council meetings will have in the Agenda also a point for staff issues so that we'll have them in advance, we'll know what are the policies, if there is something which is to be discussed and decided that we be prepared for that.

Thank you very much.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much.

Are there any proposals to the objections to increase the length of Council?

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I still have four requests from the floor, Australia, Philippines, Canada, Venezuela.

Australia.

>> Just to agree with the former speakers.

>> CHAIR: Philippines.

>> PHILIPPINES: In the name of quality work and to look at important decisions on important matter, I support the proposal from the United States.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much.

Canada, please.

>> CANADA: Thank you, Madam Chair.

With the caveat that as much as we think about increasing the number of day d sector, we should also think about being as efficient as possible so that the issue is not increasing the number of days, but of being more efficient, and just last but not least, I would like to join our voice of support to the comments made by Bulgaria in the sense that for the next session of Council the appropriate amount of time be given to staff Council for their presentations.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. Yes. We'll include that in the summary record of the meeting. Let's make sure that we get the remarks ahead of time so that we can know what the substance of the issues is.

Venezuela, please.

>> VENEZUELA: Good afternoon, Madam Chair.

We would like to support the proposal made by the Distinguished Delegate of the United States and the proposal made by Bulgaria.

Thank you very much.

>> CHAIR: Thank you.

Morocco, please.

>> MOROCCO: Thank you very much, Madam Chair.

At the outset we are in agreement with the proposed dates for the next Council session. We align ourselves with the proposal made by the United States.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR: I ask the remaining commenters to be very, very brief. We have reached our time limit. India.

>> INDIA: I beg to differ, I have a different view on the subject. When we're here we agree that we should be efficient, I agree with the comments of Canada. Same time, we being here has got a lot of strain on is the Secretariat and resources and also those back at home. Perhaps the current length of the Council should be good enough to take the important information if we focus, take them forward.

That's our view. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you.

Senegal, please.

>> SENEGAL: We think it is relevant the proposal by the United States but nine days with regards to the decision of last year, it would be ‑‑ it would be quite heavy, therefore I think it that a reduction to eight days could perhaps be a compromise in this regard.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR: I would ask the Secretariat to please revise this decision and bring it back to us tomorrow taking into account all of the comments received.

Thank you very much.

What time is your meeting in room T101?

>> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: We'll meet tonight at 6:00 p.m. Thank you very much.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. We'll not have a Steering Committee this evening. Delegates, you're free to go to that.

Switzerland, please.

>> SWITZERLAND: Thank you very much, Madam Chair. We have listened very closely to all the exchanges on the duration of the Council. I'm amazed that the Council is now too long and now we want to shorten it. I think it is ‑‑ it is not a question of duration but in the way that we're working to be efficient. I think that the Chair has been very efficient and effective. I hope we can say the same of all the Delegations. Lengthening the Council would be an additional cost, and on the other hand, we've a budgetary issue we're trying to make savings, but now we're suggesting to lengthen the Council. I ask myself ‑‑ I would like to say that we really seriously reflect on this approach and take in account the budgetary dimension.

>> CHAIR: Thank you.

Thank you very much, we will now close the plenary session of the day.

Thank you very much. Have a good evening.

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