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>> CHAIR: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. If you can take the floor ‑‑ your seat, please. Thank you. The draft agenda of this Plenary is in ADM 31 and submitted for approval. Is there any objection to approve the agenda? So no one is asking for the floor. The agenda is approved.

Now let's go to the second agenda item, Document 65 and I will give the floor now to the Chairman of Committee 4 for a presentation. And before I do that I wanted to really thank you for turning around the text to this meeting in tremendously short time. So Chairman Committee 4, please you have the floor.

>> CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE 4: Thank you, Chairman. The Editorial Committee submits to the Plenary for approval Document 65. This is submitted for first reading. And it contains all of the texts which were approved by the various Plenary sessions.   
6tThank you, Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. And thanks again for your effort in making this document available to us. I will now start the consideration of this document for approval by Plenary. And I will start with the preamble. Iran?

>> IRAN: Thank you, Chairman. Good evening. There is a small point editorial for your consideration that Plenipotentiary 2014 may change the term Convention to other terms. In order that the final act be properly published, I have prepared a small text that you can put under the Convention and asterisks, texts of asterisks would be as follows: Do you allow me to read?

>> CHAIR: Yes. I don't prefer to have a footnote.

>> IRAN: It is up to you.

>> CHAIR: Yes.

>> IRAN: The text is as follows: Should Plenipotentiary Conference 2014 replace the term “Convention” by other terms WCIT‑2012 or this conference, any of the two, authorize the General‑Secretariat or Secretariat General, any of the two as legal advisors could advise to take necessary action for replacement of the term “Convention” by the term adopted by Plenipotentiary 2014 to be included in the ITR revised by this conference before being published. This authorizations allows that the term “Convention” should it be modified by 2014 Plenipotentiary Conference replace.

This is a text, Chairman. The legal advisor may make necessary modifications as usual in order to be in line with the decisions of the conference, but this is, Chairman, necessary to put that otherwise the term “Convention” appear in the final act for years. If this is changed by Plenipot, it may not be correct. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. And we will take the legal advisor on adjusting the text and we will put it in the record. And I want to thank you again for your proposal. With that can we proceed with the approval with the preamble in its entirety? Thank you.

Article 1, and I will take it in its entirety. Thank you. Approved.

Article 2 in its entirety.

UAE.

>> UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: Thank you, Chairman. With regards to Article 1, sorry to take you back, and we are in your hands if you would like to take it as a whole Article or you would like to take it in the first seating paragraph by paragraph. It says “These regulations also contain provisions that shall be applied to those operating agencies." So the proposal is to modify applicable with the shall be applied to those operating agencies.

>> CHAIR: I don't prefer to change anything now. Thank you. And I want to take it as an entire Article if you don't mind. Can we proceed? Jordan, there is not going to be changes. Please, can you take the request for the floor?

Qatar?

>> QATAR: Thank you, Chairman. Just a typo error in 2A, to establish, “operate” instead of “operated and engage.” Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Okay. Thank you. We will take note of it. Article 1 approved. Thank you.

Article 2 in its entirety. Thank you. Approved.

Article 3. Perhaps I will go slower here. 3.1. Thank you. Approved.

3.2. Approved. Thank you.

3.3. Approved. Thank you.

3.4. Thank you. Approved.

6.31A or 3.5, sorry. Approved. Thank you.

3.6. That's CLI. Approved. Thank you.

3.7. Approved. Thank you.

Now to Article 4 and 4.1. Approved. Thank you.

4.2. Thank you.

4.3. So I will take A, B, C and D. Approved. Thank you.

4.4. Thank you.

4.5. Thank you.

4.6.

Paraguay?

>> PARAGUAY: Thank you, Chairman. I don't know if this is the time to make observations about the translation because the problem with the Spanish version we have charges being translated wrongly. It is expenses currently in the Spanish version. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. I will take note of it. Thank you for bringing it up. Thank you.

4.6. Agreed. Thank you.

4.7. Agreed. Thank you.

Article 5 and 5.1. Agreed. Thank you.

5.2. Agreed. Thank you.

5.3. Agreed. Thank you.

5.4. Agreed. Thank you.

Article 5A, the title with the provision. Agreed. Thank you.

Article 5B, the title ‑‑ Egypt.

>> EGYPT: Mr. Chairman, I think the “robustness of networks” should be ‑‑ the “R” should be capital and the “N” should be capital. It is a heading.

>> CHAIR: We will take that editorially. Thank you.

Article 5B, the title and the provision. Thank you.

Article 6, and 6.1. The title International Communication Arrangements first. Thank you.

6.1, approved. Thank you.

6.1.1. Approved. Thank you.

The title Accounting‑rate Principles, approved. Thank you.

Terms and Conditions is the title. Approved. Thank you.

6.2, approved. Thank you.

6.2.1. Approved. Thank you.

6.2.2. Nigeria. Okay. 6.2.2. Thank you.

6.2.3. Approved. Thank you.

Collection charges as the title. Approved. Thank you.

6.2.4.

El Salvador.

>> EL SALVADOR: Thank you, Chairman. Just a comment here about the Spanish version, the word grantified is being used in several instances of our Spanish versions. We would like that to be avoided. Perhaps you could use another word in the Spanish version. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. Take a note and for the Editorial Committee. Thank you.

6.2.4. Approved. Thank you.

The title Taxation, approved. 6.3.

Paraguay.

>> PARAGUAY: Yes. Referring again to the translation of the title, we have doubt about the Spanish version of this title.

>> CHAIR: We will take a note of it for the Editorial Committee to take a look at it and align it. Thank you.

6.3. Approved. Thank you.

Service Telecommunications is the title, 6.4. Approved. Thank you.

6.4.1. Approved. Thank you.

6.4.2. Approved. Thank you.

Article 7 and 7.1, approved. Thank you.

Article 7. ‑‑ sorry, provision 7.2. Approved. Thank you.

Article 8 and 8.1, approved. Thank you.

Article 8A, the title Energy Efficiency/e‑waste and the provision 8.2. UAE.

>> UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: Thank you, Chairman. First I think it is ‑‑ should it read 8.1 in that case? And the main modifications in here is to take the comma before taken in to account. This provision speaks about energy efficiency in relation to international telecommunication services or telecommunication services at least. And in that case I think to take the comma before taken in to account just to make sure that we are speaking about energy efficiency that is related to telecommunications. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: I will leave that to the Editorial Committee to look at it. Thank you. Approved.

Article 8B, Accessibility and provision 8.3. Thank you.

Article 9, Special Arrangements and 9.1a, approved. Thank you.

B. Approved. Thank you.

9.2. Approved. Thank you.

Article 10, Final Provisions and 10.1. Approved. Thank you.

10.2. Approved. Thank you.

And the last paragraph which ends "in witness whereof". Approved. Thank you.

And now the Appendix 1, and here I want to take it page by page, if there is no objection to that. So Appendix 1 and the first page which starts with Accounting Rates 'til provision 1.6 of that appendix. Approved. Thank you.

The next page, page 11, start with ‑‑ starts with Establishment of Accounts and ends with 3.1.3 A and B. Burundi.

>> BURUNDI: Thank you, Chairman. I think that the Editorial Committee will have to verify throughout the text where we have the words ITU‑T to have the dash in between ITU and T. We have an example of this in the 2.2 in the French version. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. Take a note of that for the Editorial Committee to look at the ITU‑T. Thank you.

So page 11, start with Establishment of Accounts and ends with 3.1.3 A and B. Approved. Thank you.

Page 12, which starts with "this rule" and ends with provision 3.3.3. Approved. Thank you.

Page 13, which starts with the 3.3.4 and ends with provision 3.4.2. Approved. Thank you.

Appendix 2, additional provisions relating to maritime communications. Page starts from general and ends with 3.2. Approved. Thank you.

Page 15 which starts with the for Settlement of Balance of Accounts. China.

>> CHINA: Thank you, Chairman. Same version or not. Appendix 2, provision 4.4 in the second line there is an error. It should be 12 months instead of 12 calendar months. I would like to remind the Secretariat to check whether this is an error or not. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: I think it is correct to have it read as 12 calendar months but I will check with the Secretariat. Secretariat?

>> SECRETARIAT: Thank you, Chairman. The text that we received did say 12 calendar months. But indeed that is an unusual construction but that was the text that was sent to us. So it is correct even though it may be a bit unusual.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. Iran.

>> IRAN: Thank you, Chairman. We have working days and calendar days but we don't have working months and calendar months. So calendar is not necessary. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Is there an issue with deleting the word calendar? Do we have to delete them in both 18 and 12?

>> SECRETARIAT: That is correct, Chairman. If you delete them, then they would be deleted in both 18 and 12.

>> CHAIR: Russian Federation. I think we have a problem here. Russia.

>> RUSSIAN FEDERATION: Thank you, Distinguished Chairman. When we were preparing to discuss this issue, our financial experts told us that there are calendar months and budget months. Before the new year the month doesn't end on the 31st January but earlier. So the financial specialists think about budget months and calendar months and maybe this is it where the problem lies.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. China, no problem. We leave it as is. China, thank you. Approved. Resolution Plen/1, Special Measures for Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Islands. This was addressed before. So I will take it in full. The first page of that Resolution, that ends with reaffirming little a. Approved. Thank you.

Page 17, starts with a little b and ends with "instructs the Secretary‑General" and the provision to bring this Resolution until the end. Thank you. Page 18, which starts with "invites the Council" and ends with the provision "to continue to support the ITU" until the end. Approved. Thank you.

Now Resolution Plen/2, Globally Harmonized National Number for Access to Emergency Services and ends with "invite Member States to introduce" and the provision to introduce until their existing until the end. Approved. Thank you.

Now we go to Resolution Plen/3, To Foster an Enabling Environment for the Greater Growth of the Internet as the title and ends with 2 which reads "to support" until the end. Thank you. Approved.

Resolution Plen/4, Periodic Review of the International Telecommunication Regulations and ends with "noting that technological development" until the end of the text. Approved. Thank you.

Page 22, which starts with B, "that the ITRs" and end with "contribute to the work outlined in this resolution." Approved. Thank you.

Page 23, Resolution Plen/5, International Telecommunication Service Traffic Termination and Exchange. The famous Resolution. Russia.

>> RUSSIAN FEDERATION: Thank you, Distinguished Chairman. It seems to us we have lost a word here. For instance, where we say "resolves to invite concerned Member States," ii, it says "Providers of international services" but it should say providers of international telecommunication services. We tried to clarify this in the Editorial Committee but the Editorial Committee said it would have to be resolved with you. If we look at the section which says "instructs the director," there it says "Providers of International Telecommunication Services." Therefore we seem to have lost the word telecommunication in ii. Thank you, Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. I will call for our great hero Mr. Bob Horton.

>> ROBERT HORTON: Yes, I agree with that. Also in considering B we have international services, we could put telecommunications in there as well. So ‑‑

>> CHAIR: Go slower.

>> ROBERT HORTON: There are two instances where this occurs and Russia is very correct in pointing that out. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Can you point out exactly where they are so that we can have them? Thank you.

>> ROBERT HORTON: Yes. In considering B, the third line it says "providers of international services," should be telecommunication services. And then if we look in noting D, we see international telecommunications again. That should be international telecommunication services. I think that responds to the observation of Russia.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. UAE.

>> UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: Thank you. I would like to bring your kind attention and Mr. Horton, this was actually a delicate compromise, that since the proposal by Arab States was the provider of international telecommunication services. Mr. ‑‑ I would ask Mr. Chairman and our colleagues here to keep it as is since it was a compromise and we don't want to get again and to prolong the discussion and to get in to this type of I mean discussion which has really have been discussed before and you also already get to this compromise. So I think we can keep it as is, Mr. Chairman, and I would really ask my colleague from Russia to go ahead with this draft and to keep it as it is. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Iran.

>> IRAN: Thank you, Chairman. Not at this point. Unfortunately the page 22 there seems to be an error. Thank you. Can you come back once you finish this Article or this page? Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. Russian Federation, can we leave the text as it is?

>> RUSSIAN FEDERATION: Thank you, Chairman. We have received an explanation and we can agree to that. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Which explanation exactly? From the UAE Delegation or Mr. Horton? Russia.

>> RUSSIAN FEDERATION: Thank you, Chairman. The UAE has just given us the reasons and said that this was a very sensitive compromise, and so we would not like to disturb that compromise in any way. Thank you, Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. And thank you, Mr. Bob. Stay tuned. I might get back to you. Thank you. So this page, page 23, approved. We can go back now to page 22. Very briefly. And Iran, if you can tell us where the editorial mistake is.

>> IRAN: Thank you. This is in the dissolves part. The text that Mr. Johnson read at the time of approval was that to invite the 2014 Plenipotentiary Conference to consider this Resolution and take necessary action, not actions, as appropriate. This is important and it was in the text that he read and we agreed, as appropriate between the two commas, and he has the text in front of him. And this was important and “decide” is not necessary, Chairman. To invite the 2014 Plenipotentiary Conference to consider this Resolution and to take necessary action or actions, no problem, as appropriate, to convene. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Okay. Is there any objection to that change? So let me read out the first sentence of resolves towards the end after and insert the words “take necessary actions as appropriate” and strike out the” decide to take the necessary” and the text continues.

And Mr. Director of TSB agrees with it. Thank you. Approved as amended.

We go now to the last page, 24 which starts with iii and ends with "invites sector members to provide information to Study Group 3." Approved. Thank you. Thank you.

To save the time and I want to ask the Chairman of the Editorial Committee and the group as well if we can turn this in to pink for a second read.   
 (Applause.)

>> CHAIR: Thank you. I hope we will be fast so that we can send you home to rest after a long day. And I will now highlight any changes as we go. So going back and I will take it now Article by Article. I will start with the preamble. And here we have the note of the summary record as proposed by Iran and the legal advisor will look at it and will put it for the changes of the name Convention if it happens in 2014 of the Plenipotentiary. Preamble is agreed. Approved. Thank you.

Article 1, and now it is in its entirety. Approved. Thank you.

Article 2, finishing in its entirety. Approved. Thank you.

Article 3, International Networks, network in its entirety. UAE. Thank you. Approved.

Article 4. Approved. Thank you, in its entirety.

Article 5, in its entirety. Approved. Thank you.

Article 5A in its entirety. Approved. Thank you. The entire Article 5, 5B, sorry. Approved. Thank you.

Article 6 in its entirety. Approved. Thank you.

Article 7 in its entirety. Approved. Thank you.

Article 8 in its entirety. Approved. Thank you.

Entire Article 8A, approved. Thank you.

Entire Article 8B. Thank you. Approved.

Entire Article 9. Approved. Thank you.

The entire Article 10. Approved. Thank you.

Appendix 1 on page 10, the entire page 10 of Appendix 1. Approved. Thank you.

Page 11 which starts with establishment of accounts and ends with little b. Approved. Thank you.

Page 12, which starts with this rule also applies and ends with 3.3.3. Approved. Thank you.

Page 13 which starts with the 3.3.4 and ends with 3.4.2. Approved. Thank you.

Appendix 2, additional provisions relative to maritime communications, until the end.

3.2. The same page. Approved. Thank you.

Page 15, Settlement of Balances of Accounts and here we have the change to ‑‑ sorry. We don't have a change here. We decided to keep the calendar months in 4.4. Approved. Thank you.

Resolution Plen/1, the first page which ends with little a. The right of access of landlocked until the end. Approved. Thank you.

Page 17, a little b, and the entire page which ends in "to bring this Resolution to the attention of the Secretary‑General" until the end. Approved. Thank you.

Page 18 which starts with "invites the Council" and ends "continue to support the ITU‑T Telecommunication Sector." Approved. Thank you.

Resolution Plen/2 on page 19, Globally Harmonized National Number for Access and ends "to introduce, in addition to their existing national numbers," et cetera, until the end. Approved. Thank you.

Resolution Plen/3, To Foster an Enabling Environment of the Greater ‑‑ for the Greater Growth of the Internet which ends towards the end of the page "to support the participation of Member States" until the end. Approved. Thank you.

Resolution Plen/4, Periodic Review of the International Telecommunication Regulations which ends in "noting" and A. Approved. Thank you.

Page 22, and here we have the changes proposed and I will read them back again in resolves towards the end of the sentence. We insert after and the words "take necessary action as appropriate". And strike out the words "decides to take the necessary actions" and we leave the text. Approved. Thank you.

Resolution Plen/5, International Telecommunication Service Traffic Internet Exchange, until the end of the page, little a. Approved.

And the last page of the ITR document 24 which starts with iii and ends with "to provide information to Study Group 3." Approved. Thank you. Thank you.

Now since we have done the second read, I want to announce the time limit for the deposit of declarations and preservations will be one and a half hours after the close of this Plenary, i.e., at 2 a.m. Burundi.

>> BURUNDI: Thank you, Chairman. This is the last and very important stage. Without to modify anything at all I should like to draw the attention of the Editorial Committee, Committee 4 to the numbering. We have to check that there are no errors in the numbering. For instance, Article 2, there are some errors in the numbering which have not been corrected, sup 2.5, sup 2.10, et cetera. The numbering has to be changed consequentially. I have this in French on my tablet and I don't have the pages.

Also we have to check Article 4 where we move from 38C to 38E. I think the numbering sequence has to be checked.   
6tAnd the same goes for other parts. I don't wish to dwell at length on this but I would like to draw the Editorial Committee's attention to the numbering to avoid any errors. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you for that. Philippines.

>> PHILIPPINES: Thank you, Mr. Chair, for the great effort you have made these past days. The groundbreaking work done here we surely have a great influence as we move forward to the vision we believe you and our esteemed colleagues share.   
6tWe, too, in the Philippines prior to coming to this conference embark on a groundbreaking work by developing a Philippines position to numerous multistakeholder consultations and Consensus, Consensus building.

Sadly as the proposed treaty is dissimilar to our position on several key principles we must at this point reserve the right to further consult our stakeholders before we decide whether or not to sign this treaty. I request that this statement be reflected in the minutes of the Plenary. I thank you very much, Mr. Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. Estonia.

>> ESTONIA: Thank you, Chairman. Estonia really appreciates your hard work and effort made during this conference. The proposed ITR takes in to account the proposals from countries. Nevertheless Estonia has been open ‑‑ current Internet Governance system has been in this reliable. It is therefore important and serve at ITU new ITRs will not restrain the existing system and will not lead to the loss of reliability on the global telecommunication system. Proposed ITRs include issues on Internet Governance, security and unsolicited bulk telecommunications.

Regarding signing ITRs we are not ready to sign the ITRs at the moment and would like to bring it back home for further consideration. And also we would like to add the statement to the minutes of the Plenary. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. Australia.

>> AUSTRALIA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Like other speakers earlier tonight, Australia wishes to express our deep appreciation to you for your Chairmanship of the conference and to the United Arab Emirates for the hospitality. This conference would amend the ITRs to produce a high level principles based document. It remains our view for ITRs to be enduring and useful. They should focus on the Internet Telecommunication Networks.

Mr. Chairman, we have been working hard at this conference to develop suitable text for the ITRs that is acceptable to every Member State. Like others, we have made compromises as part of the negotiating treaty text and we have truly appreciated the good will and hard work of everyone here.

Mr. Chairman, with the ITRs as they currently stand, Australia is not in a position to sign the final acts of this conference. The key point for us is that the Internet should not be included in the ITRs and should not be included in the associated resolutions. This is a point on which we cannot compromise.

Australia remains committed to the multistakeholder model of Internet Governance which we believe the best way to sustain the Internet's growth and innovation. And I would like to emphasize at this point we are not stepping back from our commitment and engagement with the ITU and the ITU does great work in connecting the world. And we greatly value the ITU's capacity building work in the Asia Pacific region and the rest of the world. And we are proud to be part of that work.

Mr. Chairman, I would request that this statement be incorporated in to the record of the Plenary. Thank you, Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. Japan.

>> JAPAN: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. We commend you, Mr. Chairman, for your tireless effort and decisive manner of chairing. We also very much appreciate the United Arab Emirates' wonderful hospitality throughout the preparatory process and throughout this conference.

We all have to tackle the diverse views on the future role of ITR. Japan, our team, is proud of their various effort and contributions we made towards a common ground with other member states in the quest for agreement.

However, Mr. Chairman, unfortunately, when we look back at the conference, including the last moments of the plenary, the breach between the diverse views have not been built yet. The chart of the future ITR has not been matured yet neither in our part understanding.

In light of this perspective, our capital will give us its final instruction tomorrow. For the moment, we resolve our position on sign or not on the conclusion of this conference. 6t Finally, but not least, we reiterate that Japan remain strongly committed to the work of the ITU. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, UAE?

>> UAE: Thank you, Chairman. I just want to clarify out of the resolution -- has any modification been made to it?

>> CHAIR: Lebanon?

>> LEBANON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just one note. When I made my last statement, I would like to make sure that it is attached to the proceedings of the conference, please. And thank you. Lebanon supports what we ended up with. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. Latvia?

>> LATVIA: Dear Chairman, dear Secretary-General and distinguished delegates, let me thank you for excellent, organized and managed conference. Latvia appreciates your skills and your abilities to handle this event. We have several concerns about the ITRs. And due to this, Latvia reserves the right to consult with our governments. Please bring the minutes of the conference, thank you.

>> CHAIR: Norway?

>> NORWAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Norway would like to -- other colleagues, take this opportunity to thank warmly the -- the chairman for his tireless efforts in this work. We would in particular like to congratulate him with the relatively good results of this hard work. The documents we found and find almost acceptable, but there are elements in the document as it is today, in the treaty, that we need to consider further. This is, for example, these two elements of security of networks and solicited electronic communication. Therefore, we need to consult further in the capital with the other stakeholders and, therefore, are not in a position to sign tomorrow.

Chairman, I would also like to take the opportunity to thank the ITU leadership and the ITU employees who's worked hard these two weeks. We're also very impressed of colleagues in the other delegations who have made such enormous efforts to reach a good result. However, as I said, we are not able in the position now with the present version of the document, which is presumably the last one, to sign. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Lithuania?

>> LITHUANIA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Republic of Lithuania would like to thank you for the efforts that was put on by the chairman --

(Inaudible.)

>> LITHUANIA: We are ready to continue to work in the same spirit, but Lithuania cannot support the data as it is and would like to make resolution for -- a provision related to the internet governance security and both telecommunication. We could not accept the proposed ideas on the current multistakeholder model of internet governance or other related issues on the potential negative impact of our -- we are not ready to sign this but know that we reserve our right, and we would like to make consultation with our government and plenary. I would like this statement to be incorporated to the minutes of this conference. Thank you very much.

>> CHAIR: Secretary-general?

>> SECRETARY-GENERAL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Tonight in Dubai we've concluded the text of the international telecommunication regulation treaty. This treaty contains many gains and achievements including increased transparency in international mobile roaming charges and competition and extremely important win for consumers. The treaty contains a newly updated article which will promote greater connectivity for people with disabilities as well as new resolution covering developing nations and developing states. This resolution will set the framework for increased investment and the rollout of broadband and mobile broadband, bringing vital services to populations that are currently is connected. Information and communication technologies can now play a greater role in driving sustainable development in particular, with new articles that provide recommendations for dealing with the growing scourge of eWaste and promoting greater energy efficiency. I have been saying in the run-up to this conference that this conference is not about governing the internet. I repeat, that the conference did not include provisions on the internet in the treaty text.

Next to the treaty is a nonbinding resolution, which aims at fostering the development and growth of the internet, a task that IQ has contributed significantly to since the beginning of the internet era, a task that is central to the mandate to connect the world, a world that today still has two-thirds of its population without internet access.

The new ITR treaty does not cover content issues and explicitly states in the first article that content-related issues are not covered by the treaty. Likewise, in the preamble of the new text states will have their obligation and rights to human rights treaties. The word internet was repeated throughout this conference and I believe this is simply a recognition of the current reality -- the two words of telecommunications and internet are inextricably linked. I demonstrated that from the very beginning by inviting my friend, the CEO of icon to address our conference at the beginning. History will show that this conference has achieved something extremely important. It has succeeded in bringing unprecedented public attention to the different and important perspectives that govern global communications. There is not one single world view but several, and these views need to be accommodated and engaged. We have been shown this truth and we have worked hard together in a way that's acceptable to all. Let WCIT be the beginning of this dialog. As our two worlds increasingly converge, so must we increasingly converse and find a common way. I thank you.

(Applause.)

>> CHAIR: Morocco then Brazil, and then I'll give the secretariat the floor for a few moments. Morocco?

>> MOROCCO: Bon jour. Good morning, chairman, that was an error. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Brazil?

>> BRAZIL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, actually, it was Bulgaria initially that wants the floor. Mr. Chairman, distinguished delegates, we would like to express our deepest appreciation for your work and the hospitality of the United Arab Emirates. You really did a great job and put big efforts trying to -- to -- to make consensus as far as possible on the revised ITRs. We would like also to thank the -- the team of the World Trade Center and Dubai for the welcome we received. We are not -- we would like to say, however, that we are not quite happy that so much saw consensus we were looking for did not actually happen. We wish -- we wish that all countries unite and reach agreement on how to change the ITRs so that the world is more connected -- the telecommunication networks more relevant than ever. However, the result of the unwanted vote, sadly, is that the world is more divided than it was yesterday.

Once again, I would like to -- to thank all the participants and all the dear colleagues from the other delegations. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. Ghana?

>> GHANA: Good morning, everyone. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. First of all, delegation of Ghana would like to thank you and your great team for a wonderful job in taking us through these days of the WCIT conference. We express gratitude and thanks to all the support staff, the interpreters and all other delegates who would have participated and given sterling efforts in arriving at this reviewed treaty. We also would like to thank the people and government of the united Arab Emirates for hosting this WCIT conference.

Notwithstanding, there have been some disappointments, and we have not been able to get some delegates signing onto the ITRs I believe as the secretary-general said, this position here provides common framework for us to work together. Talking with some colleagues after we would have finished with the proceedings just prior to -- to the review of the ITRs, we actually made a point that there is a lot of common ground, as the chairman rightly said. 95% of the ITRs that we would have discussed and talked about and debated for the last 9 days would have been a common position. So there's still that -- well, there's that 5% which the point I want to make is 95% there's common ground. So we don't have very far to go in terms of working on aligning ourselves with the other 5%.

In closing, we'd like to endorse the statement that the secretary-general just read. I think it's a position for us all to work together in achieving global communications for the betterment of all mankind. Thank you.

(Applause.)

>> CHAIR: Thank you. Palestine?

>> PALESTINE: Thank you, Chairman, for giving me the floor.

I should like to echo those who have spoken before me to

congratulate you. I should also like to state that this

conference has been held following the general assembly which

recognized Palestine as a state on the basis of Resolution 189

revised of Guadalajara, which allowed Palestine's administrative

resolutions, Palestine became an integral part of the

international community. We are keen to respect all text, thank you.

>> CHAIR: Serbia?

>> SERBIA: Mr. Chairman, Mr. General secretary, I want to thank you warmly on behalf of the republic of Serbia and personally for your efforts and energy focused on the finding an acceptable solution for all member states. We highly appreciate your patience and the willingness to reach consensus on this important treaty. We have listened and analyzed carefully all arguments and discussions previous days.

Also, before coming to this conference, we have consulted all the relevant stakeholders and civil society representatives in our country in order to have a multistakeholder approach which we think is crucial for this issue. Thus, we refuse our right to consult stakeholders further on this meeting, meaning that we are not in a position to sign the treaty at this very moment. We would like to underline that we are committed to continue our engagement to ITU and to cooperate with all member states. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you.

(Inaudible.)

>> SECRETARIAT: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. If I could just repeat what you mentioned before, the time limit for the deposit of declarations and reservations will be at 2:00 AM this morning. Those declarations and reservations should be presented to office 24 and they must be signed.

I also would like to mention, Mr. Chairman, that some of the statements that have been made in this plenary and before -- you have asked that they be included on the summary record, and it would certainly facilitate the work of the secretariat if you provided those statements in writing to the secretariat.

Also, Mr. Chairman, in terms of our calendar of work for Friday, this has been now published on the website. At 8:00 this morning, I should say, we will be distributing the document that contains the declarations. At 9:00, we will convene in plenary to take note of the declarations. At 11:00, we will have the deadline for handing in the additional declarations. By 2:00 in the afternoon, tomorrow, we will distribute the document that contains those additional declarations.

Then, Mr. Chairman, at 3:00, we will reconvene here in plenary to take note of the additional declarations and that will be followed by the signing ceremony and then the closing ceremony. Thank you very much.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. On that, I would like to close the meeting. Wish you goodnight and looking forward to see you tomorrow and I declare the meeting is adjourned. Thank you.

(Applause.)

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