

**D 524      Participation of Observer Member States at ITU Council meetings**  
(C05)

The Council,

*considering*

the amendment made by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Marrakesh, 2002) to No. 60A of the ITU Convention concerning Member State observers at Council,

*considering further*

Resolution 109 (Marrakesh, 2002) concerning the review and consolidation of provisions regarding observers which *inter alia* instructs Council to allow Member State observers to address meetings of Council at the invitation of the Chairman of the Council,

*noting*

that, consistent with No. 61B of the Convention, Council is responsible for aligning its Rules of Procedure with the text of the Constitution and Convention,

*taking into account*

Council Rules of Procedure (Rule 11) which requires that the admission of observers of Member States and their conditions of participation be applied to all meetings of Council, its committees and working groups,

*recognizing*

1        that, pursuant to Rule 12, Member States which are not Member States of Council may submit written contributions to Council;

2        that Council 2003 accepted the criteria set out by the Chairman for a procedure to implement, on a provisional basis, the instruction from Resolution 109 (Marrakesh, 2002) to allow observer Member States to address meetings of Council;

3        these criteria have been applied, fulfilling the instruction to Council of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Marrakesh, 2002),

*decides*

1        to amend Rule 7 paragraph 3 of its Rules of Procedure for consistency with the Convention to read:

“3. Observers designated by Observer Members shall not have the right to vote.”

2        that Member States having the status of observer attending Council may be invited by the Chairman to take the floor to make statements to meetings of Council in accordance with Rule 11 under the following conditions:

- a)        that the observer Member State has previously signalled to the secretariat its wish to speak on particular items of the agenda or to introduce its written contribution;
- b)        the floor will be given only after the Member States of the Council have finished making their statements;
- c)        the observer Member State will be entitled to speak only once on any given agenda item;
- d)        the duration of such statements will be limited according to the number of requests made and the total amount of time allocated with respect to the work to be accomplished;