

3 to reference these decisions in its Report to the Plenipotentiary Conference 2006 on its follow-up to the decisions of PP-02 and to note in that Report that Council will re-examine its Rules of Procedure at a future session of Council after having taken into account the results of PP-06,

instructs the Secretary-General

to issue and post the modified Rule 7 as a single revision to the Rules of Procedure of the Council and to notify Member States of the change in the circular letters associated with the convening of Council 2006.

Ref.: Documents C05/84 and C05/74.

D 540 Creation of a single Standing Committee on Administration and Management

(C06)

The Council

in view of

Article 4 of the Convention of the International Telecommunication Union setting out the responsibilities of Council and, in particular, No. 61B specifying its mandate to adopt its own rules of procedure;

considering

the need to address the important human and financial resource issues of the Union in the most effective and coherent manner possible;

recognizing

that the oversight of the administration and management of the Union and its activities is the key function and responsibility of the Council and the imperative of ensuring that staff matters are addressed as resources vital to success in achieving the Union's mission;

recognizing further

that the 1998 and 2002 Plenipotentiary Conferences successfully combined the consideration of personnel and financial matters in a single committee;

decides

to combine the standing Committee of Council on Finance and the Standing Committee on Staff Matters to create a single Standing Committee on Administration and Management effective as at the 2007 Ordinary Session of Council;

further decides

to modify the relevant Rules of Procedure as follows:

Rule of Procedure 11: "The Council may set up committees and working groups, in the work of which all councillors, their advisers and observers shall be entitled to take part. During Council sessions, one standing committee on the Administration and Management of the Union shall consider staff and financial matters. Observers designated...."

Rule of Procedure 12.2: "The standing committee shall meet immediately after the inaugural plenary meeting, for a length of time decided by the inaugural plenary meeting in the light of the previous Council's recommendations."