

*bearing in mind*

the rules of procedure and working methods adopted by the competent conference or assembly of the Telecommunication Standardization Sector, the Radiocommunication Sector and the Telecommunication Development Sector outlining requirements for the timely submission of contributions in support of the work of the respective Sectors,

*recognizing*

a) the recommendation of the Council Working Group on Languages, as outlined in the Report by its Chairman to the 2009 session of the Council, that submission deadlines be more strictly complied with, and that the secretariat continue to pursue the ongoing operational objective of maintaining and enhancing timely delivery;

b) the importance of the timely submission of contributions, not only to ensure that translation deadlines are respected and to minimize significant cost overruns, but also to ensure that meeting participants have sufficient time to consider the nature of the issues raised in such contributions,

*taking into account*

the late submission of many contributions from Member States to the 2009 session of the Council which placed a serious burden on the ITU secretariat to ensure their translation, as well as difficulties for the Member States of Council to give proper consideration to the issues and proposals contained therein,

*decides*

that, taking into account the nominal deadlines for the preparation of documents specified in Rule 20 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council, all contributions should be submitted no later than twenty-one calendar days before the opening of a Council session to ensure timely translation and their thorough consideration during that Council session.

*Ref.:* Documents C10/85 and C10/91.

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#### **D 559      Date and duration of the 2011 Session of the Council**

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The Council,

*decides*

that the 2011 session of the Council will open in Geneva for a period of 9 working days from Tuesday, 11 October to Friday, 21 October 2011.

*Ref.:* Documents C-EXT/7 and C-EXT/8.

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