

having also considered

the need for the Secretary-General to have some flexibility in the implementation of the four-year rolling Operational Plan so as to take into consideration any changes that may occur during the interval between two Council sessions,

resolves

to approve the four-year rolling Operational Plan for the General Secretariat for 2011-2014, as presented in <http://www.itu.int/council/C2010/pd/op-sg2011-2014.pdf> to undertake the activities of the General Secretariat.

Ref.: Documents C10/111 and C10/109.

D 496 Guidelines for Strategic Planning Workshops (C-2000)

The Council,

considering

- a) the need to ensure the continuing relevance and leadership of the Union in a rapidly changing telecommunications environment and in an era of volatile technological change;
- b) that to respond to the changing telecommunications environment requires that the Union should be able to initiate new activities, and study new issues, in a timely and flexible manner;
- c) that, in approving the budget for the 2000-2001 biennium (Resolution 1133), Council provided funding for a “New Initiatives Programme”;
- d) that, on the initiative of the Secretary-General, two initial Strategic Planning Workshops were held in Geneva, on Electronic Signatures and Certification Authorities (9-10 December 1999) and on IP Telephony (14-16 June 2000);
- e) that the results of these two workshops were discussed by Council and were considered important and useful to the membership,

decides, with respect to the first two workshops

to instruct the Secretary-General to undertake further studies with a view to identifying the role that ITU can play in e-commerce, authentication and IP Telephony, as well as their legal implications for Member States, and in particular in developing countries,

decides, with respect to future workshops

- 1 to endorse the continuation of the New Initiatives Programme and the holding of additional workshops within the budget levels approved by Council for the 2000-2001 biennium;
- 2 to apply the following guidelines for the organization of future strategic planning workshops:

A Objectives

- The main purpose of the workshops is to advise the Secretary-General, in an informal manner on new topics of a regulatory, policy or other nature of high-current interest which cut across the work of the Sectors, with a view to possible inclusion of these topics in the regular work programme of the Union, and for reporting to the Council.