

RESOLUTION 1379 (MODIFIED 2019)
(adopted at the sixth Plenary Meeting)

Expert Group on the International Telecommunication Regulations (EG-ITRs)

The Council,

considering

- a) Article 25 of the ITU Constitution, on World Conferences on International Telecommunications (WCIT);
- b) No. 48 in Article 3 of the ITU Convention, on other conferences and assemblies;
- c) Resolution 146 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on Periodic review and revision of the International Telecommunication Regulations;
- d) Resolution 4 (Dubai, 2012) of the World Conference on International Telecommunications, on periodic review of the International Telecommunication Regulations,

recalling

2016 Council created an Expert Group on the International Telecommunication Regulations (EG-ITRs) that pursuant to its terms of reference prepared a final report on the review of the 2012 ITRs subsequently submitted to the 2018 Plenipotentiary Conference,

resolves

- 1 that an Expert Group on the International Telecommunication Regulations (EG-ITRs), open to all Member States and Sector Members, be reconvened to conduct a comprehensive review of the ITRs with a view to achieving consensus on the way forward in respect of the ITRs, with the Terms of Reference shown in Annex 1 of this Resolution;
- 2 that the Group has a Chairman and six Vice-Chairmen, one from each ITU region, nominated by Council and taking into account competency and qualification as well as enhancing gender balance;
- 3 that the EG-ITRs shall prepare a progress report to the annual sessions of the Council;
- 4 that the EG-ITRs shall prepare a final report to the 2022 session of the Council for submission of the report to the 2022 Plenipotentiary Conference with the Council's comments;

5 that the General Rules of conferences, assemblies, and meetings of the Union and Rules of procedure of the Council related to working groups of the Council shall apply to the Group;

6 that to the maximum extent possible, provide interpretation in the six ITU official languages, remote participation, webcasting, captioning and transcription;

7 that all the output documents of meetings of the Group shall be made publicly available consistent with the ITU's document access policy, and that all input documents shall be made publicly available subject to the decision of the submitter;

8 that the EG-ITRs should meet physically as part of the cluster of Council Working Group meetings in 2019, 2020 and 2021, and that a final physical meeting should be held prior to Council in 2022,

instructs the Secretary-General

to make necessary arrangements to implement this Resolution,

instructs the Directors of the Bureaux

1 each within their field of competence, with advice from the relevant advisory group, to contribute to the work of the Group, recognizing that the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector has most of the work relevant to the ITRs;

2 to submit the results of their work to the EG-ITRs;

3 to consider providing fellowships, where resources are available, for developing and least developed countries according to the list established by the United Nations, in order to widen participation in the Group,

invites Member States and Sector Members

to participate in and contribute to the EG-ITRs on the review of the International Telecommunication Regulations.

Annex: 1

ANNEX

Terms of Reference of the Expert Group on the International Telecommunication Regulations (EG-ITRs)

- 1 On the basis of contributions submitted by Member States, Sector Members and inputs from the Directors of the Bureaux if necessary, the EG-ITRs shall undertake a comprehensive review of the ITRs.
 - 2 The EG-ITRs shall undertake a provision-by-provision examination of the ITRs, focusing on the 2012 ITRs, taking into account new trends in telecommunications/ICT and emerging issues in international telecommunications/ICT environment.
 - 3 The review should include, among others:
 - a) applicability of the provisions of the ITRs in fostering the provision and development of international telecommunication/ICT services and networks;
 - b) flexibility of, or lack thereof, the provisions of the ITRs to accommodate new trends in telecommunications/ICT and emerging issues in international telecommunications/ICT environment;
 - 4 The EG-ITRs will present a progress report reflecting all views on the ITRs review to Council 2020 and Council 2021, and a final report to Council 2022 for examination and submission to the 2022 Plenipotentiary Conference with the Council's comments.
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