

## RESOLUTION 146 (REV. DUBAI, 2018)

**Periodic review and revision of the International  
Telecommunication Regulations**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Dubai, 2018),

*recalling*

- 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) that *recognizing e)* of Resolution 4 (Dubai, 2012) of WCIT, on periodic review of the International Telecommunication Regulations (ITRs) states that "the International Telecommunication Regulations consist of high-level guiding principles that should not require frequent amendment, but in the fast moving sector of telecommunications/ICTs may need to be periodically reviewed";
- d) the final report of the Expert Group on the ITRs (EG-ITR),

*resolves*

- 1 that the ITRs should normally be reviewed periodically;
- 2 to conduct a comprehensive review of the ITRs with a view to achieving consensus on the way forward in respect of the ITRs,

*instructs the Secretary-General*

- 1 to reconvene an EG-ITR, open to the ITU Member States and Sector Members, with terms of reference and working methods established by the ITU Council, to review those regulations;
- 2 to submit the report of EG-ITR on the outcome of the review to the Council for consideration, publication and subsequent submission to the 2022 plenipotentiary conference,

*instructs the ITU Council*

- 1 to review and revise, at its 2019 session, the terms of reference for EG-ITR referred to in *instructs the Secretary-General* 1 above;
- 2 to examine the reports of EG-ITR at its annual sessions and submit the final report of EG-ITR to the 2022 plenipotentiary conference with the Council's comments,

*instructs the Directors of the Bureaux*

- 1 each within their field of competence, with advice from the relevant advisory group, to contribute to the activities of EG-ITR, 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 EG-ITR;
- 3 to consider providing fellowships, where resources are available, for developing<sup>1</sup> and least developed countries according to the list established by the United Nations, in order to widen their participation in the expert group,

*invites Member States and Sector Members*

to participate and contribute to the activities of EG-ITR,

*invites the 2022 plenipotentiary conference*

to consider the EG-ITR report and take necessary action, as appropriate.

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*(Antalya, 2006) – (Rev. Busan, 2014) – (Rev. Dubai, 2018)*

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<sup>1</sup> These include the least developed countries, small island developing states, landlocked developing countries and countries with economies in transition.