
PLENARY MEETING

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DRAFT NEW RESOLUTION

Periodic review of the International Telecommunications Regulations (ITRs)

The World Conference on International Telecommunications (Dubai, 2012),

recalling

Resolution 171 (Guadalajara, 2010) of the Plenipotentiary Conference on preparation for the 2012 World Conference on International Telecommunications (WCIT) on International Telecommunications Regulations (ITRs)

considering

- a) that the Council Working Group to prepare the 2012 World Conference on International Telecommunications (WCIT-12) held extensive discussions on the ITRs;
- b) that there have been wide consultations in all ITU regions, involving ITU Member States, ITU Sector Members, Associates and Academia and Civil Society groups, showing great interest in the revision of the ITRs;
- c) that many input documents have been submitted by the ITU membership;
- d) the outcome of the WCIT-12,

recognizing

- a) Article 25 of the ITU Constitution;
- b) Provision 48 (Article 3) of the ITU Convention;
- c) that the International Telecommunication Regulations (ITRs) is one of the pillars supporting the ITU's mission;

d) the 24 years passed between the approval of the ITRs and its review at this Conference;

e) that the ITRs consists 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,

noting

a) that technological development and demand for services that require that high bandwidth continue to increase;

b) that the ITRs:

- i) establish general principles on the provision and operation of international telecommunications;
- ii) facilitate global interconnection and interoperability;
- iii) promote efficiency, usefulness and availability of international telecommunication services,

resolves

to invite the 2014 Plenipotentiary Conference to consider this Resolution and, if necessary to take action to convene periodically (for example every eight years) a World Conference on International Telecommunications to revise the ITRs, taking into account the financial implications to the Union,

instructs the Secretary-General

1 to bring this Resolution to the attention of the Plenipotentiary Conference;

2 to provide information to enable Plenipotentiary Conference to consider the cost implication of convening WCIT,

invites Member States

to contribute to the work outlined in this Resolution.
