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| **Priority area:** N/A**Summary:**This document sets forth details on the regulatory framework within which the conference evolves as regards to possible financial implications in adopting decisions or resolutions. The conference shall also remain knowledgeable of the financial limits laid down by the Plenipotentiary Conference before adopting proposals or taking decisions with financial implications.**Expected results:**WTDCis invited to note this report and provide guidance as deemed appropriate.**References:**N/A |

A The attention of the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-21) is drawn to No. 142 (Article 22) of the Constitution of the International Telecommunication Union, which stipulates that:

“4Telecommunication development conferences shall not produce Final Acts. Their conclusions shall take the form of resolutions, decisions, recommendations or reports. These conclusions must in all circumstances be in conformity with this Constitution, the Convention and the Administrative Regulations. When adopting resolutions and decisions, the conferences shall take into account the foreseeable financial implications and should avoid adopting resolutions and decisions which might give rise to expenditure in excess of the financial limits laid down by the Plenipotentiary Conference.”

B The attention of the Conference is also drawn to Nos. 488 and 489 (Article 34) of the Convention of the International Telecommunication Union which provide respectively that:

 1 “Before adopting proposals or taking decisions with financial implications, the conferences of the Union shall take account of all the Union’s budgetary provisions with a view to ensuring that they will not result in expenses beyond the credits which the Council is empowered to authorize.

 2 No decision of a conference shall be put into effect if it will result in a direct or indirect increase in expenses beyond the credits that the Council is empowered to authorize.

C Finally, the attention of the conference is drawn to Resolution 151 (Rev. Dubai, 2018), Improvement of results-based management in ITU, resolves to instruct the Secretary-General and the Directors of the three Bureaux paragraph 4, that states inter alia: “to provide to conferences and assemblies the necessary information from the full range of new financial and planning mechanisms available so as to enable them to estimate the financial implications of their decisions, and to assist Member States in preparing cost "estimates" for any proposals to all conferences and assemblies of the Union, taking into account the provisions of Article 34 of the ITU Convention”.

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