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| Submission of the report of the BDT Director | |
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| **Summary:**  The WTDC Resolution 1 sets the deadline for submission of contributions to meetings of SGs, TDAG and other ITU-D groups (12 calendar days before the meeting), but does not set a deadline for the publication of the BDT Director's report and other secretariat documents. The absence of a published report from the Director of BDT two days before the deadline for submission of contributions to the TDAG meeting prevents ITU-D members from conducting a thorough review of the document and preparing appropriate contributions, if necessary.  **Action required:**  TDAG is invited to consider the document and take appropriate action.  **References:**  WTDC Resolution 1 (Rev. Kigali, 2022)  WTDC Resolution 24 (Rev. Kigali, 2022)  ITU Council Decision 556 | |

1. **Introduction**

WTDC Resolution 1 sets a deadline for submission of contributions to meetings of SGs, TDAG and other ITU-D groups (12 calendar days before the meeting).

At the same time, the deadlines for the secretariat are set only for WTDC in accordance with Resolution 165 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) of Plenipotentiary Conference: *4.1.2 Secretariat documents, including reports from study groups, TDAG, the Director of BDT, etc., shall be published no later than 35 calendar days before the opening of WTDC to allow for their timely translation and careful consideration by delegations*.

WTDC Resolution 24 instructs TDAG to consider *the following specific matters, between two consecutive WTDCs, acting through* ***reports from the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau*** *(BDT) and study group chairmen*.

The BDT Director's Report is the important document for the further organization of the work of the Sector and TDAG, and should be used by ITU-D members to prepare their proposals.

The absence of the BDT Director's Report the day before the deadline for submission of contributions to the TDAG-24 meeting prevented a thorough review of the document and the preparation of appropriate contributions to the TDAG, if necessary.

ITU Council Decision 556 specifies that *ITU secretariat documents calling for a decision of the Council or a Council working group should be posted on the relevant page of the website no later than 30 calendar days before the opening of the Council session or Council working group meeting*.

It is advisable to make a similar decision regarding documents, primarily the report of the BDT Director, submitted by the ITU secretariat for consideration by TDAG.

1. **Proposals**

2.1 Strongly recommend that the Director of BDT submits his report, as well as other documents calling for a decision of the TDAG for consideration by the TDAG, no later than 30 calendar days before the opening of the TDAG meeting.

2.2 Include requirements for deadlines for submitting the report of the BDT Director to the TDAG meetings, as well as other documents calling for a decision of the TDAG, in the relevant WTDC resolution.

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