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| Liaison Statement TO RAG AND TSAG | |
| inter-sectoral Coordination team on issues  of mutual interest | |

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| **Summary:**  TDAG at its 20th meeting discussed and agreed on the revised terms of reference of the Inter-Sectoral Coordination Team on issues of mutual interest (attached as Annex 1) and the indicative list of issues of mutual interest (attached as Annex 2) based on the outcome of the first meeting of the Team held on 27 April 2015, chaired by Mr Vladimir Minkin, Chairman of TDAG.  TDAG would like to inform RAG and TSAG of these documents.  **Action required:**  In order to facilitate the work of the Team, RAG and TSAG are invited to approve the revised terms of reference and the indicative list of issues of mutual interest. |

Annex 1

**Revised Terms of Reference**

**INTER-SECTOR COORDINATION** **TEAM ON ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST**

The inter-Sector coordination team (ISCT) is jointly established by the Advisory Groups of all three Sectors, in order to avoid duplication of effort and optimize the use of resources. While executing its functions it will:

* identify subjects common to the three Sectors, or, bilaterally, and consider an updated list (prepared by the Secretariat) containing the areas of mutual interest to the three Sectors pursuant to the mandates assigned by each ITU assembly or conference;
* identify the necessary mechanisms to strengthen cooperation and joint activity among the three Sectors or with each Sector, on issues of mutual interest, paying particular attention to the interests of the developing countries;
* consider relevant results of the 2014 Plenipotentiary Conference (PP), the 2014 World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC), the 2015 Radiocommunication Assembly (RA), the 2016 World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA), as well as ITU Council sessions, if any;
* report annually to the respective advisory groups on the progress of the work undertaken.

**Background documents**

1. Resolution 191 (Busan, 2014) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on strategy for the coordination of efforts among the three Sectors the Union;
2. Resolution ITU-R 6-1 (Rev. Geneva, 2007) of RA, on liaison and collaboration with the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T), and Resolution ITU-R 7-2 (Rev. Geneva, 2012) of RA, on telecommunication development including liaison and collaboration with the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D);
3. Resolutions 44 and 45 (Rev. Dubai, 2012) of WTSA, on mutual cooperation and integration of the activities of ITU-T and ITU-D;
4. Resolution 57 (Rev. Dubai, 2012) of WTSA, on strengthening coordination and cooperation among the ITU Radiocommunication Sector (ITU-R), ITU-T and ITU-D on matters of mutual interest;
5. Resolution 5 (Rev. Dubai 2014) of WTDC, on enhanced participation by developing countries[[1]](#footnote-1)1 in the activities of the Union;
6. Resolution 18 (Rev. Dubai, 2012) of WTSA, on principles and procedures for the allocation of work to, and coordination between, the ITU Radiocommunication and ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sectors;
7. Resolution 59 (Rev. Dubai 2014) of WTDC, on strengthening coordination and cooperation among ITU-R, ITU-T and ITU-D on matters of mutual interest.

**Composition of the inter-Sector coordination team on issues of mutual interest:**

1. The inter-Sector coordination team on issues of mutual interest will consist of representatives from the three Advisory Groups, keeping in mind the need for regional balance.
2. The ISCT is chaired by Mr Nasser Al Marzouqi (Rapporteur for ITU-D Study Group 2 Question 9/2 and ITU-D Study Group 2 Vice-Chairman), and vice-chaired by the appointed RAG, TSAG and TDAG representatives:
3. RAG representatives: Mr Albert Nalbandian and Mr Peter Major (Vice-Chairmen of RAG);
4. TSAG representatives: Mr Vladimir Minkin (Vice-Chairmen of TSAG);
5. TDAG representatives: Mr Mohamed Al Mazrooei and Ms Nurzat Boljobekova (Vice-Chairmen of TDAG).

**Secretariat support**

The support of the group activity will be provided in accordance with Resolution 191 (Busan, 2014).

**Working methods:**

* The inter-Sector coordination team will use the e-mail list [int-sect-team@itu.int](mailto:int-sect-team@itu.int).
* The inter-Sector coordination team interactions may include e-mail exchange via the e-mail list or through electronic meetings.
* Possible physical meetings may be held if deemed necessary, preferably in conjunction with advisory group meetings, and within available resources, to finalize the work.

Annex 2

**Indicative list of issues of mutual interest**

1 Identification and dissemination of best practices for the design, installation and operation of Internet exchange points (IXPs)

2 Questions arising from Resolution 1, where necessary

3 Sector membership

4 Questions concerning the chairmen and vice-chairmen

5 Language problems

6 Participation by developing countries

7 E-meetings including remote participation

8 Electronic documents

9 Access to documents

10 Websites

11 Registration

12 Participation by correspondence

13 Participation in meetings by non-Members of ITU

14 Preparation for conferences and meetings

15 Seminars/symposia/improved capacity

16 Improvement of the ITU webpages and examples of best practices

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1. 1 These include the least developed countries, small island developing states, landlocked developing countries and countries with economies in transition. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)