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| Report by the Secretary-General | |
| follow-up to ReSolution 146 (REV. DUBAI, 2018): periodic REVIEW and revision OF THE International Telecommunication Regulations | |

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| Summary  This document provides some background information on the status of the International Telecommunication Regulations (Rev. Dubai, 2012) and highlights instructions received from the 2018 plenipotentiary conference on the Periodic review and revision of the ITRs.  Action required  The Council is invited to **note** the report. The Council is also invited to review and revise the terms of reference for an Expert Group on the International Telecommunication Regulations (EG‑ITRs).  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  References  [Resolution 146 (Rev. Dubai, 2018)](https://www.itu.int/en/council/2019/Documents/basic-texts/RES-146-E.pdf) |

**Background information**

1Further to Resolution 171 (Guadalajara, 2010), and in accordance with Council Resolution 1335, the World Conference on International Telecommunications (WCIT-12) was held in Dubai from 3 to 14 December 2012.

2 WCIT-12 revised the International Telecommunication Regulations (ITRs) in their entirety and also adopted five new resolutions.

3 The revised ITRs entered into force on 1 January 2015 between Member States having deposited before that date their instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval of, or accession to these revised Regulations.

4 The list of signatories of the Final Acts is available at <http://www.itu.int/osg/wcit-12/highlights/signatories.html>.

5 The list of Member States having ratified, accepted, approved (or acceded to) the revised ITRs (Dubai, 2012) is available at <https://www.itu.int/online/mm/scripts/mm.final-acts.list?_languageid=1&_agrmts_type=WCIT-2012>.

**Periodic review and revision of the ITRs**

6 Resolution 146 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) on *Periodic review and revision of the ITRs* resolves that the ITRs should normally be reviewed periodically; and to conduct a comprehensive review of the ITRs with a view to achieving consensus on the way forward in respect of the ITRs.

7 Resolution 146 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) instructs the Secretary-General to reconvene an Expert Group on the International Telecommunication Regulations (EG‑ITRs), 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. It also instructs the Secretary-General to submit the report of EG‑ITRs on the outcome of the review to the Council for consideration, publication and subsequent submission to the 2022 Plenipotentiary Conference.

8 Resolution 146 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) instructs the Council to review and revise, at its 2019 session, the terms of reference for EG‑ITRs referred to above; and to examine the reports of EG‑ITRs at its annual sessions and submit the final report of the EG-ITRs to the 2022 Plenipotentiary Conference with the Council’s comments.

9 Resolution 146 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) instructs the Directors of the Bureaux, each within their field of competence, with advice from the relevant advisory group, to contribute to the activities of EG-ITRs, recognizing that the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector has most of the work relevant to the ITRs. The Directors are instructed to submit the results of their work to EG‑ITRs. The Directors are also instructed to consider providing fellowships, where resources are available, for developing[[1]](#footnote-1)1 and least developed countries according to the list established by the United Nations, in order to widen their participation in the expert group.

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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)