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I have the honour to transmit to the Member States of the Council a contribution submitted by the **People’s Republic of China**.

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proposal on the modification of resolution 1379

Introduction

The International Telecommunication Regulations (hereinafter referred to as "ITRs") is an important international multilateral treaty of the International Telecommunication Union (hereinafter referred to as "ITU"). The provisions of ITRs are useful supplements to the Constitution and Convention of ITU. With the rapid development of international information and communication, it is urgent to conduct a comprehensively review of the provisions of the 2012 International Telecommunication Regulations, to improve and perfect them so as to adapt to the needs of "development and security" in the new environment of global telecommunications.

Proposal

PP-18 adopted Resolution 146 and decided to conduct a comprehensive review of the ITRs with a view to achieving consensus on the way forward in respect of the ITRs. In this regard, China proposes that Resolution 1379 be modified according to the way forward specified in Resolution 146 of PP-18, and to conduct a comprehensively review of the 2012 International Telecommunication Regulations, to improve and perfect it:

1 that an Expert Group on the International Telecommunication Regulations (EG-ITR), open to all Member States and Sector Members of ITU, be created;

2 that the EG-ITR, based on the "new trends" of telecommunications development worldwide, conduct a comprehensively review of the provisions of the 2012 International Telecommunication Regulations and make proposals to improve them;

3 that the Council, in accordance with Resolution 146 of PP-18, revisit and modify the terms of reference (ToR) of the EG-ITR, and the modified ToR shall include, at least, the following two aspects:

a) an examination of the 2012 ITRs, to determine its applicability in the rapidly changing international telecommunication environment;

b) a review of the provisions of the 2012 International Telecommunication Regulations on the basis of the new trends in telecommunications development worldwide, and make suggestions and proposals, which should reflect, in particular, the significant role of modern telecommunication/ICT in facilitating the global digital economic development and the digital transition.

Annex: Council Resolution 1379 (draft modifications)

Resolution 1379 (Draft modifications)

Expert Group on the International Telecommunication Regulations (EG-ITR)

The Council,

considering

*a)* Article 25 of the ITU Constitution, on World Conferences on International Telecommunications (WCIT);

*b)* No. 48 in Article 3 of the ITU Convention, on other conferences and assemblies;

*c)* Resolution 146 (Rev. Busan, 2014) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on Periodic review and revision of the International Telecommunication Regulations;

*d)* Resolution 144 (Rev. Busan, 2014) of the Plenipotentiary Conference on Availability of model host-country agreements in advance for conferences and assemblies of the Union held away from Geneva, and 175 (Rev. Busan, 2014) of the Plenipotentiary Conference on Telecommunication/information and communication technology accessibility for persons with disabilities and persons with specific needs;

*e)* Resolution 4 (Dubai, 2012) of the World Conference on International Telecommunications, on periodic review of the International Telecommunication Regulations;

*f)* Resolution 146 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on Periodic Review and Revision of the International Telecommunication Regulations (ITRs),

resolves

1 that an Expert Group on the International Telecommunication Regulations (EG-ITRs) be reconvened, open to all Member States and Sector Members, to review the ITRs, with the Terms of Reference shown in Annex 1 of this Resolution;

2 that the Group has a Chairman and six Vice-Chairmen, one from each ITU region, nominated by Council and taking into account competency and qualification as well as enhancing gender balance;

3 that the EG-ITRs shall prepare a progress report to the 2022session of the Council;

4 that the EG-ITRs shall prepare a final report to the 2022 session of the Council for submission of the report to the 2022 Plenipotentiary Conference with the Council's comments;

5 that the General Rules of conferences, assemblies, and meetings of the Union and Rules of procedure of the Council related to working groups of the Council shall apply to the Group;

6 that to the maximum extent possible, provide remote participation and webcasting;

7 that all the output documents of meetings of the Group shall be made publicly available, and that all input documents shall be made publicly available subject to the decision of the submitter;

8 that the EG-ITRs should meet physically as part of the cluster of Council Working Group meetings in 2019, 2020, 2021and 2022 and that a final physical meeting should be held prior to Council in 2022,

instructs the Secretary-General

to make necessary arrangements to implement this Resolution,

instructs the Directors of the Bureaux

1 each within their field of competence, with advice from the relevant advisory group, to contribute to the work of the Group, recognizing that the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector has most of the work relevant to the ITRs;

2 to submit the results of their work to the EG-ITRs;

3 to consider providing fellowships, where resources are available, for developing and least developed countries according to the list established by the United Nations, in order to widen participation in the Group,

invites Member States and Sector Members

to participate in and contribute to the EG-ITRs on the review of the International Telecommunication Regulations.

Annex 1

Terms of Reference of the Expert Group on the International Telecommunication Regulations (EG-ITR)

1. On the basis of contributions submitted by Member States, Sector Members and inputs from the Directors of the Bureaux if necessary, the EG-ITRs shall undertake a review of the 2012 ITRs, taking into account new trends in telecommunications/ICT, emerging issues.

2. The comprehensive review of the 2012 ITRs conducted by EG-ITRs should include, among others:

a) an examination of the 2012 ITRs to determine its applicability in a rapidly evolving international telecommunication environment, taking into account technology, services and existing multilateral and international legal obligations as well as changes in the scope of domestic regulatory regimes;

b) a review of the provisions of the 2012 International Telecommunication Regulations on the basis of the new trends in telecommunications development worldwide, and make suggestions and proposals, which should reflect, in particular, the significant role of modern telecommunication/ICT in facilitating the global digital economic development and the digital transition.

3. The EG-ITRs will present a progress report to Council 2022 and a final report to Council 2022 for examination and submission to the 2022 Plenipotentiary Conference with the Council’s comments.

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