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| Note by the Secretary-General |
| Contribution FROM ZimbabweTerms of reference of the Expert Group on the international Telecommunications Regulations (EG-ITRs) |

I have the honour to transmit to the Member States of the Council a contribution submitted by Zimbabwe.

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 Secretary-General

**Contribution from Zimbabwe**

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE EXPERT GROUP ON THE
INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS REGULATIONS (EG-ITRs)

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| SummaryThis Contribution examines the International Telecommunications Regulations (ITRs) in light of the results of the previous Expert Group on the ITRs (EG-ITRs) and Resolution 146 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) of the Plenipotentiary Conference. To this end, the contribution presents proposed terms to be included in the terms of reference for the new Expert Group, for consideration by Council. Effort has been made to ensure that the proposed terms of reference steer clear of the contentious issues that previously bogged down discussions and the work of the previous Group .They set the foundation for an objective analysis and review of the ITRs.Action requiredCouncil is invited to consider and incorporate the terms contained in this contribution into the Terms of Reference of the Expert Group on the ITRs.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_References[*Resolution 146 (Rev. Dubai, 2018)*](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts/RES-146-E.pdf) |

1. **BACKGROUND**

Whereas Resolution 146 (Rev. Dubai, 2018), instructs the ITU Secretary-General to reconvene an Expert Group on the International Telecommunications Regulations (EG-ITRs), open to ITU Member States and Sector Members, with terms of reference and working methods established by ITU Council, to review the Regulations,

And whereas Resolution 146 (Rev. Dubai, 2018), instructs Council to review and revise at its 2019 session, the terms of reference for the EG-ITRs referred to above,

This contribution proposes terms to be included in the terms of reference for the new EG-ITRs, for consideration by the Council. Effort has been made to ensure that the proposed terms of reference steer clear of the contentious issues that that bogged down meetings of the previous Group.

**2**. **PROPOSAL**

1. Examine the 1988 ITRs and identify provisions of the ITRs that require updating in view of technological developments over the years;
2. Examine the 1988 ITRS and identify policy issues that require updating in view of changes in international policy on telecommunications/ICTs;
3. Identify non contentious issues contained in the two sets of ITRS acceptable to all Member States for inclusion in a revised form of ITRs;
4. Identify any issues other than those contained in the current ITRs, relating to International Telecommunications/ICTs, that require incorporation into the ITRs;
5. Identify Policy issues other than those contained in the current ITRs, relating to International Telecommunications/ICTs, that require incorporation into the ITRs;
6. Propose the way forward to Council with regards to the revision of the ITRs.

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