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| Proposal on the Review and Revision of the International Telecommunication Regulations (ITRs) |

Introduction

PP Resolution [146 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) resolves that the ITRs should normally be reviewed periodically; it also resolves to conduct a comprehensive review of the ITRs with a view to achieving consensus on the way forward in respect of the ITRs.](#_Toc536018306)

Council Resolution 1379 resolves that an Expert Group on the International Telecommunication Regulations (EG-ITRs), open to all Member States and Sector Members, be reconvened to conduct a provision-by-provision review of the ITRs focusing on its 2012 edition and taking into account the new trends in the telecommunication/ICT sector and the emerging issues in the international telecommunication/ICT environment. Within the Terms of Reference specified by Council Resolution 1379 (Modified 2019), EG-ITRs shall prepare progress reports to the 2020 and 2021 sessions of the Council, which reflect all the views expressed during the review process and the Group 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.

Proposal

EG-ITRs should, within the mandate specified by Resolution 146 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) and Council Resolution 1379 (Modified 2019) and on the basis of inputs from Member States, Sector Members and inputs provided by Bureau Directors, if necessary, to conduct, in a step-by-step way, a comprehensive review and revision of the International Telecommunication Regulations so as to fulfil the full responsibilities entrusted to EG-ITRs by the Council with efficiency and good quality.

1. To determine the way forward for the review and revision of the International Telecommunication Regulations, adequate discussions are needed of the new trends in the development of international telecommunications/ICT, and the emerging issues in the sector, taking into account, in particular, the rapid development of the global digital economy driven by the current new generation of ICTs such as big data, the Internet of Things and artificial intelligence etc.

2. To review provision by provision the applicability of the International Telecommunication Regulations in facilitating the provision and development of international telecommunication/ICT services and networks, as well as the flexibility of the provisions of the International Telecommunication Regulations, so as to determine the provisions of the ITRS that need to be revised and the matters not covered by the current ITRS but are related to the international telecommunication/ICT issues thus needing to be incorporated into the ITRS and to analyse them comprehensively.

3. In the light of international telecommunication/ICT technology developments and policy changes, to determine non-controversial issues that can be accepted by all Member States and ITRS provisions that need to be revised and incorporating them in the form of revisions of the ITRS.

4. To identify the provisions of ITRS which need to be revised or incorporated into the ITRS but are still in dispute and the related issues, and make recommendations on the ways of their handling.

5. On the basis of the above-mentioned work, a progress report and a final report on the review and revision of ITRS to the Council are formulated.

Concluding remarks

China actively supports and facilitates the comprehensive review and revision of ITRS, with the aim of fulfilling the purposes and functions of ITU, safeguarding the integrity of ITU's Constitution and Convention and the authority of ITU as well as promoting cooperation among Member States to achieve ITU's purposes and jointly enhance the ITRS in order for it to be "keeping pace with the new global telecommunication trends" and to play a positive role in and contribute to the security, development and prosperity of global telecommunications/ICT.

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