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| Report by the Chairman of the Council Working Group on Child Online Protection | |
| OUTCOME OF THE FIFtEENTH AND SIXTEENTH MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL WORKING GROUP ON CHILD ONLINE PROTECTION | |

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| Summary  This report summarizes the main results of the fifteenth and sixteenth meetings of the Council Working Group on Child Online Protection, held on 26 September 2019 and on 4 February 2020, in accordance with ITU Council Resolution 1306 and ITU Plenipotentiary Resolution 179 (Rev. Dubai, 2018).  Action required  The Council is invited to **note** this Report.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  References  [*PP Resolution 179 (Rev. Dubai, 2018)*](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts/RES-179-E.pdf)*;* [*Council Resolution 1306*](https://www.itu.int/md/S15-CL-C-0109/en) |

# 1 Introduction

1.1 At the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 2018, the ITU Council was requested to maintain its Working Group on Child Online Protection (CWG-COP), and thus the fifteenth and sixteenth meetings of CWG-COP were held on 26 September 2019 and on 4 February 2020 in Geneva (respectively). The work of the CWG-COP is conducted in line with Resolution 1306 of ITU Council 2009 and continued in accordance with Resolution 179 of the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 2018.

1. Council 2009 *resolves (excerpt from Resolution 1306)*:

*“to establish a Council Working Group on Child Online Protection (WG-CP) open to all Member States and Sector Members, with the following terms of reference:*

*1.1 to exchange views and promote and work on the subject matter;*

*1.2 to report to the Council annually on the activities of the working group on child online protection (WG-CP);”*

1. the Plenipotentiary Conference 2010 *requests the Council (excerpt from Resolution 179)*:

*“to maintain WG-COP, in order to facilitate the membership’s input and guidance on ITU’s role in child online protection,*

*…………*

*invites Member States*

1. *to join and participate actively in WG-COP and related ITU activities, for the purposes of a comprehensive discussion and exchange of information on legal, technical, organizational and procedural issues, as well as capacity building and international cooperation for protecting children online;*
2. *to develop information, to educate and to create consumer-awareness campaigns aimed at parents, teachers, industry and the population in general, in order to make children aware of the risks that may be encountered online,*

*invites Sector Members*

*to participate actively in WG-COP and in other ITU activities, with the aim of informing the ITU membership about technological solutions for protecting children online.”*

**2 Adoption of the agenda**

2.1 The agenda was adopted as drafted both in the fifteenth and sixteenth meetings.

# 3 Welcoming remarks

3.1 Both the fifteenth and sixteenth meetings were opened by the Secretary-General of ITU, Mr Houlin Zhao. Mr Zhao welcomed all the participants in the room and those online. He stated that the matter of child online protection was high on the political agenda and therefore it was important for all stakeholders to pull together their resources and help each other in addressing this issue. He also expressed how pleased he was about the active participants and contributions and hoped that these meetings would have a significant outcome.

3.2 The Chairman welcomed the participants and thanked the Group for the contributions received.

**4 Information Reports**

# 4.1 In the fifteenth and sixteenth meetings, some documents were presented by the ITU secretariat.

In the fifteenth meeting, the following documents were presented:

* [Update on the ITU Child Online Protection (COP) Guidelines](https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CLCWGCOP15-INF-0004/en)
* [Outcome of the Youth Online Consultation](https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CLCWGCOP15-INF-0003/en)

In the sixteenth meeting, the following documents were presented:

* [Presentation](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CLCWGCOP16-C-0005/en) on ITU’s work and activities in Child Online Protection
* [COP Guidelines](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CLCWGCOP16-C-0004/en) review process 2019-2020

# 5 Contributions

5.1 At the fifteenth and sixteenth meetings, the Group received many contributions from members, and contributions from outside experts.

**6 Discussions**

6.1 During the fifteenth meeting, several interventions and contributions have been discussed. In this regard, after the adoption of the agenda, ITU gave an update on activities, projects, regional initiatives, and partnerships related to COP. The work on the revision of the COP Guidelines and the proposed plan for the implementation was also presented.

6.2 During the sixteenth meeting, following the report of the ITU Secretariat on the progress made by the COP initiative, the leader of the working group of the guidelines presented a detailed version of the proposed versions. The Secretariat updated the members of the CWG COP on the roll out planning.

# 7. Outcomes of the fifteenth and sixteenth meetings of the CWG-COP

7.1 The main outcomes of the fifteenth meeting were:

* The Chair encouraged to provide guidance and ideas on how to improve the number of responses from young people.
* The Chair recommended more involvement and participation of the stakeholders at the meetings as this is a unique platform for information sharing and lessons learned.
* The meeting invite the membership to realize and be aware of the importance of evaluating the effectiveness on program.
* A first liaison statement will be sent to ITU Study Group 2 in order to inform delegations on the work of the Guidelines and ensure a more participatory process.
* A second liaison statement will be sent to ITU-D to ask for more information on EG-household Indicators and the related discussion on COP indicators.

7.2 At the sixteenth meeting, the Chair and the Group emphasized that:

* The COP Mascot will be posted online.
* More involvement and participation of the stakeholders at the meetings as this is a unique platform for information sharing and lessons learned.

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