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To Member States of ITU Council

Subject: **Organization of the virtual consultation of councillors**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I would like to thank you for your replies to my letter [DM-20/1005](#). The secretariat has taken good note of the comments received from Member States as well as all the proposed items they wish to be discussed at the virtual consultation.

I am pleased to inform you that, with the view to ensure full transparency, and with the agreement of the respective Member States, individual and detailed replies as well as a summary table have been posted on the TIES restricted webpage <https://www.itu.int/en/council/ties/Pages/replies-DM-20-1005.aspx>

Based on these replies, the secretariat has prepared a draft agenda available in Annex 1 for the virtual consultation of councillors which includes all items that Member States have requested to be added.

Considering the different views, Member States are invited to consult each other in the coming weeks in order to be able to agree on the final agenda at the beginning of the virtual consultation and make best use of the limited time available.

Noting that the proposed agenda is subject to the agreement by Member States and the time available is limited, Member States are invited to send their contributions to the meeting by using the attached template. Please note in this regard that the deadline for sending contributions has been extended to **2 June 2020**.

The proposed draft time management plan will then be published on the website.

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Please kindly note that the platform supports around 300 active participants (“speakers”), and 2,000 passive participants (“viewers”). Sessions will have separate links for active and passive participants. Among the registered participants of a delegation, 1 to 3 “speakers” should be identified for the entire duration of the consultation, while the other registered members of the delegation should be considered as “viewers”. The names of “speakers” should be sent to sg-registration@itu.int, copying remote.participation@itu.int. Should a delegation require an additional “speaker” for specific sessions or agenda items, please contact the secretariat at the addresses above. Subject to technical capacity, the secretariat may be in a position to allocate an extra “speaker” slot.

Looking forward to seeing you virtually on 9 June.

(signed)

Dr Elsayed Azzouz
Chair of the Council

Annexes: 2

Annex 1 – Proposed draft agenda of the Virtual consultation of councillors
Annex 2 – Template for Member States’ contributions

ANNEX 1

Proposed draft agenda of the Virtual consultation of councillors

Should a contribution relating to a subject below be submitted by a Member State **by 2 June**, it will also be included in the draft agenda.

#	Subject	C20/#	Contains Decision or Resolution	<u>Comments</u>
1	List of candidature for Chairs and Vice-Chairs of CWGs, EGs, IEGs	21	no	Move to physical meeting: proposal by 1 MS
2	World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (<i>Res. 68</i>)	17	no	Move to physical meeting: proposal by 2 MS
3	Proposed dates and duration of the 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026 sessions of the Council and the CWG clusters for 2020 and 2021 (<i>Res. 77, 111, D 612</i>) (<i>support doc 37</i>)	2	Decision	Move to physical meeting: proposal by 1 MS
4	Preparations for WTSA-20	24	no	Move to physical meeting: proposal by 1 MS
5	World Radiocommunication Conference 2023	55	Resolution	Move to physical meeting: proposal by 2 MS
6	Cost Recovery for the processing of Satellite network Filings (<i>D 482(MOD)</i>)	16	Decision	Move to physical meeting: proposal by 3 MS
7	Support for TSB	14	no	Move to physical meeting: proposal by 3 MS
8	Audited accounts: Audited Financial operating report for 2019	42	Resolution	Move to physical meeting: proposal by 3 MS
9	External Auditor report: Union's accounts 2019	40	no	Move to physical meeting: proposal by 2 MS
10	External Auditor report: Union's account of ITU TELECOM World 2019	41	no	Move to physical meeting: proposal by 2 MS
11	Report on progress on the Union's headquarters premises project (<i>Res. 212, D 619</i>)	7	No	Move to physical meeting: proposal by 1 MS
12	Summary report on the work of the Member States Advisory Group (MSAG) on the Union's Headquarters premises project (<i>Res. 212</i>)	48	Decision	Move to physical meeting: proposal by 2 MS
13	Outcome of WRC-19 with financial implications	56	no	Move to physical meeting: proposal by 1 MS
14	New investigation function and process	60	Decision	Move to physical meeting: proposal by 3 MS
15	Impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the functioning and activities of ITU			New item: proposal by 5 MS
16	Report on the outcomes of the CWG-WSIS&SDG activities (<i>Res. 140, R 1281, R 1332(MOD), R 1334 (MOD)</i>)	8	no	Moved from Physical meeting to VC: proposal by 2 MS
17	Report by the Chair of the Council Working Group on International Internet-Related Public Policy Issues (CWG-Internet) (<i>R 1305, R 1336(MOD)</i>)	51	no	Moved from Physical meeting to VC: proposal by 1 MS
18	ITU Internet activities: Resolutions 101, 102, 133 and 180	33	no	Moved from Physical meeting to VC: proposal by 2 MS

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19	ITU activities on strengthening the role of ITU in building confidence and security in the use of ICTs (Res. 130, 174)	18	no	Moved from Physical meeting to VC: proposal by 2 MS
20	Report on how ITU is currently utilizing the GCA framework	36	no	Moved from Physical meeting to VC: proposal by 3 MS
21	Guidelines for the utilization of the GCA by ITU	65	no	Moved from Physical meeting to VC: proposal by 3 MS
22	Report of the Council Working Group on Child online protection (Res. 179, R 1306 (MOD))	57	no	Moved from Physical meeting to VC: proposal by 3 MS
23	Report of the Council Working Group on Languages (Res. 154, R 1372 MOD)	12	no	Moved from Physical meeting to VC: proposal by 1 MS
24	Report from EG-ITRs (Res. 146, R1379 (MOD))	26	no	Moved from Physical meeting to VC: proposal by 3 MS
25	ITU's activities related to Resolution 70 (Rev. Dubai, 2018)	6	no	Moved from Physical meeting to VC: proposal by 1 MS
26	Draft four-year operational plan for the General Secretariat for 2021-2024 (CV 87A, 181A, 205A, 223A)	28	Resolution	Moved from Physical meeting to VC: proposal by 2 MS
27	Report on ITU Telecom World events (Res. 11, R 1292)	19	no	Moved from Physical meeting to VC: proposal by 2 MS
28	Proposed improvements to Plenipotentiary Conference	13	no	Moved from Physical meeting to VC: proposal by 2 MS
29	Implementation of Recommendations 6 and 7 of PP-18 Committee 5 (electoral process)	4	no	Moved from Physical meeting to VC: proposal by 2 MS
30	Report on RA-19 and WRC-19	27	no	Moved from Physical meeting to VC: proposal by 4 MS
31	Schedule of future conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union: 2020-2023 (Res. 77, 111)	37	no	Moved from Physical meeting to VC: proposal by 5 MS
32	Preparations for WTPF-21 (Res. 2, D611)	5	no	Moved from Physical meeting to VC: proposal by 6 MS
33	Preparations for WTDC-21	30	no	Moved from Physical meeting to VC: proposal by 4 MS
34	Report on the implementation of the strategic plan and the activities of the Union for 2019-2020 (CV 61, CV 102, CV 82)	35	no	Moved from Physical meeting to VC: proposal by 3 MS
35	New ITU index	62	no	Moved from Physical meeting to VC: proposal by 1 MS
36	Report by the working group on internal controls	63	no	Moved from Physical meeting to VC: proposal by 1 MS
37	Status Report on Implementation of Council Decision 600 and 601 (UIFN, IIN)	47	no	Moved from Physical meeting to VC: proposal by 1 MS
38	ITU participation in memoranda of understanding with financial and/or strategic implications	45	no	Moved from Physical meeting to VC: proposal by 2 MS
39	Report of the Independent Management Advisory Committee (IMAC) (Res. 162) (D 565)	22	no	Moved from Physical meeting to VC: proposal by 3 MS
40	Appointment of a new External auditor (Res 94, D 614)	49	Decision	Moved from Physical meeting to VC: proposal by 6 MS
41	The After-Service Health Insurance (ASHI) liability	46	no	Moved from Physical meeting to VC: proposal by 1 MS

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42	Report of the Internal Auditor on internal audit activities	44	no	Moved from Physical meeting to VC: proposal by 2 MS
43	Strategy for the coordination of efforts among the three Sectors of the Union (Res. 191)	38	no	Moved from Physical meeting to VC: proposal by 1 MS
44	Staff Working Conditions Strategy and Implementation Plan (D 619)	29	no	Moved from Physical meeting to VC: proposal by 1 MS
45	ITU Accountability Framework	43	no	Moved from Physical meeting to VC: proposal by 1 MS
46	Strengthening the Regional Presence (Res. 25)	25	no	Moved from Physical meeting to VC: proposal by 1 MS
47	Progress report on overall review, including suggesting appropriate measures to ensure continued effectiveness and efficiency of the ITU regional presence, including recommendations of the external consultant study (Res.25, D 616)	64	no	Moved from Physical meeting to VC: proposal by 1 MS
48	Interim report if any of the external enterprise concerning the Forensic Audit		no	Moved from Physical meeting to VC: proposal by 1 MS
49	Progress report on the implementation of the Human Resources strategic plan and of Resolution 48 (Rev. Dubai, 2018)	54	Resolution Decision	Moved from Physical meeting to VC: proposal by 1 MS
50	Report from the Ethics Office	59	no	Moved from Physical meeting to VC: proposal by 2 MS
51	Report on the implementation of risk management action plan	61	no	Moved from Physical meeting to VC: proposal by 1 MS
52	Measures taken by ITU on conditions for on-site emergency medical support at ITU conferences and meetings held away from Geneva	31	no	Moved from Physical meeting to VC: proposal by 1 MS

Two Member States have requested that all proposed agenda items be discussed during the virtual consultation. Keeping in mind the proposed format and duration of the meeting, the secretariat was not in a position to take their request into account.

ANNEX 2

Template for Member States' contributions

Virtual consultation of councillors
starting 9 June 2020



**Contribution from Member State(s) on items of
draft agenda of the virtual consultation of councillors**

Name of the submitting
Member State(s):

Document title:

Ref. to draft agenda of the
virtual consultation:

Document C20/##

Contribution from Member State(s): *Contributions should be concise (a maximum of 2 pages is recommended) and should facilitate the discussions.*

Comments relating to Document C20/xx

Proposed way forward

Contributions are to be sent to the ITU Council Secretariat by 2 June 2020 at:

contributions@itu.int

In case this contribution is submitted by multiple Member States, kindly ensure that the focal point(s) of each Member State is/are copied on the message sent to the ITU Council Secretariat.

For ease of reference, list of the focal points of ITU Member States can be found [here](#).