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| NEW INVESTIGATION FUNCTION and PROCESS | |

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| Summary  Following the outcomes of the discussions at the second virtual consultation of Councillors in 2020 on the new investigation function and process, Council approved by correspondence the strengthening of the investigation function in ITU by creating a specific and independent post at P.5 level. The Head, Investigation Unit position was advertised on 26 February 2021.  Action required  The Council is invited **to take note** of developments.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  References  Documents [VC/8](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CLVC-C-0008/en), [VC/17](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CLVC-C-0017/en), [C20/50](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0050/en), and [CWG-FHR-11/15](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CWGFHR11-C-0015/en), [Circular Letter DM-20/1022](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-DM-CIR-01022/en) |

# Investigation Unit

1 The operational aspects of the responsibilities of the Head, Investigation Unit are crucial, and the role of the incumbent will be to undertake investigations as a priority once appointed.

2 The intention is that the ITU Investigations Unit will be responsible for performing independent investigations to ensure the effective, efficient, and economical management and use of the financial, human, technological, and intangible resources of ITU. The Unit shall plan, organize, and implement a comprehensive investigation programme, including the development and implementation of investigation policies and procedures, in accordance with the Uniform Guidelines for Investigations. The general scope of this programme shall be determined by the ITU Investigations Unit, in consultation with the Secretary-General.

3 As part of its work programme, the ITU Investigations Unit shall investigate allegations, or presumptions, of misconduct and Proscribed Practices, in accordance with ITU policies and procedures. ITU may establish procedures for the ITU Investigation Unit to investigate allegations, such as fraud and corruption, concerning ITU implementing partners and vendors.