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| ALTERNATIVE TO C21/77 REVISION OF DECISION 619 |

I have the honour to transmit to the Member States of the Council a contribution submitted by the **United States of America, Canada, Mexico and Argentina**.

 Houlin ZHAO
 Secretary-General

**Contribution from the United States of America, Canada, Mexico and Argentina**

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| SummaryTo protect the limits of financial risk to Member States while increasing flexibility for additional sponsorships and donations for the Union’s Headquarters Premises Project.Action requiredThe Council is invited **to approve** this proposed amendment to Decision 619.References[C21/77](https://www.itu.int/md/S21-CL-C-0077/en); [Council Decision 619](https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CLADD-C-0005/en) |

1. **Introduction**

The United States, Canada, Mexico and Argentina thank Kuwait for its proposal in C21/77 to attempt to permit a wider range of sponsorships and donations to support the new ITU building.

The United States, Canada, Mexico and Argentina appreciate and support the principle of permitting sponsorships and donations even if they result in an increase in the project direct and/or indirect costs, provided all increased costs are borne by the sponsor or donor and they do not delay the project. However, we are concerned that the specific proposed wording by Kuwait may cause confusion relative to the “cost to ITU”.

In crafting Decision 619, many Member States had been interested in having a hard limit of financial exposure to the collected Member States through this major construction project. Any modification of that Decision should reflect such interest and an indication of the responsible project management to limit financial exposure.

**2 Proposal**

Therefore, the United States, Canada, Mexico and Argentina propose an amendment to the Kuwaiti proposal in C21/77 with the following alternative text for *decides* 4 of Council Decision 619:

4 that, as of the date of adoption of this decision, any future sponsorships or donations will only be accepted by ITU after:

* the proposed change order to the design is evaluated by the ITU management and BPD to assess the amount of all indirect costs (including Architect’s fees, Building Management Consultant fees, General Contractor fees, etc.), all net direct costs, and the impact on the project schedule;
* the prospective sponsor agrees to pay for all these increased direct and indirect project costs as part of its sponsorship or donation; and
* BPD determines that the sponsorship or donation will not create further delays to the project;

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