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| PLENARY MEETING | **Addendum 8 to Document 76-E** |
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| Member States of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL) | |
| IAP 08 - Proposal to modify Resolution 146 on | |
| Periodic review and revision of the International Telecommunication Regulations | |
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**Abstract:**

Given that the Expert Group on the International Telecommunication Regulations (EG-ITRs) has completed its mandate, there is no need to reconvene the Group, nor update its mandate. Debates in the EG-ITRs have long demonstrated a lack of consensus among Members, and it would be ineffective and inefficient to direct limited time and resources towards repeating these same debates.

The latest iteration of the EG-ITRs held six meetings and successfully fulfilled its mandate in line with its Terms of Reference. The [final report of the EG-ITRs to ITU Council 2022](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CL-C-0026/en) demonstrated the continued lack of consensus as to the way forward with respect to the ITRs. As such, the proposed revisions to ITU Plenipotentiary Resolution 146 discontinue the EG-ITRs. At the same time, the revisions still allow for the periodic review of the ITRs on an as-needed basis through existing channels (i.e., contributions from Member States and Sector Members to relevant study groups, sector advisory groups, and/or ITU Council). The proposed revisions build on the previous CITEL proposal ([IAP/63A1/8](https://www.itu.int/md/S18-PP-C-0063/en)) to the 2018 ITU Plenipotentiary Conference.

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RESOLUTION 146 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022)

Periodic review of the International Telecommunication Regulations

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Bucharest, 2022),

recalling

*a)* Article 25 of the ITU Constitution, on world conferences on international telecommunications (WCIT);

*b)* No. 48 in Article 3 of the ITU Convention, on other conferences and assemblies;

*c)* that *recognizing e)* of Resolution 4 (Dubai, 2012) of WCIT, on periodic review of the International Telecommunication Regulations (ITRs) states that "the International Telecommunication Regulations consist of high-level guiding principles that should not require frequent amendment, but in the fast moving sector of telecommunications/ICTs may need to be periodically reviewed";

*d)* the final report of the Expert Group on the ITRs (EG-ITRs) to ITU Council 2022,

resolves

1 to discontinue the EG-ITRs;

2 to conduct any further review of the ITRs within ITU Council as needed, on the basis of contributions from Member States and Sector Members and input from study groups and sector advisory groups,

instructs the ITU Council

to examine any contributions and input on the review of the ITRs at its annual sessions,

instructs the Directors of the Bureaux

1 each within their field of competence, with advice from the relevant advisory group, to prepare a report that summarizes any contributions from Member States and Sector Members to the relevant study groups on the review of the ITRs, recognizing that the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector has most of the work relevant to the ITRs;

2 to submit these results of their sector’s work to ITU Council;

3 to consider providing fellowships, where resources are available, for developing[[1]](#footnote-1)1 and least developed countries according to the list established by the United Nations, in order to widen their participation in relevant discussions,

invites Member States and Sector Members

to submit contributions on the review of the ITRs to the relevant study groups, sector advisory groups, and/or ITU Council, as appropriate.

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1. 1 These include the least developed countries, small island developing states, landlocked developing countries and countries with economies in transition. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)