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| Report by the Secretary-General | |
| ITU PARTICIPATION IN MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FINANCIAL AND/OR STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS | |
| **Purpose**  This document reports on the memoranda of understanding/agreements (hereinafter “MoU”) having substantial financial and/or strategic implications for the Union for the year 2022. It also includes a list of MoUs that the Secretary-General considered appropriate to bring to the attention of the Council for information. This report also introduces [a new dashboard](https://www.itu.int/en/council/ties/Documents/2023/MoUs/dashboard-MoUs-2008-2021.docx) containing information on the implementation of the MoUs already brought to the Council’s attention during the period 2008-2021.  **Action required by the Council**  The Council is invited **to note** the report.  **Relevant link(s) with the Strategic Plan**  N/A  **Financial implication**  None.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **References:**  Minutes of the Sixteenth Plenary Meeting of PP-18 (document [PP-18/173](https://www.itu.int/md/S18-PP-C-0173/en)), and Minutes of the Sixteenth Plenary meeting of PP-22 (document [PP-22/206](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-PP-C-0206/en)) | |

1. **Background**

At its sixteenth plenary meeting, the Plenipotentiary Conference (Bucharest, 2022) decided to maintain the decision of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Dubai, 2018) to instruct the Secretary-General to continue “*to submit to the ordinary session of the Council for prior approval the MoUs that have substantial financial and/or strategic implications*”. The Plenipotentiary Conference further decided that “*a report on the other MoUs entered into by ITU during the relevant period will continue to be submitted*”. See Recommendation 3 in the Report by the Chairman of Committee 5 to the PP-22 Plenary ([PP/22-189](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-PP-C-0189/en)) which was approved in the Sixteenth Plenary Meeting of PP-22 ([PP-22/206](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-PP-C-0206/en)) and which referred to the PP-18 decision contained in the Minutes of its Sixteenth Plenary Meeting ([PP-18/173](https://www.itu.int/md/S18-PP-C-0173/en), para. 2.13).

1. **MoU with substantial financial and/or strategic implications**

There are no MoUs to report under this category for the year 2022.

1. **Other MoUs**

Agreements concluded by the Union are the subject of specific reports either by the Sectors or the General Secretariat. See, for instance, the [ITU-D Projects webpage](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Projects/Pages/default.aspx), [TDAG-23/7](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0007/en) document on ITU-D projects, the [ITU-D Partners webpage](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/MembersPartners/Pages/Partners/List-of-Partners.aspx) and the report on the Implementation of the Strategic Plan and the activities of the Union (Document [C23/54](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-CL-C-0054/en)). Although the MoUs mentioned below have previously been reported on (see [TDAG-23/14](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0014/en) on ITU-D Special Initiatives, [TDAG-23/INF/1](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.itu.int%2Fdms_pub%2Fitu-d%2Fmd%2F22%2Ftdag30%2Finf%2FD22-TDAG30-INF-0001!!MSW-E.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK) on Partnerships, and [ITU-T MoUs and Cooperation Agreements](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/extcoop/Pages/mou.aspx)), the Secretary-General believes that they hold strategic value for the Union. Consequently, it has been deemed appropriate to bring them to the Council's attention for information.

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| **Counterpart** | **Country** | **Subject/name of agreement** | **Sector/department** |
| Federal Department of Foreign Affairs | Switzerland | [Giga Initiative - Establishment of Global Secretariat in Geneva](https://www.itu.int/en/council/ties/Documents/2023/MoUs/CH-GIGA-Secretariat.pdf) | GS/BDT |
| ETSI | France | [MoU ETSI - strengthening information exchange and cooperation on technical standardisation activities](https://www.itu.int/en/council/ties/Documents/2023/MoUs/MoU-ETSI.pdf) | TSB/BR |

1. **Dashboard on past MoUs**

The following link presents a new dashboard which features details on the implementation of MoUs that were brought to the Council's attention between 2008 and 2021:

<https://www.itu.int/en/council/ties/Documents/2023/MoUs/dashboard-MoUs-2008-2021.docx>.

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