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| PROPOSAL ON THE UPDATE OF ITU COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1408 ON “ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT TO UKRAINE FOR REBUILDING THEIR TELECOMMUNICATION SECTOR” |
| **Purpose** Spain and 47 other Member States submit this proposal for updating the ITU Council resolution 1408 with a view to ensuring the continuation of the ITU’s much needed assistance and support to Ukraine for rebuilding its telecommunication sector. The full list of countries that cosponsor this proposal: Albania (Republic of), Germany (Federal Republic of), Australia, Austria, Bahamas (Commonwealth of the), Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria (Republic of), Canada, Cyprus (Republic of), Korea (Republic of), Croatia (Republic of), Denmark, Spain, Estonia (Republic of), United States of America, Finland, France, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Iceland, Israel (State of), Italy, Japan, Latvia (Republic of), Lithuania (Republic of), Luxembourg, North Macedonia (Republic of), Malta, Moldova (Republic of), Monaco (Principality of), Montenegro, Norway, New Zealand, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), Peru, Poland (Republic of), Portugal, Slovak Republic, Czech Republic, Romania, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Slovenia (Republic of), Sweden, Switzerland (Confederation of) and Ukraine.**Action required by the Council**The Council is invited **to consider and adopt** the updated ITU Council Resolution 1408.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**References**[ITU Council Resolution 1408](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CL-C-0095/en), adopted in March 2022.ITU [Interim Assessment Report](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/Europe/Documents/Interim%20assessment%20on%20damages%20to%20telecommunication%20infrastructure%20and%20resilience%20of%20the%20ICT%20ecosystem%20in%20Ukraine%20-2022-12-22_FINAL.pdf) on damages to telecommunication infrastructure and resilience of the ICT ecosystem in Ukraine, published in December 2022. [Ukraine – Rapid Damage and Needs Assessment](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/Europe/Documents/Publications/2023/RDNA%20-%20Ukraine.pdf), published in March 2023.[Council document C23/59](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-CL-C-0059/en) - Update on the implementation of the ITU Council Resolution 1408 on assistance and support to Ukraine for rebuilding their telecommunication sector |

RESOLUTION 1408

Assistance and support to Ukraine for rebuilding their
telecommunication sector

The ITU Council,

 recalling

1. the noble principles, purpose and objectives enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, as well as in the Declaration of Principles adopted by the World Summit on the Information Society;
2. the efforts of the United Nations to promote sustainable development;
3. the purposes of the Union as enshrined in Article 1 of the ITU Constitution, Convention, and Administrative Regulations of the ITU and the underlying principles that motivate these purposes and the Union,

recalling further

1. United Nations General Assembly Resolution [A/RES/ES-11/1](https://digitallibrary.un.org/record/3965290?ln=es) of 2 March 2022 on Aggression Against Ukraine, that deplores in the strongest terms the aggression by the Russian Federation against Ukraine in violation of Article 2 (4) of the Charter and urges international organizations to support the de-escalation of the current situation;
2. 2018 ITU Plenipotentiary Conference Resolution 34, on Assistance and support to countries in special need for rebuilding their telecommunication sector;
3. the United Nations General Assembly Resolution [68/262](https://digitallibrary.un.org/record/3965290?ln=es) of 27 March 2014 entitled “Territorial integrity of Ukraine”;
4. Resolution 205 (REV.WRC-19) of the World Radiocommunication Conference on protection of systems operating in the mobile satellite service in the frequency band 406-406.1 MHz;
5. The ITU Interim Assessment on Damages to Telecommunications Infrastructure and Resilience of the ICT Ecosystem in Ukraine (December 2022);
6. The statement by the ITU Secretary-General on the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 2014 (document PP14/174, Annex B) and statement by the ITU Secretary-General in the ITU Operational Bulletin No. 1158 of 15.10.2018;
7. Resolution 88 (Kigali, 2022) of the World Telecommunication Development Conference on the ITU Partner2Connect Digital Coalition;
8. Resolution 25 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on strengthening the ITU regional presence,

reaffirming

*a)* the sovereignty, independence, unity, and territorial integrity of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders, extending to its territorial waters;

*b)* that a reliable telecommunication network is indispensable for promoting the socio-economic development of countries, in particular those having suffered from natural disasters, domestic conflicts or war;

*c)* that, under the current conditions and in the foreseeable future, Ukraine will need assistance to recover its telecommunications sector in general and infrastructure in particular to an acceptable level, which requires the assistance of the international community, provided bilaterally, regionally, or through international organizations,

reiterating the ITU commitment

To “promote the adoption of measures for ensuring the safety of life through the cooperation of telecommunication services”,

expressing grave concern

*a)* over the devastating impact that the war against Ukraine has on the operation of telecommunication facilities and services in Ukraine, including widespread destruction of critical infrastructure, and on the exercise of Ukraine’s sovereign right to regulate telecommunications within its territory;

*b)* over the Russian Federation’s persistent disregard since 2014 of the international principles for the functioning of public telecommunications networks by changing unilaterally the international numbering system and the national numbering system of Ukraine;

*c)* over the illegal seizure and subsequent misuse of Ukrainian telecommunication networks, ICT resources and radiofrequency spectrum in the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine;

*d)* over the increase of the number of unauthorized emissions from the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine, since the beginning and as a result of the war started by the Russian Federation, that cause harmful interference to the reception of satellite emergency position-indicating radio beacons signals in mobile-satellite service used for search and rescue activities,

highlighting

that by these unjustified actions, which stand in clear contradiction to the fundamental principles of the ITU constitution and to the ITU’s mission to promote digital connectively worldwide, Russia has lost its status as a credible partner for ITU activities and as a promoter of its values,

decides

to strongly condemn the Russian Federation's persistent disregard of the fundamental principles of the Constitution, Convention and Administrative Regulations of the ITU, including the sovereign right of each ITU member state to regulate its telecommunications within its internationally recognized borders,

resolves to instruct the Directors of the three Bureaux

1. to provide and present detailed regular reports assessing Ukraine’s immediate, medium- and long-term ICT reconstruction needs resulting from the Russian Federation’s invasion at subsequent Council meetings and future ITU conferences, until the withdrawal of all Russian Federation’s military forces from the territory of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders, and until the reconstruction of the telecommunication and media infrastructure in those areas that suffered is complete, and to prepare proposals for effective technical assistance;
2. to provide assistance and full support to Ukraine for rebuilding its damaged and destroyed telecommunications and television infrastructure, supporting the ICT/telecommunications, and promoting digitalization for recovery and sustainable development;
3. to review and prevent publication of information in any ITU documents regarding the assignment of frequencies or National Destination Code (NDC) under the country code of the Russian Federation "7" for the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine, submitted by the Russian Federation;
4. to ensure adequate financial and human resources mobilization, including under the internal budget and the Information and Communication Technology Development Fund, for the implementation of the proposed actions;
5. to continue using the Partner2Conect mechanism, collecting pledges and commitments of stakeholders,

instructs the Secretary-General

to coordinate the activities carried out by the three Sectors of the Union in accordance with resolves above, to ensure that the Union's action in favour of Ukraine is as effective as possible,

invites Member States

1 to support the Government of Ukraine on a bilateral level or in coordination with the Union, as indicated above;

2 to respond to the call for pledges under Partner2Connect Initiative;

3 to provide financial contribution to the Special Fund;

4 to cooperate in the direction of implementation of infrastructure projects in order to rebuild the telecommunications sector of Ukraine and improve Connectivity.

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