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|  | **Addendum 12 toDocument EG-ITRs-1/2** |
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| Contribution from HILL |
| ART. 12: ACCESSIBILITY |
| **Purpose**Discussion**Action required**The document is submitted to EG-ITRs **for discussion**. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**Reference**[Council Resolution 1379, revised 2023](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-CL-C-0121/en) |

1. The work of the current ITR-EG is specified in its Terms of Reference[[1]](#footnote-1):

*2 Taking into consideration the work of the previous two Expert Groups, the review may consider, among others:*

*a) new trends in telecommunications/ICT and emerging issues in international telecommunications/ICT environment which may impact the ITRs,*

*b) empirical data on the current use of the ITRs by operating agencies and/or administrations and the proportion of global telecommunication services which now rely on the ITRs, and*

*c) the relevance of the ITRs which “consist of high-level guiding principles” in the current telecommunication/ICT environment.*

2. This contribution focuses on Art. 12 of the 2012 ITRs, Accessibility, which states:

*12.1 Member States should promote access for persons with disabilities to international telecommunication services, taking into account the relevant ITU-T Recommendations.*

**Discussion of Article 12**

3. In our view, this article remains valid and should not be changed.

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1. <https://www.itu.int/md/S23-CL-C-0121/en> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)