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|  | **Addendum 14 to Document EG-ITRs-1/2** |
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| ART. 14: FINAL PROVISIONS | |
| **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. 14 of the 2012 ITRs, the Final provisions, which states:

*14.1 These Regulations, of which Appendices 1 and 2 form integral parts, shall enter into force on 1 January 2015, and shall be applied as of that date, consistent with all the provisions of Article 54 of the Constitution.*

*14.2 If a Member State makes reservations with regard to the application of one or more of the provisions of these Regulations, other Member States shall be free to disregard the said provision or provisions in their relations with the Member State which has made such reservations.*

**Discussion of Article 14**

3. In our view, Appendix 1 is no longer relevant (see discussion regarding Article 8).

4. Therefore, Member States are invited to consider the situation and to consider how to address it in the context of the review of the ITRs, for example by considering whether to abrogate Appendix 1, and to revise Article 14 accordingly, including changing the dates to reflect the date of approval of a new version of the ITRs.

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