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| **Contribution by the Russian Federation** | |
| ON THE STRUCTURE OF THE INTERIM AND FINAL REPORTS OF THE EG-ITRS TO THE COUNCIL ON THE RESULTS OF STUDYING ISSUES RELATING THE ITRS, INCLUDING ITS CONSIDERATION, AND THE WORK PLAN OF THE EG- ITRS FOR THE PERIOD of 2024-2026. | |
| **Purpose**  Implementation of the provisions of PP Resolution 146 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) and Council Resolution 1379 (Amended 2023).  **Action required**  EG-ITR is proposed to:  1. Approve:  - the structure of interim and final reports to the Council on the results of the study of issues relating to the ITRs, including its consideration, presented in Appendix I;  - work plan for the review of ITRs, broken down by EG-ITRs meetings, presented in Annex II.  2. Take note of the example of filling out the structure of the interim and final report to the Council, presented in Appendix III.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **References**  *Resolution 146 (rev. Bucharest, 2022) of the Plenipotentiary conference*  *Council Resolution 1379 (mod. 2023)* | |
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**1 Introduction**

This contribution presents the structure of the interim and final reports to the Council on the results of the study of issues relating to the ITRs, including its review, as well as the EG-ITRs Work Plan for the period of 2024-2026.

**2 Rationale for the proposal**

The 2022 Plenipotentiary Conference revised its Resolution 146 in which it resolved to continue consideration of issues relating to the ITRs, including their review, to reconvene Expert Group on the ITRs (EG-ITR).

In this regard, the Council is instructed to examine the reports of EG‑ITR at its annual sessions and submit the final report of EG-ITR to the 2026 plenipotentiary conference with the Council's comments.

The Directors of the Bureaux, each within their field of competence, with advice from the relevant advisory group, are instructed contribute to the activities of the EG-ITR, recognizing that the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector has most of the work relevant to the International Telecommunication Regulations, and to submit the results of their work to EG‑ITR.

The 2026 Plenipotentiary Conference is invited to consider the EG‑ITR report and take necessary action, as appropriate.

Plenipotentiary Conference Resolution 146 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) invites Member States and Sector Members to participate in and contribute to the activities of EG‑ITR.

**3 Proposal**

Taking into account the provisions of PP Resolution 146 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) and Council Resolution 1379 (Amended 2023) EG-ITR is proposed to:

1. Approve:

- the structure of interim and final reports to the Council on the results of the study of issues relating to the ITRs, including its consideration, presented in Appendix I;

- work plan for the review of ITRs, broken down by EG-ITRs meetings, presented in Annex II.

2. Take note of the example of filling out the structure of the interim and final report to the Council, presented in Appendix III.

Appendix I

**Structure of interim and final reports to the Council based on the results of the study of issues relating to the ITRs, including its review**

***Explanation***:

1. The columns for a specific article in both editions of the ITRs reflect the content and views of ITU Member States and Sector Members, as well as the contributions of the Directors of the three ITU Bureaux and the views of the Vice-Chairs representing regions with regard to its review.

2. The “Comments” line contains the views and contributions of Member States and ITU Sector Members presented during the consideration of a specific article at the ET-ITR meeting, in accordance with paragraph 2 of the EG-ITR Terms of Reference.

3. The column “Result of consideration by the EG-ITRs” reflects the final opinion of the EG-ITRs meeting on each of the articles, which will be presented to the Council for consideration and comments.

| **№** | **ITR-1988** | **ITR-2012** | **Result of the review by the EG-ITR for consideration[[1]](#footnote-1) and commenting[[2]](#footnote-2) by the Council** |
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| 1. | PREAMBLE | PREAMBLE |  |
| Comments: | |
| 2. | ARTICLE 1  Purpose and Scope of the Regulations | ARTICLE 1  Purpose and scope of the Regulations |  |
| Comments: | |
| 3. | ARTICLE 2  Definitions | ARTICLE 2  Definitions |  |
| Comments: | |
| 4. | ARTICLE 3  International Network | ARTICLE 3  International network |  |
| Comments: | |
| 5. | ARTICLE 4  International Telecommunication Services | ARTICLE 4  International telecommunication services |  |
| Comments: | |
| 6. | ARTICLE 5  Safety of Life and Priority of Telecommunications | ARTICLE 5  Safety of life and priority of telecommunications |  |
| Comments: | |
| 7. | No similar article. | ARTICLE 6  Security and robustness of networks |  |
| Comments: | |
| 8. | No similar article. | ARTICLE 7  Unsolicited bulk electronic communications |  |
| Comments: | |
| 9. | ARTICLE 6  Charging and Accounting | ARTICLE 8  Charging and accounting |  |
| Comments: | |
| 10. | ARTICLE 7  Suspension of Services | ARTICLE 9  Suspension of services |  |
| Comments: | |
| 11. | ARTICLE 8  Dissemination of Information | ARTICLE 10  Dissemination of information |  |
| Comments: | |
| 12. | No similar article. | ARTICLE 11  Energy efficiency/e-waste |  |
| Comments: | |
| 13. | No similar article. | ARTICLE 12  Accessibility |  |
| Comments: | |
| 14. | ARTICLE 9  Special Arrangements | ARTICLE 13  Special arrangements |  |
| Comments: | |
| 15. | ARTICLE 10  Final Provisions | ARTICLE 14  Final provisions |  |
| Comments: | |

Appendix II

**Work plan**

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| **Meeting** | **Key Actions** | **Provisions** | **Expectations** |
| Second meeting  (January-February 2024) | Article-by-article review of the ITRs during the EG-ITR meetings.  Contributions from Member States, Sector Members, Directors of the three ITU Bureaux, as well as the views of the EG-ITR Vice-Chairs from each region. | PREAMBLE  ARTICLE 1 Purpose and scope of the Regulations  ARTICLE 2 Definitions  ARTICLE 3 International network  ARTICLE 4 International telecommunication services  Contributions from Member States, Sector Members, Directors of the three ITU Bureaux, as well as the views of the EG-ITR Vice-Chairs from each region. | Review results with comments[[3]](#footnote-3) for consideration by the 2024 Council session  Interim progress report for the 2024 Council session |
| Third meeting (September-October 2024) | ARTICLE 5 Safety of life and priority of telecommunications  ARTICLE 6 Security and robustness of networks  ARTICLE 7 Unsolicited bulk electronic communications  ARTICLE 8 Charging and accounting  APPENDIX 1 General provisions concerning accounting  Contributions from Member States, Sector Members, Directors of the three ITU Bureaux, as well as the views of the EG-ITR Vice-Chairs from each region. | Draft review results with comments for consideration by the 2025 Council session  Draft interim progress report for the 2025 Council session |
| Fourth meeting  (February 2025) | ARTICLE 9 Suspension of services  ARTICLE 10 Dissemination of information  ARTICLE 11 Energy efficiency/e-waste  ARTICLE 12 Accessibility  ARTICLE 13 Special arrangements  ARTICLE 14 Final provisions  APPENDIX 2 Additional provisions relating to maritime telecommunications  Contributions from Member States, Sector Members, Directors of the three ITU Bureaux, as well as the views of the EG-ITR Vice-Chairs from each region. | Results of the review with comments for consideration by the 2025 Council session  Interim progress report for the 2025 Council session |
| Fifth meeting (September 2025) | General conclusions based on the article-by-article review, contributions received from Member States, Sector Members, Directors of the three ITU Bureaux, as well as the views of the EG-ITR Vice-Chairs from each region. | Contributions from Member States, Sector Members, Directors of the three ITU Bureaux, as well as the views of the EG-ITR Vice-Chairs from each region. | First draft of the final report for the 2026 Council session for review and comments |
| Sixth meeting (January 2026) | Refinement of the final report to the Council 2026 | Contributions from Member States, Sector Members, Directors of the three ITU Bureaux, as well as presentation of positions by the EG-ITR Vice-Chairs from each region. | Final Report for the 2026 of the Council session for presentation by the Secretary General to the Council for consideration and comments, publication and subsequent presentation to the 2026 Plenipotentiary Conference |

Appendix III

**An example of filling out the structure of interim and final reports for the Council**

| **№** | **ITR-1988** | **ITR-2012** | **Result of the review by the EG-ITR for consideration[[4]](#footnote-4) and commenting[[5]](#footnote-5) by the Council** |
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| 1. | PREAMBLE  **1** While the sovereign right of each country to regulate its telecommunications is fully recognized, the provisions of the present Regulations supplement the International Telecommunication Convention, with a view to attaining the purposes of the International Telecommunication Union in promoting the development of telecommunication services and their most efficient operation while harmonizing the development of facilities for world-wide telecommunications. | PREAMBLE  **1** While the sovereign right of each State to regulate its telecommunications is fully recognized, the provisions of the present International Telecommunication Regulations (hereafter referred to as "Regulations") complement the Constitution and the Convention of the International Telecommunication Union, with a view to attaining the purposes of the International Telecommunication Union in promoting the development of telecommunication services and their most efficient operation while harmonizing the development of facilities for worldwide telecommunications.  **2** ***Member States affirm their commitment to implement these Regulations in a manner that respects and upholds their human rights obligations***.  **3** ***These Regulations recognize the right of access of Member States to international telecommunication services***. | The EG-ITR reached a consensus that this article is applicable, remains relevant and is not subject to revision. |
| **Comments**:  Administrations noted that Paragraph 2 of the Preamble of the 2012 ITR is not technical or regulatory, but confirms the need to respect human rights, such as confidentiality of communications, the right to free data transfers, and protection of personal data.  Administrations noted that Paragraph 3 of the 2012 ITR reflects the spirit and letter of the ITU Constitution and Convention.  A number of administrations have expressed the view that the Article should not contain provisions relating to human rights. However, this position does not contradict the consensus presented in the “Result of the review by the EG-ITR for consideration and commenting by the Council” section of this Report and does not require additional action in the future. | |

1. - Council sessions 2024 and 2025 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. - Council session 2026 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. are formed on the basis of contributions and inputs received in accordance with paragraph 2 of the Terms of Reference of the EG-ITR [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. - Council sessions 2024 and 2025 [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. - Council session 2026 [↑](#footnote-ref-5)