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| Contribution from Ghana |
| SUPPORT TO THE REVISION OF THE ITRS |
| **Purpose**The purpose of this contribution is to propose to the EG-ITRs to align with the school of thought that support the review and consolidation of both 1988 and 2012 ITRs, taking into account the trends in technology and analysis of contributions reviewed over the years. **Introduction**The Terms of Reference (ToR) in Resolution 1379 mandated by the Council Session in July 2023 for the work of the current EG-ITRs is very clear and precise as follows:*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.*[Resolution Plen/4](https://www.itu.int/en/wcit-12/Documents/final-acts-wcit-12.pdf) (Periodic Review of the International Telecommunication Regulations) of the World Conference on International Telecommunications (Dubai, 2012) resolved to invite the 2014 Plenipotentiary Conference to convene periodically (for example every eight years) a World Conference on International Telecommunications to revise the ITRs.It has been 11 years and in our view, there have been a lot of technological changes and trends since then[. Addendum 15 of Document EG-ITRs-1/2](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-EGITRS1-C-0002/en) (New trends in telecommunications/ICT and emerging issues in international telecommunications/ICT environment which may impact the ITRS) for this expert group meeting lists a number of them.[Document EG-ITRs-1/2](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-EGITRS1-C-0002/en) has looked at Provision by Provision of the entire 14 articles of the ITRs and has provided a very good commentary. From the analysis and judgement of the contribution, it is clear that some provisions of the ITRs (either 1988 or 2012 version) are no longer useful whiles other are still relevant. For example, provisions on security, spam, roaming just to mention a few as well as trending technological areas like AI, Big Data are relevant and have impact on the international telecoms regulations and they have to be considered. Other may not be valid at the moment.**Proposal**The Administration of Ghana is of the view that it’s been over 10 years and many things have changed in the telecoms space. We therefore support the review and consolidation of both 1988 and 2012 ITRs, taking into account the trends in technology and analysis of other contributions. We believe that the ITRs is still relevant in our current context and member states are encouraged to support its revision.**Action required**This contribution is submitted to the EG-ITRs **for discussion**.**Reference**[Council Resolution 1379 (Modified 2023)](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-CL-C-0121/en); [WCIT Resolution Plen/4 (Dubai, 2012)](https://www.itu.int/en/wcit-12/Documents/final-acts-wcit-12.pdf); [Document EG-ITRs-1/2](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-EGITRS1-C-0002/en) |

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