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| **FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION STANDARDIZATION ASSEMBLIES** | | | |
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1 The attention of the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly  
(WTSA-16) is drawn to No. 115 of the Constitution of the International Telecommunication Union, which provides that:

“3 Decisions of world telecommunication standardization assemblies must in all circumstances be in conformity with this Constitution, the Convention and the Administrative Regulations. When adopting resolutions and decisions, the assemblies shall take into account the foreseeable financial implications and should avoid adopting resolutions and decisions which might give rise to expenditure in excess of the financial limits laid down by the Plenipotentiary Conference.”.

2 The attention of the Assembly is also drawn to Nos. 488 and 489 of the Convention of the International Telecommunication Union, which provide that:

“1 Before adopting proposals or taking decisions with financial implications, the conferences of the Union shall take account of all the Union’s budgetary provisions with a view to ensuring that they will not result in expenses beyond the credits which the Council is empowered to authorize.

2 No decision of a conference shall be put into effect if it will result in a direct or indirect increase in expenses beyond the credits that the Council is empowered to authorize.”.

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