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**Summary report from the 3 May 2017, TSAG RG-Strategic and Operational Plan meeting to the TSAG plenary:**

**1 Opening**

The TSAG Rapporteur Group on Strategic and Operational Plan met on 3 May 2017 (14:30-15:25) under the chairmanship of the Rapporteur, Mr Martinez Vanegas (Mexico).

**2 Approval of agenda**

The meeting adopted the agenda as contained in [TD 082](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-170501-TD-GEN-0082).

**3 Terms of References of the RG-SOP**

The meeting took note of the Terms of References of the RG-SOP as contained in [TD 099](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-170501-TD-GEN-0099) Annex E.

**4 Mapping of WTSA Resolutions and ITU-T A-Series Recommendations to TSAG Rapporteur groups -** [TD 0](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-170501-TD-GEN-0069)69

Mr Bruce Gracie, TSAG Chairman reminded the meeting that it would be important to establish a liaison with the Rapporteur Group on Standardization Strategy. Mrs Rim Belhassine-Cherif (Tunisie Télécom), Vice-chairman of TSAG will follow up on this.

**5 Draft Budget of the Union for 2018-2019**

The Secretariat presented [TD 090](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-170501-TD-GEN-0090), highlighting that the additional cost estimates for the implementation of the decisions taken at WTSA-16, and which range between CHF 1.3 million and CHF 3.8 million, had not been included in the draft ITU-T budget for 2018-2019.

Following a question, it was explained that the Financial Plan 2016-2019, approved by PP-14, already set the framework of the expenses for 2016-2019, and that it had not been possible to include the additional requirements in the draft ITU-T budget for 2018-2019.

Participants asked that if the draft ITU-T budget 2018-2019 does not include the decisions made by WTSA-16, will TSAG be asked to decide what should be implemented or not. It was also noted that a number of Focus Groups have been agreed since WTSA-16, and that information relating to these expenses should be provided to Council 2017.

The Rapporteur Group on Strategic and Operational Plan recommended to TSAG that the TSB Director include the additional activities agreed at WTSA-16, without exceeding the financial limits as set out by PP, and that decisions taken by TSAG should also be implemented without exceeding the financial limits.

**6 Preparation of the ITU Strategic and Financial Plans for 2020-2023**

[TD 090](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-170501-TD-GEN-0090) pointed out that TSAG is required to provide input to the Council Working Group on the elaboration of the Financial and Strategic Plans, which is expected to be set up by Council 2017.

Participants indicated that the most obvious input would be to incorporate the financial implications of WTSA-16 decisions in the next Financial Plan. Whether this is possible is yet to be discussed.

The Rapporteur Group took note.

**7 Russian Federation Contribution: Translation of the AAP approved Recommendations**

Russia presented [C 019](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-C-0019/en), which includes proposals on translating the AAP approved Recommendations.

Following an intervention by a delegate, the Rapporteur Group on Strategic and Operational Plan thanked Russia for its contribution and invited TSAG to ask that TSB provide information to Council in order to understand the financial implications of achieving 100 percent translation of the AAP recommendations. It would enable Council to make an informed decision.

**8 Draft Four-year Rolling Operational Plan for the General Secretariat for 2018 to 2021**

[TD 045](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-170501-TD-GEN-0045) was presented by the Secretariat. The meeting took note of the document.

**9 Draft Four-year Rolling Operational Plan for the Telecommunication Standardization Sector for 2018 to 2021**

[TD 053](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-170501-TD-GEN-0053) was presented by the Secretariat.

Delegates asked if the additional requirements derived from WTSA-16 had been included in 2020 and 2021. The Secretariat confirmed that they had not been included.

Referring to the previous discussion on budget and the financial implications of the decisions of Conferences, the meeting discussed if TSB could be in a position to anticipate them and agreed that the Bureau cannot predict the decision made by the Membership. The meeting also acknowledged that the TSB Director is facing a big challenge in delivering on the outcomes of WTSA-16, within the limited resources.

The Rapporteur Group on Strategic and Operational Plan invites TSAG to advise the TSB Director to provide information on the current TSB activities performed for members and on new activities decided by WTSA-16, to assist Council to take a decision.

**10 AOB**

None.

**11 Closure of the meeting**

The Rapporteur thanked all participants for their attendance. He closed the meeting at 15:25.

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