

# World Conference on International Telecommunications 2012 (WCIT-12)

**3<sup>rd</sup> APT Preparatory Meeting for WCIT-12**

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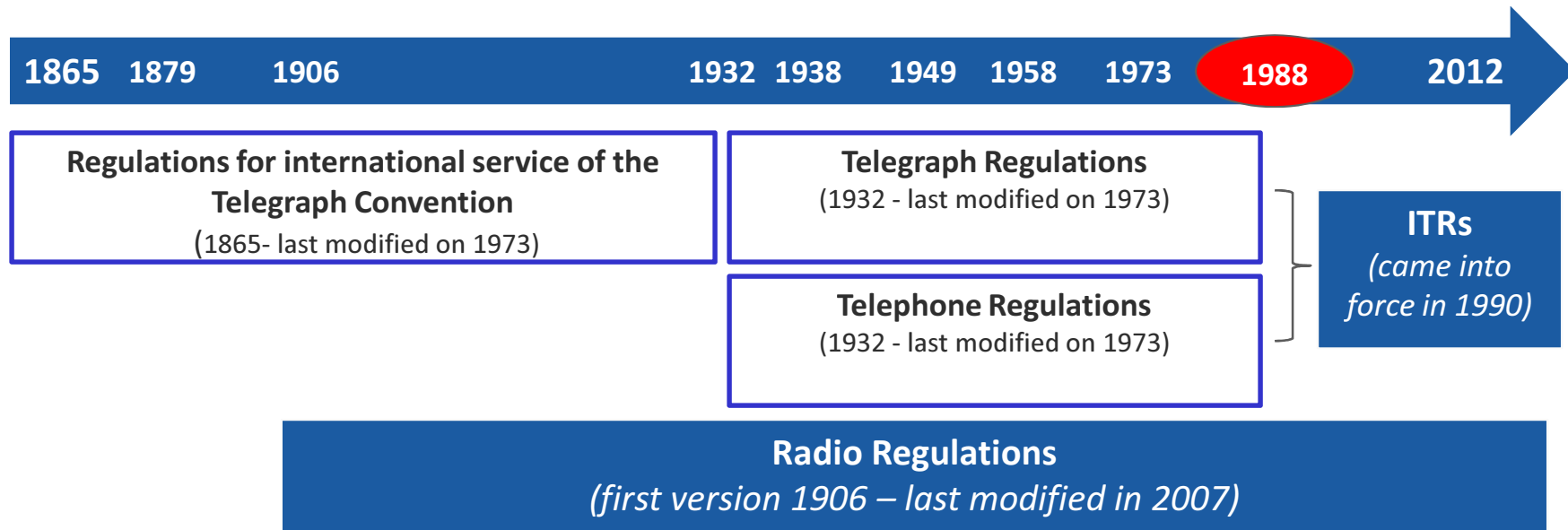
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# Background

The International Telecommunication Regulations (ITRs) define the general principles for the provision and operation of international telecommunications



ITRs succeeded the Telegraph Regulations (1973) and Telephone Regulations (1973) in a new treaty adopted at WATTC-88 (Melbourne). [CS/Art. 4].

# Background

- The current version of ITRs was adopted in 1988 in Melbourne, Australia, by WATTC-88
- ITRs came into force in 1990, and are one of the four treaties of ITU.



- Signed by 178 countries, ITRs are a truly global treaty applied around the world

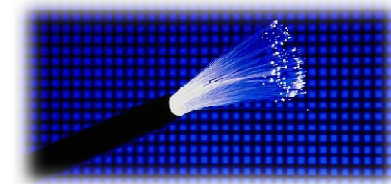
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# Why the ITRs are important

The ITRs ...

- Establish general principles relating to the provision and operation of international telecoms;
- Facilitate global interconnection and interoperability;
- Underpin harmonious development and efficient operation of technical facilities;
- Promote efficiency, usefulness, and availability of international telecommunication services;
- Treaty-level provisions are required with respect to international telecommunication networks and services.



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# The need to revise ITRs

- The current version of the ITRS has remained unchanged since 1988.



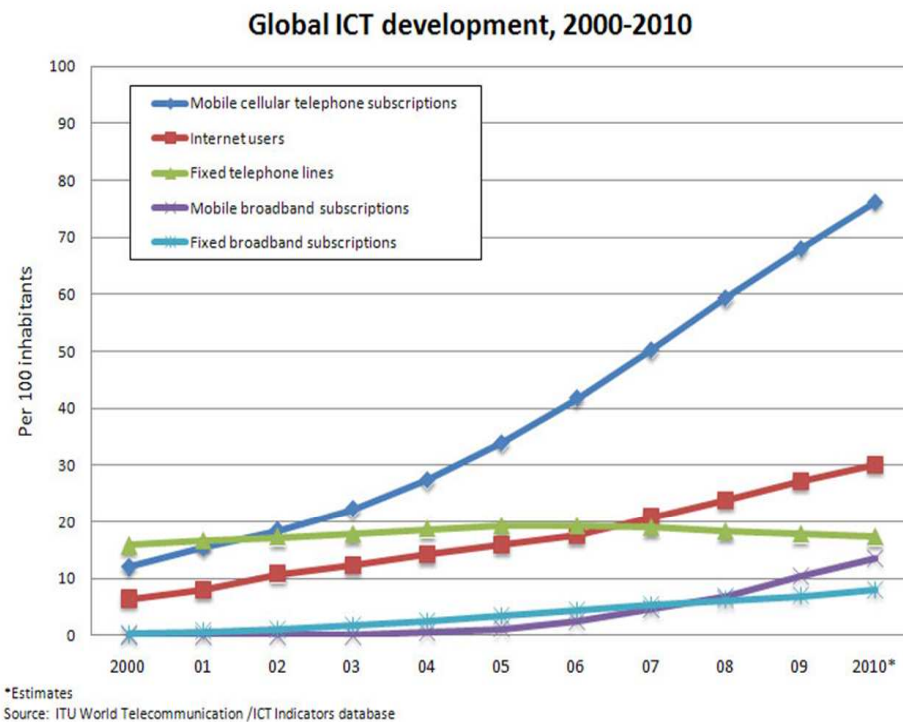
At that time:

- there were very few countries with a liberalized market;
- most operators were a monopoly regime, under government or state control;



# The need to revise ITRs

- The international telecom environment has significantly evolved, both from the technical and policy perspectives, and that it continues to evolve rapidly;
- Advances in technology have resulted in an increased use of IP-enabled infrastructure and relevant applications, presenting opportunities and challenges for the ICT sector;
- As technology evolves, Member States are evaluating their policy and regulatory approaches to ensure an enabling environment.

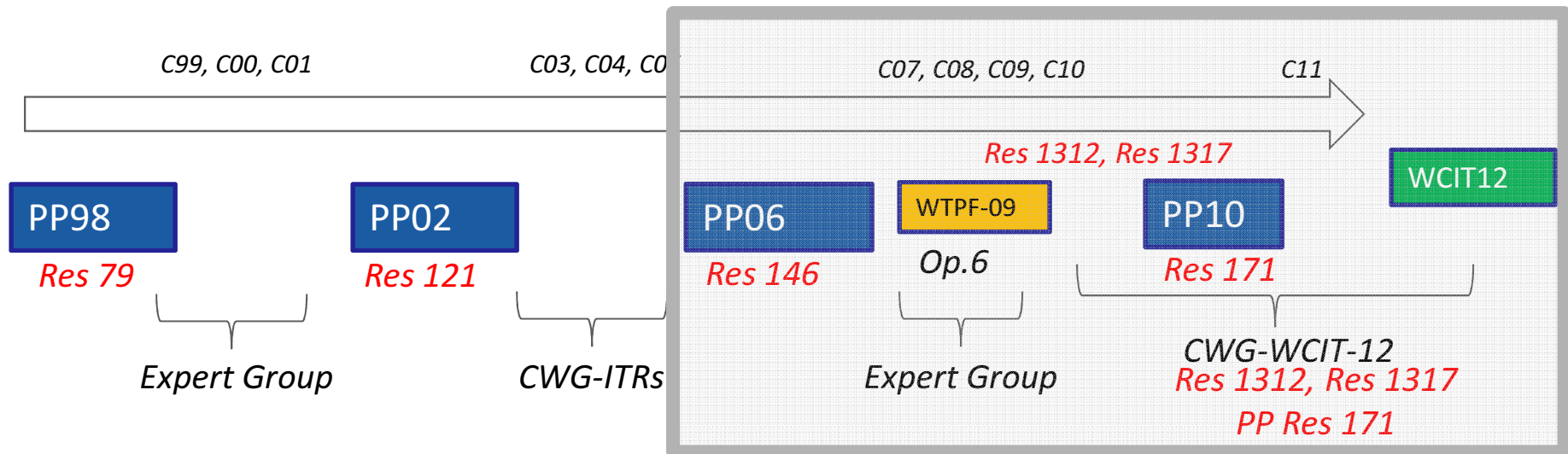


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# Preparatory process – Timeline



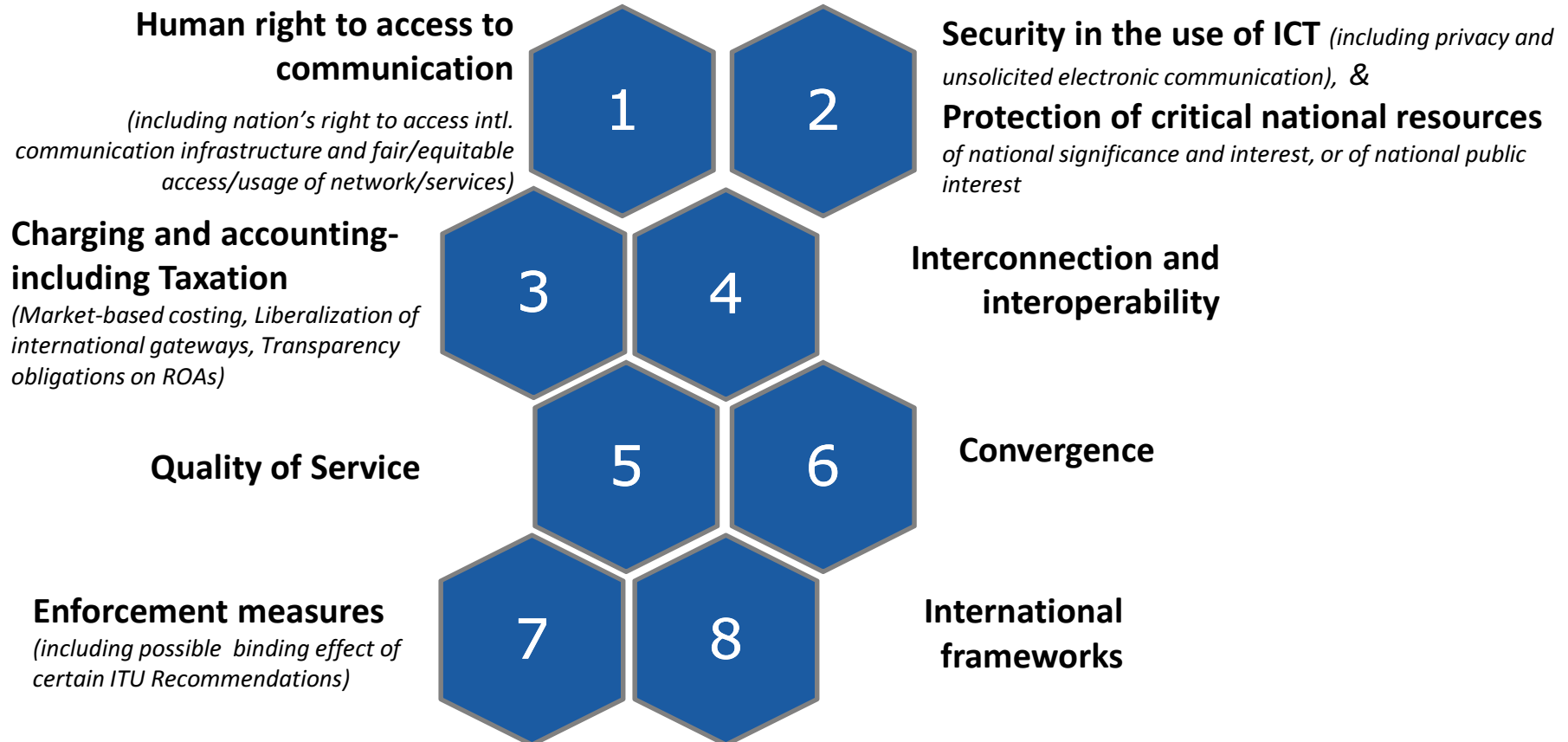
- ❖ C09 adopted Resolution 1312, creating the Council Working Group to Prepare for the WCIT 12 (CWG-WCIT12) initiating the preparatory process towards WCIT-12. Its task was to draw up a consolidated report on all ITR issues, to be used to support the work of WCIT-12.
- ❖ Following a report of the CWG-WCIT12, C10 adopted Resolution 1317 to fix the dates and agenda for the WCIT.
- ❖ The working group also reported to the PP10, which adopted Resolution 171 (Guadalajara) to guide the future work of the group.

## Preparatory process – Current progress

- CWG-WCIT12 held three meetings in 2010, two 2011, and in February, April, and June 2012.
- Last meeting established and published:
  - The latest version of the compilation of all proposals;
  - Dates of future meetings and work-plans.
  
- Key issues brought up:
  - What core principles should guide discussions?
  - Do some provisions belong elsewhere? (*e.g. ITU Constitution/Convention, ITU-T Recommendations*)
  - What provisions should be added to cover new issues?

# Proposals made during the preparatory process

Proposals made could be grouped as follows:



# Preparatory process –Work Plan

- Work Plan agreed by CWG-WCIT12

27-30 Sep 11	27-29 Feb 12	23-25 Apr 12	20-22 Jun 12	3-14 Dec 12
Discussion of proposals compilation of proposals, including new proposals.	1 <sup>st</sup> draft of new ITRs	2 <sup>nd</sup> draft of new ITRs	Final draft of the future ITRs	<b>WCIT -12</b>
Review 1 <sup>st</sup> draft of report to WCIT-12	Progress the report to WCIT-12	Progress the report to WCIT-12	Finalize report to WCIT-12	

## Preparatory process – Regional preparation

- Both CWG-WCIT and the regional meetings are open to Sector Members;
- Regional preparations are taking place back-to-back with the WTSA-12 regional preparations;
- Some regions may organize their own regional preparatory meetings and invite ITU to participate;
- For some regions, ITU would organise a preparatory meeting in collaboration with the regional organisation;
- The regional meetings are taking place in the February-May 2012 timeframe.

# Preparatory process – Regional preparation

<b>APT Preparatory Meeting</b>	<b>RCC Preparatory Meeting</b>
<b>Dates:</b> 19-24 March 2012 <b>Venue:</b> Cairns, Australia	<b>Dates:</b> 2-6 April 2012 <b>Venue:</b> Tashkent, Uzbekistan
<b>Arab States Preparatory Meeting</b>	<b>Americas Region Preparatory Meeting</b>
<b>Dates:</b> 28 April – 1 May 2012 <b>Venue:</b> Cairo, Egypt	<b>Dates:</b> 14-15 May 2012 <b>Venue:</b> Buenos Aires, Argentina
<b>The Africa region Preparatory Meeting</b>	
<b>Dates:</b> 21-24 May 2012 <b>Venue:</b> Durban, South Africa	



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## Expectations for WCIT-12

- WCIT-12 presents key opportunities to increase good collaboration between countries;
- Help countries to reach new levels of economic and social development by means of efficient telecom services;
- Make ITRs relevant, and valuable to the full membership, so that they address and alleviate the many concerns that are out there.
- Sector Members usually participate as part of national delegations

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# Useful information and links

Further information available at:

- WCIT-12:

<http://www.itu.int/wcit>

- CWG-WCIT12:

<http://www.itu.int/council/groups/cwg-wcit12/index.html>

# Thank you

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