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The convener of the JCA-AHF would like to inform the members of ITU-D SG1 and SG2, in particular Question 20/1 that ITU will hold a World Conference on International Telecommunication (WCIT-12) at the end of this year in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 3-14 December 2012. This conference offers the opportunity to have enshrined in a global treaty (the International Telecommunication Regulations, ITRs) the principle that Member States encourage the provision of global services based on international standards that ensure accessible ICT services to persons with disabilities.

This new provision has been proposed by Hungary and, if accepted, would be the first time that the ITRs have recognized the needs of persons with disabilities. The document can be found at published on the ITU website at <http://itu.int/md/S12-WCIT12-C-0005/en>.

The wording of the proposed new ITR is as follows: “Member States shall encourage the provision of global services based on international standards that ensure accessible telecommunications and ICT services to persons with disabilities.”

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