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 >> Chair: Good afternoon, everybody, please take your seats. Good afternoon, everybody, let's get started. Welcome back to the continuation of Committee 3 for the afternoon. When we had adjourned, we had created a drafting group concerning item number six in the agenda. ADM12 and we're about to move on from there. I did have one pending request, right before lunch from the floor from the TSAG Chairman. He's not arrived yet, we'll take that later in the agenda. An editorial item concerning one of our earlier points.

Moving on in order, the next proposals are for Resolution 53, item seven in our agenda. Both of these proposals are to suppress Resolution 53. I'm not sure we need to bring these up, the reason is, uh, simple. It's the reason we almost suppressed this resolution in Johannesburg, which is that the, uh, seminar coordination group doesn't need to be created. It already exists. Its rules of procedure are governed by IQT rules of recommendation A.31. In light of that, the fact it's part of normal procedure, there was consensus among all parties for suppression. Can I have your agreement concerning the suppression of Resolution 53?

Okay...no requests for the floor, so it's agreed Resolution 53 will be suppressed. The, uh, next topic on the agenda is item eight, Resolution 55 on the mainstreaming of gender. We have, uh, two proposals here, one from Argentina, uh, one from Japan. I'd like to entertain a presentation of these proposals, but I think in view of the extent of some of the changes proposed, after a short discussion to get a general direction, I would like to create a drafting group for this item.

So, the Argentina proposal is some fairly significant updates and we'll go through those and the reasons for them and take consideration of that. The proposal of Japan will be for creation of a new group related to this resolution. So, once we get a sense on whether there is support for that proposal and whether that should be taken on board in an update, we can take the rest of it to drafting.

So if I can ask for Argentina to, to present the document is, uh, 63, addendum two. Thank you.
 >> Argentina: Thank you, Chairman. The proposal that is being made by Argentina to modify resolution 55 is, as you said, it's wide‑ranging, but the spirit of this change is to bring together all the initiatives that have been taking place both within the ITU and within other United Nations organisations. So we include the issue of gender in all activities of these organisations. We mentioned from the 98 to the last PP in 2010, all the resolutions and all motions that have been taking place in the area of bringing in a gender policy within ITU and to empower women and work on equality.

We're also looking at initiatives from the Social and Economic Council of the United Nations and the millennium development goals, as well as the work of the United Nations Assembly where they are mainstreaming gender.

And finally, in the considerings, we mentioned activities that have been taking place with the Telecommunication Standardization Office and other activities of the ITU, such as the World Telecommunications Prize in 2012, dedicated to women and also girls in ICT day which takes place every fourth Thursday, every year on the fourth Thursday in April.

Then, under resolves, we would like to continue involving the gender perspective and including it in all the outcomes of this assembly. And that we give high priority to gender mainstreaming in the management staffing and operation of ITU‑T. And also, that we invite TSAG and the Telecommunication Development Advisory Group to put together mechanisms to foster the mainstreaming of the gender perspective.

Finally, we invite the Secretary General to continue ensuring that gender perspective is incorporated in the work programmes, management approaches and human resource development activities of the ITU. And under invite member states and sector members, there is the inclusion of actively supporting and participating in the work of TSB and the promotion of ICTs for the economic and social power movement for women and girls. Thank you very much.
 >> Chair: Thank you, Argentina. Since this is proposal, not from a region, but from an individual member, can I ask for support of this proposal? Okay, just to ask again, uh, do I take that as no support or, uh...people are not engaged yet? Uh...no support? Okay...well, uh, thank you, uh, with that, let's have an introduction of the next proposal.

Which is from Japan. This is document 65. Japan, please?
 >> Japan: Chairman, can you hear me? Yes. The presentation is not available now, but, uh, she's coming shortly, so please, uh, move forward, the next document first. Thank you.
 >> Chair: Thank you, we can do that, the only other document we have on agenda point eight is, uh, TSB document 29, proposal 26, which is editorial. So...I, I think, uh, to, to move ahead, the next document is Resolution 57. Here we have only, uh, TSB editorial proposal and, uh, perhaps this is an area where the Algerian intervention might have been relevant, but unfortunately I don't think we have change to this. So, given the material we have in front of us, then, could we accept, uh, continuing Resolution 57 with the editorial updates as indicated in the TSB document, and submit that through the editorial team to the plenary as it is? Mr. Gracie?
 >> Mr. BRUCE GRACIE: To point out, to take into account, the intervention from Algeria with respect to Resolution 45, in particular, given the fact that this was from the Chairman of study group two of the Development Sector. Perhaps a cross reference to Resolution 57 and Resolution 45 might be appropriate. I consider this to be, uh, editorial. So if you receive the approval of the committee, then perhaps we could proceed that way and make the editorial cross reference to Resolution 57. Thank you.
 >> Chair: Thank you, I think that's a good suggestion and given that the state of Resolution 45 at the moment is that we created a drafting group this morning, that still has, uh, has to complete its work and bring it back to us, uh, I, I would invite that drafting group to take on board that suggestion, which would be, uh, I believe in the final resolves of, uh, resolution 45, uh, to consider a cross reference. But your suggestion, as I understand it, Mr. Gracie, would be that Resolution 57 would be fine as its proposed with the editorials and the cross reference in Resolution 45 is what would be missing or would be helpful to supply.

Okay, so let's take that on board. For the drafting group we authorized this morning, please take note of that and consider that in the final resolves. So again, let me ask, uh, Resolution 57 with the editorials as indicated, are we okay for sending that toward the plenary? I see no requests for the floor, so that's great, thank you.

So, when we reconvened, uh, Mr. Gracie hadn't joined us, but there was one, one item we caught just before lunch. I will not consider this as reopening the issue, but I think it was with respect to the radio sector reference where we clarified 2012 in the date. There was an additional correction to update that reference. And Mr. Gracie, just so we're aware of it, I think we'll take it as editorial, but so everyone's aware, if you could clarify the correction there, thank you.
 >> Mr. BRUCE GRACIE: Yes, thank you very much, Chairman. This was in relation to Resolution 38, concerning the coordination among ITU‑T, ITU‑D and interventions from ITU‑D. Cuba indicated it'd be helpful to have a reference to the decisions of the radio assembly in this respect. In that regard, I'd think it might be useful to add a cross reference to Resolution I2R50‑2. Role in the ongoing development of IMT. That resolution, specifically refers to the development of a roadmap, which, of course, is reflected in, uh, Resolution 38. So I think if, uh, that cross reference is included, I think that would be, um, would add some clarity to the text, thank you.
 >> Chair: Thank you, we'll include that in the text sent forward, uh, from the decisions this morning toward the editorial team. Moving on then, uh, the next item in our agenda is item ten, resolution 66 on the technology watch function. We have here, three proposals, one from, from CEPT to suppress, one from Korea and the rest for modifications. So let me take first, the proposal from the CEPT countries and I think that, uh, if we agree to suppress, then we can stop and don't need to go further and save ourselves some time. If we don't have agreement to that, we can move on in the agenda. Can we ask someone from one of the CEPT countries to present? This is document 45, addendum 8, proposal 7. Okay, and we can bring that up on the screen if the control room can give us the, uh, projection, thank you.

So from France? Thank you.
 >> France: Thank you, Chairman. I shall be speaking on behalf of CEPT. We will not be repeating all the various arguments from the contribution which you mentioned. Just let me say that we consider that a number of resolutions have been accomplished, Especially Resolution 66 on creation of technology watch function. We think this function actually exists now within the TSB. It is functioning, it is up and running, so we no longer need to retain this resolution because the task has been accomplished, thank you, Chairman.
 >> Chair: Thank you, France. Is, uh, is there any opposition to suppressing, suppression of this resolution? If there is, we'll move on to the other contributions. So...I see, uh, from Russia, uh, okay...others opposed? Okay, at least one opposed, so, uh, then we can move on to hear the other proposals, so the next is from Korea. This is 59, addendum 3. Korea, please?
 >> Korea: Sorry, Mr. Chairman. The presenter, is not here. He may be chairing another committee, so let me go find him, thank you.
 >> Chair: Okay, thank you. May I return then and see if the speaker from Japan is available yet concerning Resolution 55? Ready to proceed with that? We'll go back to agenda item eight and look at document 65. Japan, please.
 >> Japan: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Resolution 55, Japan proposes update on Resolution 55, discussion in 2011, organisational restructuring for gender equality and empowerment of women. Known as UN Women was established. Accountability framework to be implemented by the system. ITU‑T and Gaza ICT is being held every year. We will report on implementation and United Nations common framework. Update Resolution 55 taking into account recent change in the United Nations system and ITU‑T. Japan proposed the update outlined in the contribution 65. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
 >> Chair: Thank you, Japan. If I understand, the proposal, this would ask for a creation of a new Women in Standardization Group. With that understanding, is there support for this proposal? Okay...uh...at least as I understand how we're to apply the rules, we have, uh, two proposals from individual members without support and so, the, the default path that would leave us without support for either of these proposals would be to apply the editorial modifications, which are indicated in, in document 29, proposal 26. So...without support for either of the other proposals, could I have your agreement to continuation of this resolution, applying the editorials as indicated? Any opposition to that way forward? Yes, Argentina, please?
 >> Argentina: Thank you, Chairman. I just simply have a question for clarification. If there are two countries that wish to modify or update Resolution 55, could we, we could perhaps coordinate a joint updating with Japan?
 >> Chair: Thank you, Paraguay?
 >> Paraguay: I wanted to give my support to the proposal for the updating of the resolution.
 >> Chair: Okay, thank you, perhaps not all parties were in the room when we started asking this question. So we've got now an expression of support for the Argentinean proposal. Is there any support, now that everyone is here for the proposal of Japan concerning the creation of a new Women in Standardization Group? And I'm seeing Brazil, Argentina. Uh, okay, so now we, we have, uh, two, two proposals now to be considered for update. And let me indicate that I would then plan to, uh, charter a drafting group to prepare a text for us.

Before we do that, are there any, any individuals who would like to be heard as far as discussion to help us provide some guidance toward this drafting group? Mr. Gracie, please?
 >> Mr. BRUCE GRACIE: Thank you, Chairman. Only to point out to the group that it would be useful, I believe, to take into account, if it isn't already, not having read the proposals in detail, but Resolution 70 of the Plenipotentiary Conference, to make a cross reference if one doesn't exist. I think there is useful information that could be reflected in the WTSA resolution, thank you.
 >> Chair: Thank you and from my side, reading the proposal, it seems like, uh, especially in the, uh, some of the proposed front matter of the resolution, we have an extensive, let me call it, will am bibliography of material and I think it's moved this from being a fairly crisp resolution of about 1.5 pages to around four pages of total material. If the drafting group could also take on board to consider what is most essential and important and try to keep the important points in the resolution without making the resolution overly long, that'd be helpful in the result.

With that, can I ask if there is a volunteer who would offer to lead such a drafting activity for us? Nobody? So here, I don't think we need to be as concerned.

Here, since we don't have quite as much divide of regional opinion as some of the others, I think I'd be comfortable entrusting one of the contributors to convene the drafting and perhaps I could ask Argentina, if you'd be willing to take that on? And then in terms of availability, lunch time tomorrow, room F is an available time if that would work for, for Argentina and Japan and others who are interested.

Let me ask, uh, how many others might be interested in joining that activity? I think room F is probably fine. But if it's much more than ‑‑ okay, I'm not seeing a lot of hands so I think, uh, that should, that should be satisfactory. Thank you very much.

Okay, if we could move then, back to, uh, agenda point ten, Korea, is the presenter here at this moment? No? Okay, the next, uh, point is Resolution 68, which has number of proposals. This is the, uh, implementation of Resolution 122, involving role of the WTSA. I think most of the proposals, uh, are fairly editorial. I think there, there are a few new ideas that are reflected in some of them. So, let me ask for a quick introduction and then I'm inclined, also, on resolution 68 to create a drafting group.

So the first here, is from the USA, the proposal is 46, addendum 2. USA, please.
 >> United States: Thank you, Chairman. Our document mainly deals with updating, noting C, changing minimizing to deploying and under resolves, director of the Telecommunications Standardization Bureau. We're editing text. Edit duplication among SDOs. These, we believe, were mostly editorial changes, thank you.
 >> Chair: Thank you and given that this is the only contribution in, in this group from a single member, let me ask if there's support for that proposal? Canada? Okay, thank you very much.

So the next is, uh, is from Africa. 56 addendum 1, proposal 11.
 >> Africa: Thank you, Chairman. The African proposal is mainly a drafting one. We also wanted to recognize that we needed to take into account the GSS that took place on Monday. And bearing in mind the conclusions of that meeting. So those are the main modifications. That's under recognizing D, thank you.
 >> Chair: Thank you, is there, is there a concrete proposal for what should change in the resolution as a result of GSS? Thank you. Thank you, can the control booth give the, uh, floor to Cote de Ivoire?
 >> Cote de Ivoire: The important contributions took place in November 2012. We could just have that sentence in there while we await the summary and conclusions of the GSS which took place on Monday.
 >> Chair: So perhaps we can simply indicate the year of the GSS and that can be taken on board in the drafting, which, since the report is already available on the web, if that's satisfactory. So let's have an introduction of the, uh, next proposal, which is from the Arab Group, 64, addendum 22. Sudan, please.
 >> Sudan: Thank you, Mr. Chair. The Arab states common proposals, propose a revision to Resolution 68, presented to WTSA‑12 for approval. This is with regard to implementation of Resolution 122. We have a few amendments. With regard to this Resolution D, um...recognizing D1. We have to facilitate an exchange of use with high level industry representatives on the incentivization revenue and its work.

This is the addition; later on we have to carry out this work without affecting the ITU as an intergovernmental agency, which incorporates other entities representing the private sector. The industry and users among others, so, this is under recognizing and we have another addition with, uh, on the paragraph starting with considering, B. And that ITU‑T should strengthen its role and evolve as required by Resolution 122, high level executive along the lines of the GSS but limited to the private sector with the objective of strengthening the role of ITU‑T by taking appropriate measures too.

So this is the addition by the Arab Group. There's another edition. Under noting, B, that in order to encourage industry participation, ITU‑T and to discourage the proliferation of fora and consortia. This is the word that has been added. IE, appropriately, thank you. This is the resolution, it is up for approval.
 >> Chair: We have the TSB editorials in document 29. The other thing we have is a small proposal from TSAG and, uh, without the need to open it up, uh, under the organising meetings of high industry level executives, which has been mentioned elsewhere, there's a proposed, uh, a proposal to add in brackets EG CTO meetings, given that CTO meeting is what appears on the ITU website for how one finds reports of those meetings, so just a helpful pointer.

I think many of these are editorial, many of them are small, but nevertheless, they need to be consolidated and I think the easiest way isn't to try to do that in plenary, but to ask for a small drafting group which hopefully wouldn't take too much time. Can I ask if there is a volunteer who would like to lead a small drafting group to assemble, uh, gentleman from Sudan? And, uh, let me just have a, a show of hands, I don't expect it's a large number, but if we're surprised how many people want to participate in that activity, indicate how many, what sized room we need to look for. I didn't think we need a big one. Okay, just a few. Yes? So I'm, I'm told we're looking at, uh, mostly in, in the weekend, uh, I think that, uh, if we can do some time Saturday, if possible, and let me ask the, the volunteer from Sudan if there is, is a preferred time for that activity. And we can work around that request. Sudan, please.
 >> Sudan: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I could suggest that Sudan, as a representative of the Arab Group, the African Group, ITU‑T, we'd have the Arab Group, the African Group, the USA, as well as ITU‑T. They could sit together in order to find solutions and the proper drafting for this, uh, resolution, thank you.
 >> Chair: Thank you, I, uh, I had understood you to be volunteering to convene and to chair this group and to bring us the consolidated text so, uh, just to identify a time and place where everyone would meet, we were trying to set a time for the drafting activity. We can, we can certainly suggest that at coffee break, interested parties visit you and try to find a mutually agreeable time, that if you could let us know immediately after coffee break what time it is, we can make sure we find a room and indicate on the screens where that activity is for other interested parties.

So, uh, please, please contact if you're interested in that activity at coffee break, the representative of Sudan and let me know, if you can, a preferred time for that activity, just after coffee, thank you. And, uh, okay.

Okay, that brings us right along to Resolution 70 and my understanding is that there's some relationship among these proposals and I, I, uh, while I'm not usually supposed to call on individuals on this particular topic, I will. If I can get from, uh, Miss Sacks [phonetic], if there's an order we should look at them, that'd be helpful, thank you. USA? Miss Sacks, please?
 >> United States: Yes, there's four documents. One from Africa, one from Brazil, which Argentina is working with as well. There's one from the TSB and there's one from, actually it's CITEL and there's one from the USA. We've already had a lot of conversation offline and have begun drafting. At this particular time, I think if we are allowed to just carry on, we will produce a document that will combine a lot of the different text and be able to present that and that would probably be more efficient than trying to present something now. Because a lot of, everybody seems to be, in many cases, on the same page. It's just a question of combining text. Thank you.
 >> Chair: Thank you, so as I indicated, I had expected that we'd be creating a drafting group in this area and I had previously inquired as to whether Miss Sacks would be willing to chair it and thankfully, she is. So I would invite the participants to continue that as a, as a formal drafting activity and I don't know if, whether we ‑‑ yes, I'm being reminded that maybe we shouldn't shortcut things, uh, too much and that we should at least invite the three contributors to say and perhaps not too many words are needed, a little about each of the proposals and then we, we can take, quickly, the decision to produce the consolidated text as a result of the drafting in conclusion of that.

I'm happy to take a few minutes to do that. Let me first ask USA, 46 addendum ‑‑ oh, uh, first an intervention from Ghana.
 >> Ghana: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Africa Group, actually was [indiscernible] to your earlier guidance. That understanding, we want to lay emphasis on the fact that the issue of accessibility for persons with disability has become a very funny issue. And recall that Resolution 175, 2010 mentioned this issue. We want to introduce that aspect as new under recognizing, on behalf of the Africa Group. Having said that, Mr. Chairman, there's an issue of editorial, under considering, A, line 4. I think the, maybe the text might be in the English version where the word is used as people may acquire disability. I want to lay emphasis on the word acquire. From a semantic view, acquire normally is seen as one willing to gain something, one willing to possess something, but if we look at the other disability by age or by accident, it's not normally something which is willingly acquired.

So perhaps we may need to change that word and suggest that one may become disabled, instead of one may acquire. I see this in English text line four, considering. Maybe you can consider that editorial level, thank you.
 >> Chair: That wasn't quite the order I was anticipating, but this was an introduction to the proposal from Africa, 56, item 11. Page 24, English text of that document. So the other two proposals, we should have very short introduction and understanding, it will go into drafting to produce the consolidated text, would be USA, 46 addendum 4. USA, please?
 >> United States: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Most of the changes that I, that we worked on were, excuse me, were editorial. There were a few other changes that clarify the translation because the original document that was, uh, was changed in another language, so, there are some clarifications. There are a few other clarifications, not exactly editorial, but where the actual meaning wasn't clear, but I was pretty sure that I understood what happened. And I have spoken to the authors where this particular area was unclear. There are also some, um, I, I take the point that we have a lot of different views and I would really like to just say at this point, I really hope that Africa will come to the ‑‑ a representative from Africa, will come to the drafting point. I've taken on board the comment that our delegate has made.

So, the, many of the changes are simply for finding correct references, editorial and clarification. There's really no, uh, change to content, thank you.
 >> Chair: Thank you, USA. While I know this document has many of the same edits from some of the same work of the same individuals as the CITEL proposal, we're about to hear, since it is in fact a proposal from a single member, I need to formally ask if there's any support and I see, yes from other CITEL countries there, is. So that can be taken, uh, as an input to the drafting and the final proposal for a short introduction is the CITEL proposal. 38, addendum 10, revision 1. Argentina? Thank you.
 >> Argentina: Thank you, Chairman. I'm going to present the proposal for modification to Resolution 70 which was presented by CITEL administrations. It is related to an updating of the text with the latest provisions that have taken, have come about since Guadalajara in 2010, and we highlight points which should be included under resolves, such as the fact that study groups in particular, 9, 12 and 13 should draft proposals for improving accessibility to ICT and in the period between the world, WTSA meetings, that we should have, uh, information on progress made and work and the results of the study groups which are charged with ICT accessibility issues and also that the original telecommunications organisations should provide reports on progress made and results from studies and also, on workshops related to the subject and we also encourage member states to work on accessible matters and programmes that are affordable related to ICT for those with disabilities and also, we're looking at the development of telecommunications products and terminals to increase accessibility and usability of telecommunications.

And finally, instruct the Director of the Bureau to report to the ITU council. We also invite the Director of the Bureau to identify examples of best practice in order to encourage participation by those with disabilities in the standardizations process. As you mentioned at the beginning, and Miss Sacks has also said, we tried to work on coordinating all these proposals, which we think could be contained in one single version which we're presenting here. Thank you.
 >> Chair: Thank you. We were just, uh, double checking something. So, I think it, it's certainly well‑known, the roles that Study Group 2 and Study Group 16 have had in this area. We were mentioning study groups 9, 12 and 13. We were wondering if it's clear, in question text or whatever, what actions are expected in those study groups of accessibility. We have the checklist to be applied anywhere, but if it's clear what actions are expected in those study groups, can I ask for clarification? Thank you. Argentina, please?
 >> Argentina: Thank you, Chairman. Yes, basically, we are calling for the study groups to incorporate in their work programmes and within their studies, subjects related to the opportunity for adapting ICTs, to make them accessible and useable by these groups of people. Thank you.
 >> Chair: Okay, it appears we've arranged for one hour after the end of the plenary tomorrow, so somewhere around 17:30 to 17:45 depending on the conclusion of the plenary for one hour's time and the location will be advertised on the screens. Thank you. Okay, that brings us, uh, then to agenda point 13, which is Resolution 71 on academia. We have three proposals, plus the TSB editorial. First is from Africa. 56 addendum 1. Can I ask someone from Africa to present this, please? Cote de Ivoire, please.
 >> Africa: Thank you, Chairman. I think in this item, we have, first of all, made some drafting changes, then, given the importance of participation by academia and universities, in the work of ITU and ITU‑T in particular, we have made an amendment by adding F, sub paragraph F under recognizing which will take into account resolution 169 from Guadalajara, which allows for the creation of a new membership category for universities and research establishments. So that they may participate in the work of ITU and in particular, the work of ITU‑T at a reduced level of financial contribution for their membership.

Then, under resolves, the modification would be to request the director of the TSB to continue the efforts in attracting academia universities and associated research establishments. In the work of ITU. And then to evaluate the participation of academia in ITU‑T and submit a report on the participation at the next Plenipotentiary Conference. As it was introduced In Resolution 61 from Guadalajara. Thank you.
 >> Chair: Before we take the next proposal. Any questions for clarification? Okay, I see no requests for the floor. The next proposal is from Canada, the document is 58 addendum 3. Canada, please?
 >> Canada: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Document 58, addendum 3 propose a number of changes to Resolution 71. Particularly on, uh, the changes to refract some of what's happening in the Resolution 169. As far as some recognizing resolution ITU‑R63. You look at the document, basically we want to identify it in the Resolution 169, set a period for this new category participation in ITU activities until the next conference. Academia should have a role in decision and adoption of solutions and recommendations, regardless of the proof of procedure. And also in the resolution ITU‑R63. Looked at academia, universities and research establishments, shall not have a role in decision‑making. That representatives on academia, universities and research attachments‑based services.

Basically, Mr. Chairman, the Canadian proposal tried to make some tax changes to reflect the resolution. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
 >> Chair: Thank you, and given that this is from an individual member, even though the proposals are similar to others we find in some of the regional proposals, I need to ask if there is support for this proposal? Okay, United States, okay, this is supported. And then, uh, any questions for clarification on the Canadian proposals? Emirates, please?
 >> United Arab Emirates: Thank you, Chairman. We approve the proposal submitted by Canada, thank you.
 >> Chair: Thank you, United States?
 >> United States: Thank you, Chairman, I don't need the floor.
 >> Chair: Okay, thank you. So the next proposal is from the Arab Group, the document is 64 addendum 24. Can I ask for presentation? Who will present? Emirates, please?
 >> United Arab Emirates: Thank you, Chairman. Good afternoon, to everybody. The proposal submitted by the Arab states in addendum 24 to document 64 is a proposal for a modification of Resolution 71 on admission of academia to participate in the work of ITU‑T. The title of the resolution has been modified in the proposal.

The term for academia, instead of saying colleges and institutes, universities and the associated research establishments, we find academia covers all of these categories. In recording A, we recall Resolution 169 of Guadalajara, the Plenipotentiary Conference, under which they resolved to admit academia to participate in the work. Of the three sectors of the union. We also recall resolution 38, the World Telecommunications Development Conference, 2010 and also resolution 63 from the Radar Communication Assembly, at the beginning of this year.

Then, under the considerings, sub paragraph A, we've added cutting edge of emerging technologies and applications in the field of telecommunications ICTs and some text to strengthen participation of academia in the work of ITU‑T. And we also refer to the annual contribution 3,975 Swiss Franks for academia and that this should be reduced to 1,987 Swiss Franks for academia in developing countries.

Also, we have added a new text and the recognizing B, the kaleidoscope held annually since 2008 is an ITU initiative to strengthen corporation with academia that has been highly successful and brought about corporation between ITU‑T and academia first working in the field of ITU‑T standardization.

Also, we have added bearing in mind that acceptance of applications for participation ITU‑T by academia shall be conditional along the support of the ITU‑T member states to which the academia belong. On the condition that this shall not constitute an alternative for academia, currently listed with the union as sector members or associates.

Under resolves, we have added six points. In the first point, participation of academia in the various ITU‑T study groups, workshops and working parties in the Telecommunications Advisory Group, academia shall granted access to ITU‑T documentation. A representative may serve as reporter and to allow the participation of academia in the Global Standard Symposium and World Telecommunications Standardization Assembly side events, as well as the associated exhibition and to assign two TSAG study for additional measures and arrangements to facilitate the participation of academia and to benefit from the technical and intellectual expertise and to report the results through the director of the Telecommunications Standardization Bureau, to the council and to be held in 2016.

Also, we are adding under instructs the Director of Telecommunications Standardization Bureau, we're adding and then also, we also have invites the council to consider submitting this report to the next Plenipotentiary Conference. The contribution made and recommend that academia be admitted to participate in the work in the three sectors of ITU on a permanent basis.

Lastly, invite member states to inform their academia of this resolution and to support and encourage academia to join ITU in participating in these activities. Chairman, this is, uh, a reading of the proposal from the Arab states as you know, the number of, uh, academic establishments, institutions within the ITU is now over 30, some 30 to 40 establishments and they are working very actively within the union and this is why we have submitted this proposal. Thank you.
 >> Chair: Thank you, Emirates. Can I ask if there are questions of clarification on the Arab states proposal? So, I'd like to entertain a short discussion of, of this. I think clearly, the original Resolution 71 was the beginning of something that is now underway. And, bearing in mind that the current status is that it is a trial until the next Plenipotentiary Conference and not yet permanent, it certainly is something that is showing promise and has attracted a lot of new members in this category. Let me ask if there are any comments anyone would like to make with respect to some of the substance of the inputs to a drafting activity, prior to initiating that activity. Any requests for the floor? Sudan, please?
 >> Sudan: Thank you, Chairman. The proposal submitted by the Arab states is very clear. We have experience with this issue in Sudan, we prepared a symposium which was very successful. Mr. Malcolm Johnson visited this symposium, amongst the recommendations of the symposium, there were those which are reflected in the framework of this document. And the symposium showed that work being done in academia is very close to that being done in ITU‑T. This is why we support this proposal submitted by the Arab states, thank you.
 >> Chair: Thank you, other discussion on this of the proposals? Brazil, please.
 >> Brazil: Thank you, Chairman. This is just to express our gratitude to the Arab countries for this contribution and to support it totally, thank you.
 >> Chair: Thank you. Other discussion? Okay, I see no more requests for the floor, I think as Chairman looking at some of the inputs, uh, there are two, uh, points of guidance I would ask the drafting group we're about to create to take on board. I appreciate the work that has gone into the detail of the Arab proposal. But...the, the length seemed a bit over what we might expect for something that is a trial until the next Plenipotentiary Conference. I'd ask the drafting group to consider whether it can be distilled to some of the essential points.

The other thing I took note of is in, uh, uh, the item on the contribution level, put under, uh, considering, and I think that, uh, given that it is up to the council to set the contribution amounts, we don't normally codify that in, in a resolution, so if we do need to say anything, I think that this was trying to note or request that a, uh, that academia in developing country participation could be at the reduced contribution level, but perhaps, without mentioning a number, the same sentiment might be expressed. So that's a point that, uh, I'd ask be taken on board by the drafting group.

With that, can I ask if I can find a volunteer for someone to, so Emirates, volunteer to convene a drafting group to bring us a consolidated document? Hold on just a second. I think we're missing the interpretation. I think we're about at the time of coffee break anyway, so why don't we, uh, I'm sorry we don't get that final answer, but, uh, why don't we take our, uh, coffee break at this moment and we'll get the interpretation working and get the, uh, the answer to the question just after coffee. So we're recessed here for half an hour and we'll return after coffee. Thank you. And please remember, as far as participation in the earlier drafting group to contact the representative of Sudan for arranging a time, thank you.

[Coffee break at 15:45 local time].

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