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>> CHAIR: Okay. Good morning, good morning to all
of you. Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. This is
supposed to be the last day that we work together. For
those who already got rid of me I promise that you are
not obliged to see me tomorrow, even though maybe you
can have tomorrow with training of chairs and Vice-Chairs

so I would like that today the few hours we have to spend together will be let us say good memories for all of us.

I would like for that before going through our agenda today, I would like to give the floor to Mr. Secretary-General, who will address a message to all of us today. Then we will resume our work and go back to our task. Thank you. Mr. Secretary-General, the floor is yours.

>> Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good morning, ladies and gentlemen, dear colleagues. Yes, indeed this is the last day as is scheduled. We have a very long debate over recent days, and particularly last night, I stayed with you until almost midnight. And after meeting closed, I also had working meetings with our Chairman, with Director, and his team. We have some discussions to see how can we manage the remaining subject on the agenda, and to do something that for the best interest of the union.

Since I followed the debate last night, I noted that those topics presented for final approval had very big difficulties, and the Chairman very, very patient to listen to debates, and then he felt that the agenda is quite long, and if we continue those debate, and then

we may not be able to finish our work.

So he tried to use his position to make some without, that is the reason I think that he made brief proposal to close that resolution on spam, and then we noted that in a group of Member States are not happy with that way to go ahead. And we have some kind of difficulties, but anyhow, you are very patient, and then you continued to allow Chairman to continue with another topic on the agenda. Later on in the evening we had another hot topic and the Chairman also patiently listened to the opinions and he believe that opinions and positions are very clear to him, and then he say no chance to continue this debate with some way forward to last night and that if we continue that it will not be easy for us.

He also again, based on his understanding and he made his proposal to go ahead, and then it's quite late, and we are all tired. And we found that it's, that decision to agree with that resolution for the counterfeit was somehow not comfortable by many delegates. And then I also noted that there is also concerns of the procedures, so how can the conference be managed to handle these important topics.

So I had those discussions with our Chairman, with the Director after the meeting. We stayed until 1:30.

I see some problems raised by some kind of screen and Chairman's statement, for example, the DOA reference, and Chairman made it very clear for that resolution, this, all the reference to DOA directly or indirectly shall be removed and repeated several times, but on the screen I noted that for example, Ukraine, Sweden and UK, some others, mentioned that seems not implemented. So that and the Chairman, you know, repeated his message. So I asked him after the meeting whether that is what he meant, and this kind of reference shall be removed, and he confirmed again.

So then we asked the Secretariat to implement Chairman's decision, those kind of reference to DOA, some of the part of the text are still there including the Council decisions on the study of DOA, that one is clearly mentioned with DOA that it should be removed.

But that reference was always there on the screen. So that Chairman confirmed it should be removed. So that is the decision by the Chairman. And of course, I also noted that our members, some members were not so comfortable with the procedures, and if we don't know what Chairman will do, that how can we continue this kind of discussions.

I discussed with, Chairman made very clear to me

that here we take the text for the room and they may base their suggestions, make his proposal on the best interest of ITU, and then to see we can, we can go ahead.

Otherwise, it will be maybe very hard for him. So that I assume that the Chairman is aware of those concerns, aware of these details. And this morning I chat with a few delegates, and there are some concerns about the procedures, about the text agreed. Anyhow, for text of those two resolutions agreed last night, I think that we still have a chance to discuss it when we come to the text presented by Committee 5, and that if this is not in line with the Chairman's instructions, that I assume that there is still some possibilities to correct those oversight errors.

Ladies and gentlemen, I see that we are really at the very critical moment. If our members already expressed their concerns, and I would also kindly ask you not to repeat those points, at this late hours, for example, for privacy I heard from our Chairman that he would like to postpone the decision, he would like to propose, we will have this come back. But I see that when he come to that point that he will make his positions, because the debate on this privacy resolution is already very timely discussed yesterday and then he, I hope that

you will cooperate with our Chairman to see if that kind of proposal by him is acceptable to you, rather than to again ask the floor to repeat those argument we already heard.

I think that we at this late hour, hours, we all know what the positions by which delegation for which topics, so that I hope that Chairman with his deep knowledge about the topic and also very strong interest to make his proposal based on the best interests of the conference, best interests of ITU, would help us to run through this difficult topics so at this late hours. So ladies and gentlemen, I hope, as Chairman said, we hope that people will consider him really neutral, and that he will not be biased to any particular group of members for any particular interest. But he will make a proposal for the best interest of ITU.

Mr. Chairman, I think that is what I'd like to share with my colleagues. And I hope we will have successful discussion for the remaining topics on the agenda and we all enjoy this conference. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Mr. Secretary-General, for your kind words. I hope this will help us to have a good day of work, and a good outcome of this last day together.

And it's up to you, up to all of us, whether we

make it short or a bit longer.

I suggest now to move on the agenda, and present to you the proposed agenda for approval. That contains globally, I see United States asking for the floor. United States.

>> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I believe I heard the Secretary-General say that item number 7 would be moved to the end of the agenda. Can I ask for your confirmation, please?

>> Item number 7.

>> CHAIR: In fact, Mr. Secretary-General has said, was about yesterday, the postponement of the decision on the privacy draft new resolution. This is my understanding. That was more about yesterday decision to postpone the decision on privacy, today. Thank you. China, please.

>> CHINA: Thank you, Chair. Ladies and gentlemen, dear colleagues, good morning. Please allow me before discussing our agenda items to share with you some of my ideas. Today is the last day of our WTSA 2016. And also, the time when we can really see the outcomes of our meetings. In the past two weeks, all parties had discussions either during or after the meetings, share their views, proposed constructive ideas on many of the

topics to be discussed by this Assembly. China thinks that we shall adhere to the spirit of cooperation to move our work forward, and we would like to see each and every one of us to breach our differences and adhere to the spirit of compromise. That's all.

Thank you, Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, China for this wise message. I have Germany. Germany, please.

>>GERMANY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Goodmorning, and good morning to all the delegates. I would like to make a statement on behalf of the European region. And we in particular thank you, Mr. Chairman, for your efforts and willingness and patience to achieve a successful outcome of the Assembly.

We all work in good faith to find common ground. Europe believes that the ITU is and should continue to be a respected international body which works by consensus with due regards to proper decision-making processes. We believe that the International Telecommunication Union holds the word union to that consensus based approach.

We also believe that ITU-T should be an efficient standards development organisation where technical expertise prevails over political considerations. And

Europe will work hard to find common ground.

However, Europe can only endorse resolutions where there is a consensus agreement. We rely on you, Mr. Chairman, our Secretary-General, Mr. Houlin Zhao, and our Director, Mr. Chaesub Lee, to bring us together.

We hope we can continue our meeting in that spirit. And I would like to request that this statement is to be included in the minutes of this plenary.

Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Germany. Your statement will be considered. I see Sweden. Sweden, please.

>> SWEDEN: Thank you, Chairman. And good morning. I saw in the hotel this morning, so I hope you enjoy the breakfast and the views from our wonderful hotel. Personally I would like to stay there for another three months instead of returning to Stockholm where it's snowing today.

Coming back to Mr. Secretary-General's clarification about the decision yesterday, do you agree now that all indirect and implicit references will be deleted in that document that you adopted? Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Sweden. United States.

>> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. And good morning, colleagues. We would

like to join with the statement of CEPT, and the question asked by our colleague from Sweden. Mr. Chair, as you are aware, the United States raised two points of order in yesterday's plenary, regarding procedural deficiencies in the process by which the draft proposal on counterfeit was considered, and the decision that the Chair, not the Assembly took, to adopt the resolution on counterfeit. We now see this resolution in document 121. We question the status of this document. In any event, the United States would request that the title to this resolution include a footnote with the following text: The United States objects to the content of this resolution, and does not recognize that a valid decision has been taken by the WTSA with regard to this resolution. Therefore, the United States does not recognize the resolution. Thank you, Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, United States. United Kingdom.

>> Thank you, Chair, and good morning. Unlike Sweden I do wish to return home and see my loved ones again.

>> CHAIR: Even if it's snowing.

>> Associate with the intervention on behalf of Europe, on behalf of Sweden, and the one made by the

U.S.

I would also like to say that we would have liked to enter the same comment on the resolution as the U.S.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, UK. Australia.

>> AUSTRALIA: Thank you, Chairman. Well, the weather is lovely in Australia at the moment, so but Tunisia is certainly very beautiful. Australia would also like to join with the statement from CEPT and also to add Australia to the comment mentioned by the U.S.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Australia. Canada.

>> CANADA: Good morning, Mr. Chair. Canada also wishes to be associated in the footnote as requested by the United States. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Canada. South Africa.

>> SOUTH AFRICA: Thank you very much for giving me the floor, honorable Chairperson.

Chairperson, I think what happened yesterday was regrettable. Regrettable in the sense that this organisation, whenever we gather together, there is usually a sense of good will, a sense of good spirit and cooperation. This is what defines this union.

This is why Member States have such deep trust in

this organisation. And this is why this organisation works. Chairperson, we know that these are the principles that guide you and you have already shown us your great willingness to advance the work of this conference. We have the utmost trust in you, and we lend you our full support in your quest to find solutions. Chairperson, as a region, when difficult matters like we have in this conference are discussed, we know that there has to be a give and take on both sides. The tradition of this union, Chairperson, is that such that this gives, this give and take is done on both sides, so that consensus is reached.

We believe this is the case, and hope that Member States will keep this in mind. This union has never embraced an approach of negative agreement. The prevailing will has always been that of accepting compromise and resuming discussions with a good will. We do believe that within your bill you have tried your utmost best to do this.

We do believe that we can go on without certain stumbling blocks to progress and with the ultimate goal of ensuring that whatever differences are settled, they are settled in a amicable way. It is our fervent hope, Chairperson, that as delegates we will move forward in

this positive way, and firmly believe in the common goal which is that of ensuring that this conference is a success.

Chairperson, we say this hoping that and urging that we move forward because a decision has been taken, and the rules of procedure have been followed. I do not think I need to quote the full rules of procedure 96, because we were all in this room when diverse regions actually supported you and supported you fully in terms of your decision. So Chairperson, I'm hoping that today we will make the utmost progress because we all have one common goal, which is the success of this conference. Thank you very much, honorable Chairperson.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, South Africa. I see five requests for the floor. Some of them come from Member States who have already taken the floor this morning. And I would like to appeal to you, if we can go forward with the agenda, because we will have a very loaded agenda today. So I have, we have heard CEPT, we have heard CITEEL, which was expressed by United States. We have heard APT region, the expression of China. And Africa, just, South Africa. So please, if your intervention is not really important, please withdraw it, so that we can move forward with the agenda. I have still six requests from Egypt,

Sweden, Germany, Senegal, Sweden, Germany, you have already taken the floor. Senegal, Russia, and Brazil. So if no one is willing to take the floor I will give you the floor and I hope then that we could catch up with the agenda after that.

Egypt, please.

>> EGYPT: Thank you, Chair. First of all, good morning to all the participants and colleagues present here. Chairman, we believe that consensus in the work of the union is one of the foundations of the ITU. To arrive at a consensus is always the objective of all member countries, a objective towards which we all work. On behalf of the Arab States, we have worked, we have striven to achieve a consensus on all resolutions that have been considered during the WTSA. Nevertheless, Chair, we need to take account, we need to recognize that at times consensus is not achieved on certain resolutions, and concerning the resolution from yesterday, several proposals were advanced, in order to secure a consensus. However, the decision-making mechanism in this case, on this resolution, is very important, in order to continue the work of the ITU, while maintaining the cordial understanding between all. We agree with the decision that you took, Chair. We are

for understanding and consensus, and we would appeal to all colleagues to follow that rule so that we can continue to make progress. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Egypt.

I have five requests for the floor. Sweden.

>> SWEDEN: Thank you, Chair. I just want to add Sweden to the list associated with footnote from the U.S., Australia, Germany and others. So please just add Sweden to that list. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Sweden. Germany.

>> GERMANY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I want to make clear that I'm speaking for Germany now, and not for the CEPT. We haven't expressed our view but our request is indeed to be added to the list of the countries in the footnote proposed by the United States. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Germany. There was a kind of anticipation by Sweden if I understood well, because you weren't on the list that requested on the footnote. Okay, Senegal, please.

>> SENEGAL: Thank you very much, Chair.

In taking the floor, we would like to express support for the South African proposal. In this union, we all strive for consensus and cooperation, with constructive and positive contributions, we try to reach a compromise.

It is in that spirit that we have always acted. Sometimes the decision from the Chair allows us to move forward. We have achieved many things. We have made great concessions and even gone as far as withdrawing certain text, in order to progress.

We feel that your decision yesterday was a good compromise position, and it was in that spirit that we supported it yesterday. We feel that in that spirit of compromise and consensus all of us as Member States should work to achieve positive results for our WTSA. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Senegal. Russia, please.

>> RUSSIAN FEDERATION: Thank you, Chairman. Good morning, colleagues. We were talking about the weather here. We would like to say that we are fine whatever weather it is, when we are in a friendly atmosphere, and with a friendly environment around us.

We hope that we will continue with our work in this spirit.

We fully support you in your efforts to progress forward, and we hope that there will be a successful conclusion to our Assembly. We would like to ask a question which ought to be addressed by the legal counsel. In my long time working at the ITU I've never seen any

list of countries in a resolution. Usually, this is written in the summary record. I would like to ask for some clarification on this issue from the legal advisor, bearing in mind that it is the right of all states to include themselves in this list. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Sorry, for this short interruption. Thank you, Russia. Canada, please.

>> CANADA: Thank you, Chair, good morning. I'm not speaking on behalf of Canada, I'm speaking as Vice-Chair of CITELE's coordination group, just a brief clarification, Mr. Chairman. The reference to CITELE as organisation joining in the footnote, it is not correct at this point. There have been interventions by individual administrations and I have been asked by several of my CITELE colleagues to bring this to your attention. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Canada. Sorry, I was just saying that member of CITELE just took the floor, that was U.S.

But I wasn't including CITELE in the request of U.S., of course. Thank you, Canada for this clarification. Jordan, please.

>> JORDAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. It is quite good to see that many members are still open for discussion

and they want to work in the spirit of cooperation.

However, Mr. Chair, I have remarks to the floor. The issue of the last day resolution has been open for discussion, even though it was not part of the agenda. We have spent at least one hour now to show some position regarding this and the request for a footnote. However, I will consider that any discussion on opposition should be considered when we receive the final text from the Editorial Committee. It is not good to show from now that some countries would have negative position toward a resolution, this will give a bad signal when we discuss the relevant and remaining resolutions. So you did open the door to discuss an item that was not on the agenda. However, I don't believe that it is necessary at this stage that some Member State want to have a position on something that is not on the item of the agenda. This can be reconsidered when we receive the final text from the Editorial Committee. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Jordan. May I remind to Jordan and to all Distinguished Delegates that I have at a certain point of time asked of the delegation Member States who have requested the floor if they can withdraw their request for the floor in order to move on, and we are still in this debate. Of course, I cannot not give the

floor to Member States who request it at this time. But at certain point of time, please, I would like to close the list of requests. Here I have two more requests for the floor. And I suggest that after that, we give answers where appropriate, and we move on to the rest of the agenda.

Thank you. Norway, please.

>> NORWAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to add Norway to the list of countries making reservations to the, in the footnote. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Norway. Finland.

>> Thank you, Mr. Chairman, I would like Finland to be added to the list, please.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Finland and Norway for having been brief. I know that you are not competitive as far as the weather is concerned. But it is good that we save some time to all of us in order maybe to benefit at least for a few hours of fine weather.

Thank you. Now, about the Sweden question, that was regarding the content of the modification. I made it clear yesterday and of course you can have it on the record what was the scope of the decision, and I gave instruction according to those, the scope, I gave instruction to the editorial, to the team, to prepare

the text of resolution accordingly, and the text have been posted yesterday, and sorry, to com 5, and I suppose posted today, this morning, or so this is for the content of the decision and then its implementation in the document.

As for the request for the footnote, I have registered the countries who have requested so. In my knowledge inserting reservation or inserting footnote with statement of Member States it's not a practice in the ITU. But I would like this to be maybe in short order to be clarified by legal advisor, Mr. Antoine, if you can give us a clear statement of that, thank you.

>> Thank you very much, Mr. Chair. Let me try to clarify where we are now. A decision on the resolution on combating counterfeit ICT products was validly taken yesterday. There were indeed points of order raised. But you as Chair ruled on these points by maintaining decision as per general rule 60.

The meeting was later adjourned. And we are starting today with a new agenda.

The issue that was discussed yesterday cannot be reopened unless requested by a majority of Member States entitled to vote. Regarding the question of the footnote, we have a procedure to file reservation for

recommendation in 9.5.1 of res 1. We are very familiar with this procedure, because it was used by some Member States at the beginning of the conference.

However, we have no such procedure for WTSA resolution. I also would like to remind this Assembly that this is not a treaty making conference. Therefore, the procedure for filing reservation contained in the convention is not applicable.

So it would seem to me that the summary record would be a more appropriate factor for this, Mr. Chair.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Antoine. I hope this clarifies the way forward, and the inclusion in the summary records of the reservation made by the countries who have requested that.

Thank you for that. Please, if we can move on, without reopening the debate, we need to go through the agenda. So please help us to move forward. Sweden is requesting the floor. I will give you the floor, Sweden, but please let's move forward. Thank you.

>> SWEDEN: Thank you, Chair. A question for clarification, if your decision from yesterday was not reopened here, how could we delete text of your decision yesterday when the text was included. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Sorry, Sweden. We cannot reopen this debate. The decision was implemented in the text, and then the text is submitted to com 5, and you can look at it, and you will see that what was decided is implemented in this decision, in this resolution. Thank you, Sweden.

What I suggest now is that we move to the agenda, so please display it on the screen. We have two series of text submitted by com 5, Editorial Committee for approval. Then we have, okay, two series, then we have Study Group structure and questions. We have proposed additional new questions to ITU-T SG 20. This is part of the block of Study Group structure and questions. Then we have appointment of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Study Groups TSAG and SCV. Then we will go through, it is not the summary one, but the updated one or whatever one, the summary and other ones, so we have the appointment and then we have new draft text of new resolution or revised resolution that includes the mobile theft, resolution on Cybersecurity, 60, 78, and we have draft new resolution on open source, and then we go to the report of Committee 3, 4 and 5 for validation. Yeah, I skipped point 7, Mr. Secretary-General reminded me that, I skipped point 7, which is related to the draft new resolution on privacy.

So, if you have no comment, I suggest that we approve this agenda, and we move on.

(sound of gavel).

To the first, here it's the 12th series of text submitted to us by Editorial Committee, and I hold the floor to Mrs. Rim to present this series.

>> The Editorial Committee would like to present to the plenary its 12th series of texts. These were submitted to us by com 4, and appear in document 109 -- 19. They contain the draft of six new resolution, com 4/7, com 4/8, com 4/9, com 4/10, com 4/11, and com 4/12.

These documents are submitted for the approval of the plenary. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Mrs. Rim, so can we go through the first draft resolution related to the promotion of the use of ICT to bridge the financial inclusion gap. Can we go through? Thank you. I suggest that we approve it.

(sound of gavel).

Approved, thank you. Next one, please. Next is draft new resolution strengthening and diversifying resources of ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector. This one I believe our TSB would like very much. It is a small one but I hope it will be efficient one.

I propose that we approve it. No objection.

(sound of gavel).

Approved. Next, please. This one is related to the implementation of the Smart Africa Manifesto. Can we go through? Thank you.

I propose that we approve this new resolution. No objection. Approved. Thank you.

Next one is related to enhancing the standardization of Internet of Things and Smart Cities and Communities for global development. Let's go through.

Okay. Thank you. I propose that we approve it. No objection. Approved.

Last one in this series, the last one? One second, please.

Sorry. It is not the last one. Okay. Go ahead. Okay. Thank you. Canada is requesting the floor. Canada, please.

>> CANADA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Question for clarification. The resolution just being approved is the one strengthening and diversifying the resources in the Telecommunication Standardization Sector. The question we have is the following, in the resolves, indicate that -- let me find it -- the resolved part B, it says -- that one, resolves, please, resolves, it

says that for possible new measures to generate additional revenue for ITU-T, including revenues that may be obtained from INRs and conformance and interoperability testing. The question we have, Mr. Chairman, is that ITU-T plans to generate revenues for conformance and interoperability testing, will ITU-T take an operational role in conformance and interoperability, is that what is intended with this resolution, Mr. Chairman? Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. This resolution came from com 4 report. Mr. Kwame, can you clarify this point for Canada? Kwame, you have the floor.

>> KWAME BAAH-ACHEAMFUOR: Thank you, Chair. I'm referring to my notes, and I gather that this was what was agreed at com 4, but to cross-check again, if you give me time, I can come back to you on whether there was an editorial on this. Thank you, Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Kwame. So I suggest that we take time and come back to us later on.

Thank you. Let's move on to the last one of the series. Can we display it? Okay. Let's go through. This is a short one. I propose that we approve it. No objection. Approved.

Now let's move to the next series. We have there

two resolutions and I give the floor back to Mrs. Rim to present the two texts. Thank you. Mrs. Rim.

>> Thank you, Chairman. We move to the approval of document 117, and which contains resolution 54 and resolution 75, submitted by com 4 to com 5, and this text are submitted for the approval of the plenary. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Mrs. Rim. Let's start with resolution 54. Okay. This is creation and assistance to regional groups. I propose that we approve it. No objection. Approved.

Next one, please. Can we go through? Thank you. I propose that we approve it, this resolution 75. No objection. Approved. We have finished the texts that were submitted to us on the resolutions that were submitted to us by Editorial Committee. We have answer to be given by Chair of com 4 to the question of Canada. Kwame is back with an answer. Kwame, please.

>> KWAME BAAH-ACHEAMFUOR: Thank you, Chairman. Thank you for the patience. To refer back to DT97, and yes, as it was approved, it included, including revenues that may be obtained from INRs and conformance and interoperability testing. Again, I had to go back and consult the full report of Mr. Nasser of UAE and he said

yes, this was the agreement during the discussion of the drafting group for which the honorable delegate of Canada was consulted, and a certain text which was following this was deleted so this was something which was agreed at com 4, and as you have approved in this plenary. Thank you, Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Chair of com 4. Is it clear for you, Canada? Canada, please.

>> CANADA: Thank you, Chairman. Indeed this document was discussed with Mr. Nasser, and some text related to that you mark was removed.

But there is a inconsistency in the text I point out to you, because resolution 76 indicates that it is not appropriate for ITU itself to enter into certification and testing of equipment and services that many regional and national standards bodies also provide for conformance testing.

So the question we have is, is ITU-T, because instructing the Director is ITU-T getting into the business of testing for conformance and interoperability? Thank you, Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Canada. UAE.

>> UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Goodmorning to all, please, Mr. Chairman,

as was indicated by the Chairman of com 4, I have personally consulted with a number of colleagues, and this was a compromise text that we have reached. So my concern, Mr. Chairman, if you open the debate again on this, maybe this will break the agreement that was reached.

Perhaps the best way forward is to move on, and here in this text we are asking the TSB Director to study this matter, and come back to Council for a decision. It's not a decision to be taken. This is soft language, Mr. Chairman.

I would urge colleagues to move forward with the text that was agreed. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, UAE. Canada, is it acceptable for you? You are fine for that?

>> CANADA: Mr. Chairman, I don't think only Canada, the question is to the ITU members. Is ITU-T going to be an operational center for conformance and interoperability testing. If that is the case, it is the agreement of the floor, we might consider that, it is not, it is only a study, we might consider that too.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Canada. I understood that there was an agreement on this during, in com 4, or in Working Group 4A, I believe. I have some other requests from the floor. I hope those requests are for clarifying

this subject so that we can move on. Jordan.

>> JORDAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. We support United Arab Emirates in their interpretation and to respond to the concern of Canada, we don't have an issue with the wording. This instruct is related to study, and the wording is very soft, because it is talking about that may be.

So there is no any direct, you know, direction toward that of the ITU-T will involve or not, even though we understand that there is many means of providing financial resources through this track of business, so I don't think at this stage we need to engage in any debate on this. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Jordan. I see Ghana requesting the floor. I believe it is Kwame who has something to add on that. Ghana, please.

>> Thank you, Chair. Yes as com 4 Chair. The understanding is that the resolve is instructing the Director of the TSB to participate in the study, participate in the study. It is not to operationalize. It is to study. I'm sure the study will come out with certain results of consideration as to which ones are, can be implemented or not. This is to participate in the study. Thank you, Chair. I hope this clarifies what

the resolve is about.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. I hope this clarifies for all members. Sweden is requesting the floor. Sweden.

>> SWEDEN: So there was a reference to agreement, was that, because I was not aware that there was any formal discussion about this document, only informals. But so I'm a little bit confused, because we were interested to take part in this. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Sweden. United States.

>> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Thank you, Chair. I would ask again for clarification from the administration of Canada. What I understood is that this resolution is now inconsistent with another decision that we took, and we would like to join with the points that he made concerning this matter. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, United States. Australia.

>> AUSTRALIA: Thank you, Chair. Just to join that comment I think that it would be very odd I think to see something in this document that was in fact inconsistent with the decision that had been taken by Council. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Australia. Canada again.

>> CANADA: Thank you, Chairman. Perhaps this is my last intervention on this topic, I hope so. But the

question I have is, why is the Director going to study something that we know is not appropriate? We know already the answer because it contradicts another resolution. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Canada. Egypt.

>> EGYPT: Thank you, Mr. Chair, in brief, Mr. Chair, yes, I know it's a very delicate issue. But as many of my colleagues mentioned, UAE, Ghana and others, that the text here is not instructing the Director to go forward in any operational aspect. We just reflecting the studying the matter, in alignment also with the Council resolution, Council 16 resolution regarding seeking additional revenue for the ITU-T sector. So Mr. Chair, simply, the text is very soft one, reflecting studying the issue. We are not sure that the only aspect, the only dimension for conformance and interoperability will be only the operational aspect. There may be other aspects and other dimensions.

Can we give the director the chance to make more studies, looking for aspects from all dimensions, and present that to the relevant decision-making body in the ITU, maybe the next Council in their reports about how we can enhance, how we can facilitate more revenues for the ITU-T. Simply, Mr. Chairman, I could believe

that this instruct part there is no contradiction with all resolution in our hands. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Egypt, for this clarification. UAE.

>> UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: Yeah, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I would like to thank Canada for their raising the clarification. However, I think from technical perspective, this sentence asking for a study by the TSB, I think is not contradicting what the resolution 76, and there is no inconsistency in this regard. The reason that there are several aspects associated with the conformance and interoperability testing. For example, you can be, one of the aspects is to work as a operational center as mentioned by Canada. However, some other aspects as well-known in the industry can be to certain procedures and rules, for those operational center to follow and to be certified, to work on a certain basis.

Mr. Chairman, we don't see any type of contradiction or inconsistency in this regard, because of the different aspects that ITU can be involved in. Accordingly, Mr. Chairman, we would urge all colleagues to note that this document has been raised in the com 4 level, and

it was given the chance to everybody to comment and to consider any further comment on this. And agreement was reached in the com 4 level, accordingly Mr. Chairman we urge all colleagues to move forward in this regard and to accept the document. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, UAE for this clarification again. But answer the question of Sweden. Canada requesting the floor again.

>> CANADA: I thought my last intervention was going to be the last one. Maybe I can suggest a way to please all the parties. If we only say for possible new measures to generate additional revenue for ITU-T, period. We don't have to tell the Director to focus on INR, conformance and interoperability testing or other topics. We leave it up to him to find new ways to generate revenue. Thank you, Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Canada for this suggestion. Sweden.

>> SWEDEN: Thank you, Chair. Since we would like to be, to have participated earlier when there was formal discussions on this particular text, we would like to associate ourselves with the proposal from Canada, at this moment, since this is the first time we really are involved in the discussion on this document. So we would

express that support here. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Sweden. Just to remind what had been said, that that decision was made during com 4, and all other meetings related to any subject are announced by the Chairs of the committees or the Working Groups. Zimbabwe, please.

>> ZIMBABWE: Yes, Chairman, we are wondering the value of this conversation we are having. Our understanding is that we have already taken a decision. And therefore, it will be more efficient for us to move to the next item on our agenda. Thank you, Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Zimbabwe. Jordan.

>> JORDAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The issue is with the principles, if we have a Committee 4 approving the text and we now need to reconsider some output, we can only examine the issue that are between square bracket. We cannot open the floor to discuss any wording that is not between square bracket. Otherwise, more than one members could intervene in other resolution, and follow the same fashion. I urge you, Mr. Chairman, we cannot open the discussion on a text that is not between square bracket. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Jordan. Senegal, and I would like to close the discussion on this topic. Senegal,

please.

>> SENEGAL: Thank you, Chairman. We would like to align ourselves with the intervention made by Zimbabwe. We believe that this text was already adopted in Committee 4. We would like to invite Member States to accept the document as it is, appealing to the spirit of compromise that has always prevailed here. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. Kwame, thank you, Senegal, Chair of com 4 is requesting the floor. I hope he will conclude this debate. Mr. Kwame.

>> Thank you, Chairman, for the opportunity (overlapping speakers) Ghana.

>> CHAIR: Sorry.

>> I want to bring your attention possibly to help you move forward, with regards to what has been discussed, at the moment, there is this conformance testing assessment Committee has been set up, under auspices of Study Group 11 to work to find ways and means of bringing the issues of C&I into operation possibly and I'm sure that is the reason why this text that is contained in this is also indicated. I'm indicating to support the position by UAE that there could be other but there is also aspect we can work on to make sure some of this do happen and that is what happens under the auspices

of Study Group 11. I also support the position of Zimbabwe that the decision has been taken and we have to move on. Otherwise we have to come back and open some issues that have already been closed.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. At this point of this debate, that was let us say unexpected, because that was, this resolution was discussed during various meetings including in com 4. Canada raised this point. We took time to discuss about it. There are clarification, and useful clarification.

What I understand is the text is a soft text. It doesn't instruct to initiate the studies, but to participate in studies that may be useful for new direction, maybe, or existing direction, regarding the conformance and operability issues.

Canada is still requesting the floor. I just remind you that, Canada, your intervention was after we have approved this resolution. So I'll give you the floor and please, if you can, we can move on after that. Thank you.

>> CANADA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I want to make a final comment, as the ITU-T attempts to embark in unchartered territories on a wide areas, wide set of areas at the same time, I think we should think twice

as an organisation about being in the business of setting standards and then doing that with a mind of making money off of the standards that we are setting. Over time, if not immediately, that is going to put the credibility of this organisation in question. And it's also going to drive Sector Members away from the organisation. Thanks.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Canada. What I suggest as this resolution have been just approved, what I suggest is to include the comment, comments coming from Canada in the summary report of the Assembly. Thank you very much.

Russia is asking for the floor. But please, Russia, if it is about the same subject, if you agree with my proposal, we would like to move on. If you don't agree or you have another point, I give you the floor. Thank you, Russia.

>> RUSSIAN FEDERATION: Thank you, Chairman. We have a very simple question. We have found some inaccuracies in the Russian text, and we would like to ask the meeting's permission to correct these through the editorial Committee in this document and in any other document where we might find such inaccuracy, in the Russian language version of the text only. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Russia. We take care of that

with the com 5 team. Thank you. Thank you, Russia. Now, let's move on to next item of our agenda, that is the Study Group structure and questions, starting by resolution 2 as submitted to us by com 4. This is document 118, revision 1. That document was agreed, sorry, document is 118 revision 1 on resolution 2 was agreed in com 4 and was amended as per our yesterday plenary decision, related to OTT. Let's have it displayed. Thank you. Let's go through.

Okay. Study Group 9.

Study Group 11. 12. 13. 15. 16. 17. And 20. That is part 1. Part 2. This is annex B. Okay. (pause).

Just to verify, UK, you are requesting the floor, or it's a point of order? Because I see you are requesting the floor. I will give it to you. Thank you.

>> UK: Thank you, Chair. Sorry, I was waving my flag upside down because I had requested the floor about five minutes ago. It's just in relation to pages 2 and 3, relating to Study Group 2 and 3. In fact, there are two additions on page 3, to the text which went through com 4, and one at the end of ITU-T Study Group 2, it talks about Study Group 2 being responsible for the operational impact of the Internet, and Study Group 3,

it says additional Study Group 3 will study the economic and regulatory impact of the Internet.

Could I have a clarification that, what we are being asked to agree is that Study Group 2 will study the complete operational impact of the Internet and Study Group 3, the economic and regulatory impact of the Internet. I don't think that is the case. I think it's a question of getting the wording right. But this is very broad. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, UK. In my understanding is that the text put here was what has been decided yesterday. Yesterday we agreed on a text to be inserted in resolution 2 as regards to Study Group 2 and 3.

So that is the text that have been agreed yesterday, at least this is my understanding.

>> There is a error in the text.

>> CHAIR: You are right, UK, there seems to be there is an error on the text, and, what is the right English -- okay. UK, if you don't mind, I give the floor to other Member States who are requesting, maybe for the same subject. Thank you. United States.

>> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman, and like the UK, we had concerns about this text, because it didn't look like what we had

discussed yesterday. So we look forward to that clarification. Mr. Chairman, we also request a modification to text related to Study Group 2, and the addition of naming, numbering -- sorry, naming addressing identification to the mandate, which requires context. Consistent with its long standing tradition and the title of resolution 20, which is procedures for allocation and management of international telecommunication numbering, naming, addressing and identification resources, the ITU-T Study Group 2's mandate for numbering, naming, addressing and identification and routing is for international telecommunication networks. Thus, we need to include the words, international telecommunication, in front of numbering, everywhere this phrase appears.

Otherwise, it could be perceived as expanding the role of Study Group 2, to examine resources outside the purview of the ITU. This modification is particularly important in light of the decision we just made yesterday to include the text related to OTT, currently under discussion in Study Group 2 and 3. We must ensure that the scope of Study Group 2 is clear. To repeat, we propose to include the words, international telecommunication, in front of numbering, everywhere this phrase appears.

Thank you, Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, U.S.

To summarize, first please let's have on the screen the text that have been agreed yesterday during our plenary. This will probably clarify this issue for many Member States. Then we have proposal of United States to add for international telecommunications. Please let's have the initial text, text approved yesterday. This is the one. Can someone confirm it to me? So this is the text as agreed as approved yesterday.

Now, I have many requests from the floor. Can I ask all the requests, if they were about this initial text as approved yesterday, please withdraw your request for the floor, in order because I have plenty of requests for the floor and I guess it is for the same subject, that we are addressing.

We have much less now. But we still have so much. I will give the floor to com 4 Chair, unless it's Ghana who is asking for the floor. He may have some comments. Then I will give the floor to three other members, and then we will come to the proposal of the United States. But of course, all members can comment or give their opinion on this proposal. Thank you.

Ghana, please.

>> Thank you, Chair. As com 4 Chair, just to reflect on the issue raised by the UK and as we have made certain adjustments to the text as we have in this revised version of resolution 2, yes, they were both right. So as we have on the screen now, the text is now complete, as we agreed yesterday. So the operational impact of the Internet is for Study Group 2, and then we could add from the convergence part as well to the end, to complete it for Study Group 3 as well, as Study Group 3 was for the regulatory and policy part. So that the text under both Study Groups will be complete as we agreed yesterday.

Thank you, Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Kwame. Canada.

>> CANADA: Thank you, Chair. I appreciate the clarification. The text on the screen within the Study Group 2 area of Study Group and I believe that is complete, and is in line with what I understood we agreed yesterday. So appreciate the clarification on the text. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Canada. Sweden.

>> SWEDEN: Thank you, Chair. Well, I just heard what Canada said. Could we see the text again?

>> CHAIR: Can you display the text, please?

>> SWEDEN: My concern was just that what we, this text came from the discussions on the so-called OTT

services, the text on the screen now address the Internet as such. And I don't know how that happened, but if this is consistent with the language in the question that we refer to, then I think we are fine. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Sweden. Thank you. Now about the proposal of the United States, can we display it on the screen? For Study Group 2, so United States, please, your proposal is to insert, for international -- please, United States, you have the floor.

>> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Thank you, chairman. In the highlighted text that you see before you, our proposal is to insert the words, international telecommunication, in the beginning of that bulleted text, and then do the same everywhere else similar text appears in the mandate of Study Group 2, so it would be the same proposal repeated in the same way. Thank you, Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, U.S.

As you may all know, this text was discussed in com 4, and it's based on the outcome that have been sent to us by com 4. However, if there is an agreement on any change on it, we can proceed. I see Saudi Arabia requesting for the floor. Saudi Arabia.

>> SAUDI ARABIA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good

morning, everybody. This text that we have in front of us has been adopted within Committee number 4. It is a text, it is an old text that is quoted from an original one, and therefore, we do not accept the addition of the two words proposed by the honorable delegate from the United States of America. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Saudi Arabia. Bahrain.

>> Bahrain: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With regard to the text that we have on the screen I would like to know that if it is also under Study Group number 3, since we had been discussing all matters with regard, I think that the phrase as it is there is correct. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Bahrain. Zimbabwe.

>> ZIMBABWE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think this is as per the agreement last night, and also to highlight that that numbering, naming addressing and identification is the existing mandate of Study Group 2. It is already mandate that has been given by this Assembly. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Zimbabwe. No other requests for the floor.

I suggest -- Canada is asking for the floor.

>> CANADA: Yes, thank you, Chair. Sorry to come

in again. Just given the new addition on OTT that was the compromise text from last night, we believe it's very important to qualify number, naming addressing and identification now within this paragraph. I would further note that at this Assembly we have expanded that NA AI term within the body of the text here.

And I think it's very important to qualify with international telecommunications. So it would be at the first bullet but also within the body of the question. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Canada. What I read here on my screen that for the sentence we have added, can you display it again? Thank you. The sentence we have added after the decision taken yesterday, just scroll down, please, this one. I see the change adopted, the new change as regard to the OTT, if I read it, the operational impact of the Internet, convergence and new services such as OTT on international telecommunication service and networks. That means that we, the text there includes this international telecommunication service, is just a comment to go forward.

I see Japan asking for the floor.

>> JAPAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In terms of the Study Group 3, I don't know the background why the term,

the phrase additional Study Group 3 will study the economic and regulatory impact of the Internet. I would like to have clarification on this addition. In addition to this, I would like to point out that there is some discrepancy between the status of regulatory issue, because in the old text, on the mandate, it's, in terms of the status of the regulatory impact, is with the view to informing the development of enabling regulatory models and frameworks.

So it's just with a view to informing the development enabling regulatory models. But on the contrary, in the additional one, it's Study Group 3 will study the economic and regulatory impact, very straight. I think there is some discrepancy between two. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. That was, Japan, that was as Chairman of Study Group 3.

>> From Japan.

>> CHAIR: Japan, okay, it wasn't Study Group 3 Chairman. Okay, thank you. Germany.

>> GERMANY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Probably this is due to this late night things, we believe that this general reference to the Internet both in the last bullet for Study Group 2 and at the end of the text for Study Group 3 is not appropriate. We would therefore request

to delete this general reference to the Internet, because this is broadening the mandate according to our view, far beyond what has been agreed by relevant Plenipotentiary resolution. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Germany. So you are suggesting to delete what we have added yesterday. Egypt.

>> EGYPT: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We would like to support the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia with regard to refraining from adding the two words or the additional, the two words international Telecom which was proposed by the USA, because the framework of the work of Study Group number 2 has been approved within Committee number 4. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

>> CHAIR: I would like just Japan to clarify the inconsistency they have mentioned. Please, Japan, can you clarify again the inconsistency in Study Group 3 very clearly? Because this is --

>> JAPAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, I talked about the term, regulation and on the other part of this mandate, it's stated that with a view to informing the development enabling regulatory models. So this, but on the other hand, in the down side it says that additionally Study Group 3 will study the economic and

regulatory impact. So the latter part, the impact, relationship of the regulatory impact, is very straight, but on the other hand, on the upper part, it is with a view to inform. So it is not -- it is indirect. So this is, I find some discrepancy between the status of the regulatory issue. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Japan. Australia.

>> AUSTRALIA: Thank you, Chair. Australia would like to just reiterate the comment earlier from our colleagues from Canada about the inclusion of the term international telecommunications under the dot point under the Study Group 2 mandate, we think that this is essential in terms of providing additional context. In addition to that we would also like to support the comments from Germany about removing reference to the word, Internet, under the dot point in the Study Group 2 reference. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Australia. Now I would like to close the list, please. I have UAE, Senegal, Sweden, Bahrain, Zimbabwe and I have much more requests for the floor. So I would propose to go forward, I would propose to you a way forward, or we can spend one hour having this debate on something that has been adopted in com 4 already, and that has only added to it a decision,

the content, the result of the decision taken by the plenary yesterday.

So please, allow me to go forward, allow me to spend our time in withdrawing your request on this subject.

Please. I still have nine requests for the floor. We can spend the whole day on it. I was, I didn't plan anything this evening, neither tomorrow. So we can go for it. It is important that we debate as far as possible, as much as possible. But it is important also that our debates take place in the right moment, in the right meeting, and probably spare time for specific or particular decision.

So, I see that all the list is there. May I make a proposal? And if you agree with it, we move forward. Otherwise, we continue the debate, as appropriate.

So, my proposal, I have here Emirates, Bahrain, Senegal, Zimbabwe, Sweden, Canada, Coted'Ivoire, Egypt, United States. I suggest that I close this list. And I hope it to be maybe -- Saudi Arabia is adding to the list. Please let's close the list with Saudi Arabia. I can make my proposal to go forward.

My proposal is quite simple one. As per my understanding in the wording and the language used, as per my understanding for the procedure for the process

that we have been going on in com 4 meetings and Working Group meetings, in my understanding about the decision we are making yesterday, we have here the text that was approved that was agreed, adopted by com 4, and was complemented yesterday evening but by what was decided yesterday.

I have heard proposal of modification, either related to Internet or related to international telecommunication as proposed by U.S. and Germany. I have also heard Japan mentioning potential inconsistency in the text. What I see as a way forward and I propose it to you, and I hope that you will agree with that, is that we stick on the text adopted by com 4, and we stick on what has been agreed yesterday to be added to this two Study Groups' mandate. If you agree with that, we can move forward. So please, those who have the floor, I will give them the floor, please be brief. I would like you to take less than let us say 30 seconds will be very great. But I will grant you one minute. But please be brief so as we can move forward. I have understood that the initial text was there since very long, since long time. So this is why I would like you, please, to be very brief. Emirates.

>> UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: Thank you very much,

Mr. Chairman. Sorry for insisting for the floor.

Mr. Chairman, procedurally we have already approved, we have already discussed this text yesterday and we have approved the way forward on this specific item. My great concern, Mr. Chairman, if we reopen the discussion, we have, we would like, Mr. Chairman, if there is any modifications or amendments to the text, we would like to ask that we reopen the discussion on the new proposed resolution on OTTs. That was discussed yesterday. An agreement was reached consensus. We fully agree with you, Mr. Chairman, that we should move forward. If any amendments to this, we have right to come back to the text that was proposed, original resolution on OTTs. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, UAE. Bahrain.

>> Bahrain: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I would support the comment raised by my distinguished colleague from UAE. As a matter of fact, yesterday we were talking about the resolution on over the top services. As a compromise CITELE proposed a text that was extracted from a question that is existing on the Study Group 3, and the text as we saw on the screen today is exactly the same text. I do support your proposal as well, Mr. Chair, that we move ahead with this matter and have the text as in the

question exactly that we have it already in Study Group 3. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Bahrain. Senegal.

>> SENEGAL: Thank you very much, Chairman. Senegal would like to recall that this text was a compromise following the withdrawal of the resolution on OTTs, and this was following a great deal of effort and a lot of concessions on the part of the African Group and the Arab States group. The Chair of com 4 made a proposal for insertion in part 1 of resolution 2 and this text was shown yesterday on the screen and was accepted by all Member States. We do not believe that it is appropriate to reopen a discussion on this point, and to amend any part of the document or to insert new text or new words. Thank you, Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Senegal. Sweden.

>> SWEDEN: Thank you, Chair. Well, I've been part of almost every discussion on the OTT resolution. I know that that original text was about services. And not the Internet, which is a network of networks.

The decision was finally never presented as a text. There was an oral presentation, and then I think we went for a coffee break in com 4. So please, I don't think this was ever finally agreed as some refer to.

What was decided was to use the text in the question 9.3, yes, which was supposed to be used in reference to the services that we have been discussing, not to expand this to a study about the Internet as such.

I would suggest that we stick to the decision to use that language, in the context of the services to be studied. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Sweden. As far as the content of the text is concerned in the proposal of CITELE it was clearly mentioned that we take the text in the questions and include, insert it in the resolution 2. So what I remember is that it was clear to all of us what was the content of the text to be included because it was in the questions, I suppose already known to everyone.

Thank you.

Canada.

>> CANADA: Thank you, Chair. Now I remember the discussion well as well, CITELE proposal was on, based on question 3. We asked to potentially put that forward as a compromise. We note it was split. I believe when it was split for Study Group 2 and 3 respectively, some confusion potentially was tied to that. We have seen the original text in blue that is quite broad and does

not align with the remit of the ITU. Furthermore, as the fully qualified sentence is somewhat clear but it could be misleading, as colleague from Sweden noted, it is focused on services and that was the intent in question 3.

Furthermore, it's also focused on international Telecom services. So given all these clarifications, the inclusion of the word, Internet, becomes more and more problematic. I think simply deleting that term would be the best way forward. Thank you, Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Canada. But I remind all of you that we have had a long debate as regard to OTT resolutions, and we have discussed all of these issues, and the proposal came from CITEEL with the text which is inserted here. Cote d'Ivoire, please.

>> Thank you, Chairman. I will not speak at length. I would like to align myself with the comments of all those colleagues who took the floor before me particularly Bahrain, Saudi Arabia. I would like to recall as the delegate of Senegal said, this is compromise text, which was put forward by colleagues from CITEEL. It is a text which exactly reflects the wording of a question which already considered in Study Group 3.

As you said, this was adopted in Committee 4, the

Chair of Committee 4 made this proposal. It was adopted yesterday in the plenary. I think it would be better for everyone if we could accept the text as it was approved yesterday, and for us to be able to progress on the agenda which was proposed to us this morning. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Cote d'Ivoire for supporting my proposal. Egypt.

>> EGYPT: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Mr. Chair, we support your proposal, and we also support our colleagues from Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Cote d'Ivoire. We have spent long hours, Mr. Chair, debating this issue. Last of them was yesterday. We agreed all on the text presented on the screen right now. We had agreement on it. I think there is no need for discussing it again since we had agreement yesterday.

I ask you, Mr. Chair, please let's move forward, and continue the other stuff, in order to finish all these resolutions. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. United States.

>> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I would like to suggest that we take a short break and have some informal consultations. I believe that what's happened is when the text for the question was split into two different Study Groups we

introduced some ambiguities, and the text doesn't hang together as well as it might have. Could be just a matter of commas, it could be other issues. But we should compare it to the text of the question. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, United States. I would just close the list of speakers. Saudi Arabia.

>> SAUDI ARABIA: Thank you, Chairman. We fully agree with you on making progress on the agenda of this meeting. I would like to join others, such as the Distinguished Delegate of Bahrain and of Cote d'Ivoire, Senegal and Zimbabwe and other countries. We have discussed this question at length and here we have the result that we came up with.

So, there is a need for us to adopt what we decided on yesterday. We would also not wish to reopen the debate on the text, text which was already adopted and which is not in square brackets. We have quite a full agenda, Chairman, and there is a need for us to conclude it today.

So there is a need for us to move on and accept what's already been decided. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Saudi Arabia. Now I have five more requests for the floor, that came after I closed the list. So I kindly ask you to withdraw your request. That is Japan, Jordan, Russia, Bahrain, and Zambia.

Please, if you can withdraw your request. I would like to give the floor to Mr. Director of TSB. He has some comments on this subject. Thank you.

>>Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Goodmorning, everyone. Just to remind you, this, during the discussion yesterday, we take of this part from existing question, Study Group 3, question 9, Study Group 3 question is the part of this one that is our agreement to use of this question text to include two part, operational part and economic part. That is my memory.

So I believe this is on what ground we can move forward. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: If I may say my proposal is seconded by Mr. Director of TSB. I still have three requests for the floor but I have a proposal by U.S. to have a break, to have a coffee break. We are really running late. I would like those Member States who are requesting the floor, if they agree that we take a coffee break now, and then they should withdraw their request for the floor. Otherwise, I will give them the floor and then we will take the break. Please before the break what is on the table today is my proposal to consider the approve the agreed text as done in com 4, and the approved text as it was the case in yesterday plenary.

Jordan, please.

>> JORDAN: Thank you, Chairman. I am speaking on a different point, Chairman. The paragraph which was inserted was in the document which was presented to us on the screen yesterday. We wondered whether this paragraph reflected what really happened, in Study Group 3. However, this wording was not reused today as it was presented yesterday. Chairman, I would like you to ask the Secretariat to please be more attentive to following the work of our Committee, in order to avoid any loss of time. In the future, if this isn't taken into consideration, it will have an influence on our discussions. So the Secretariat should pay closer attention to following the work of the meetings, the sessions, and the documentation of what is happening. These texts were presented on the screen but they have not been reflected in that form in the documents. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Jordan. Russia, please take less than one minute, please.

>> RUSSIAN FEDERATION: Thank you, Chairman. We would like to support the proposal, your proposal and the proposal of the Director of the Bureau. There is another thing we would like to touch on, when listening

to the discussion, we looked especially at the captioning for yesterday's meeting, and we can affirm, so to say, in a documentary form that the wording that we currently see on the screen, not right now, but we did have it before then, is exactly the same wording as was agreed on yesterday at the plenary meeting. We can confirm that. And there is evidence of this in the captioning from yesterday's session.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Russia, for this clarification. So the text was displayed and read as the caption, okay, thank you.

Bahrain.

>> Bahrain: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I do apologize for insisting on taking the floor one more time. I'd like to bring to your attention that the text that has been proposed by CITEEL has indeed been discussed even prior to the CITEEL proposal during the meeting. It was a point of discussion during the informal discussions that we were trying to resolve the title of the OTT proposal prior to that. So I do believe that the text has been exposed to members that were involved in that informal meeting, and we do support it being there in the way and the format that it is, because it's completely in

line with question 9 of Study Group 3. Thank you very much.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Bahrain. I have two more requests for the floor. Please, let's have the break after that. Japan.

>> JAPAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm sorry to ask you once again the floor, but may I, I would like to test my understanding by saying that a sentence beginning from additionally and to Internet has been deleted. Is my understanding correct?

>> CHAIR: The sentence as displayed here, there are a sentence that has been -- (pause) no sentence deleted. Okay. Is it okay for you, Japan? Japan? There is no sentence deleted. Morocco, please.

>> MOROCCO: Thank you, Chairman.

With regard to this subject and taking into account the discussions which we had yesterday, which came up with a package through which we abandoned the draft resolution on this subject, and added into the mandate of Study Group 2 and 3 this text, on the basis of this, we would like to join Jordan and the UAE and Saudi Arabia, and the RCC and other countries, simply in supporting the Chairman's proposal and the proposal by the Director of the TSB. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Morocco. That closes the list of intervention. I suggest that we go for a coffee break, and then we come or we come back for a decision on this matter. Thank you very much. There will be a revision 2 after the break that will be displayed with the final proposed text. Thank you. How long? The break, 15 minutes, please.

(break).

>> Ladies and gentlemen, please take your seats. We are going to start in one minute. Thank you. We are going to start in one minute. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Okay, welcome back, at least some of you. Please let's resume. Please ladies and gentlemen, let's resume our meeting. I hope your side discussion will be useful for the items on our agenda.

Okay. So, please, can we have displayed the revision 2 of resolution 2, as it was adopted in com 4, and as it was adopted, amended, sorry, as per the decision of the plenary yesterday.

So ladies and gentlemen, I would propose to you again to consider what have been proposed by Mr. Director, is that to move on with what have already been discussed, adopted in com 4, and approved in our yesterday plenary, the text as it is. So please, I seek your agreement on

that so as to go forward.

If there is no objection, I propose that you go forward on that, and that we approve resolution 2 in its new edition. Thank you very much. United States is requesting the floor. Please, United States.

>> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. We had asked that the words international telecommunication appear in front of numbering everywhere that phrase appeared, so we would like to repeat that proposal, that we add international telecommunication in front of numbering for the Study Group 2 mandate. Thank you, Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, United States. That means that we are not in line with the proposal we have made, which is in my opinion not appropriate way to go forward. Zimbabwe.

>> ZIMBABWE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We are in agreement with your proposal and we reiterate the fact that this international numbering is a new addition to an existing mandate that was already there for Study Group 2, and we do not accept it. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Zimbabwe. May I ask you do not reopen the debate again, because we have been, we have discussed it during very long time. I would like

no more intervention. I will make a additional proposal, please, I see two countries requesting the floor. I would like to move on, and if you can withdraw your request for the floor. Otherwise I give it to you. But please don't go for additional requests of the floor. Thank you. I see one request for the floor. Zambia, please.

>> ZAMBIA: Thank you very much, Mr. Chair. Good morning to you all. Without taking up too much of your time we would just like to support your proposal, Mr. Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Zambia. I propose that we go forward with what I have suggested, and what was in line with the suggestion of TSB Director, and to consider the statement of United States in the summary report. If you agree with that, I thank you for it. We go forward. If there is no objection, I consider this resolution 2 as, in its revision displayed approved by this Assembly and thank you for it.

(sound of gavel).

Let's move on to the next item on the agenda, which is Study Group structure and questions, no, which is the proposed additional questions -- where is it? The proposal for additional questions. Usually I don't use these glasses. I don't know what happened during the

last days. I need them more and more. Maybe I need a checkup after this Assembly. Next item on the agenda is proposed additional new questions for Study Group 20. I hold the floor now to Chairman of Study Group 20, Mr. Nasser from the UAE, please, I see just, is it okay? Okay? Mr. Nasser, the floor is yours.

>> Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Can you clarify, Mr. Chairman, why you are giving me the floor? It is a other group proposal so I didn't get your request. Do you want me to give me my views on this specific point? Or you want me to introduce the document. I was not clear. Your instruction was not clear.

>> CHAIR: Thank you for this clarification. UAE, I said I had a vision issue, but I have probably also another type of issue. Sorry.

(chuckles).

It is not the Chairman, what I'm asking to have clarification from, and this is why I will move on to the Chairman of com 4, who will give us the information. Kwame, the floor is yours. Thank you.

>> KWAME BAAH-ACHEAMFUOR: Thank you, Chair. Chair, these two new proposed questions to Study Group 20 and it was part of the package for the ad hoc group on Study Group 20 matters. Unfortunately, they could not have

the time to discuss this, and when it came to com 4, we are also limited in time to look at this text.

Mr. Chairman, consistent to what we did in com 4 in relation to new questions which came to this Assembly, my proposal to you and if it will be accepted by all Member States is that these two questions could be sent to Study Group 20 for consideration at their first meeting. Thank you, Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, thank you Mr. Kwame, Chair of com 4. We have here an update in the proposal to move this, to send this question to Study Group 20. May I have your comments on this proposal? Or your agreement on this proposal. I see no requests for the floor. I consider this proposal as approved. Thank you.

Thank you, Kwame, for allowing us to catch up with the time. Next item on the agenda, and also thank you, Arab group, for accepting the proposal of Kwame. Next item approval of question text and the location we have from com 4 the document 92 containing question text. Mr. Kwame, the floor is for you again. Thank you. You can make an additional proposal that we can go very quickly.

>> KWAME BAAH-ACHEAMFUOR: Thank you, Chair.

So, if dear delegates will refer to document 92,

and they can go to the subsection which is on 2.2, all the text as found in proposed by Study Groups in documents 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, were agreed to be submitted with the adjustments which are follows, which is following.

What it is is that Study Groups propose certain questions but then there were certain adjustments. As per the adjustments, they go from 2.2.2, that question I11 as has been amended as document 88, remains at Study Group 11.

Question D2, which was known as question 4/2 which was with Study Group 2, has been transferred to Study Group 16 as a separate question.

Question I/9 which was known as question 9/9 which is on home networking is transferred to Study Group 15. Question B9 which was known as question 2/9 and L9 which was known as 12/9 are transferred to Study Group 12.

These are the questions that were submitted by the Study Groups and the adjustments that were agreed at com 4.

Thank you, Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Chair of com 4, thank you, Mr. Kwame for this clarification. Are there any additional requests for clarification? I see no one.

May I ask your approval for this question text on allocation. I propose that we approve this. I see no objection. So it's approved. Thank you for that.

Now we have completed the section 5 of our agenda.

We move now to the appointment of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Study Groups, TSAG and SCV. I would like to give the floor to Mr. Chaesub Lee, Mr. TSB Director to present to us the agreement that have been reached within the meeting.

>> CHAESUB LEE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We successfully agreed of this Study Group structures, following this agreement, I'm very pleased to report to you, after having consultations, several weeks since we received all the submitted candidates, after taking consultations basically this Tuesday, the head of delegations, this is a result of what we discussed and get some agreement of the head of delegation meetings. You can see the list of our leaderships. It will take care all our given subject for the next four years. I don't touch all the details because this is already discussed with the head of delegations meetings.

We expect, I expect your support and wish to all these leaderships will move forward with this subject for the next four years. That is brief summary for you.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Mr. Director. I ask this honorable Assembly to approve this proposed list of Chairman and Vice-Chairmen and women, Chairmen and women, we don't have Chairwomen, no. Chairmen and Vice-Chair, women and men. So, I propose to you to approve this nomination. No objection.

(gavel).

Approved. Thank you very much.

(applause).

There is a point of order, no?

>> Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I forget, this WTSA are very pleased, we have one Chairwoman to lead our expert group, since we had first the Chairwoman from France, but now we have another, a second Chairwoman for our Study Group operations, that is Study Group 5, from Argentina. I'm very much delighted, now we have one, just one Chairwoman expecting for the future more Chairwomen. Thank you.

(applause).

>> CHAIR: Argentina is on the screen. UAE
(chuckles).

(applause).

>> Thank you. Thank you very much, Mr. Chair. We

would like to express our appreciation for the work of the Director of TSB to lead us to a consensus with regard to the various nominations. Mr. Chair, we asked for the floor to congratulate all those that have been nominated and appointed, wishing them full success in the future of their work. And we would like to appreciate Mr. Gunena, the former Chair of SG 2, with regard to his efforts during the past session, and wish him full success. Thank you very much, Mr. Chair.

>> CHAIR: Now ... the floor is for Argentina. We would like Argentina to be displayed on the screen, with a very beautiful smile, which helps that much.

>> ARGENTINA: Thank you.

(applause).

Thank you, Chairman.

On behalf of Argentina, I'd also like to thank you for the confidence not only placed in me but also with regard to the other posts for which we were nominated, and I hope that for the next WTSA we will be able to say that, we will be able to have more Chairwomen.

I would like to take this opportunity that we had already planned to organise the next meeting on standards which was going to be in Colombia, which is going to be from the 3rd to the 5th of April of 2017, in Colombia

and it's the standard week which is going to be held in Colombia and you are all invited. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much. So we all have invitation for the next meeting in Colombia. Am I right? Okay. Thank you very much, Argentina. Now I have one particular question. I have understood that there is training session tomorrow for all these ladies and gentlemen who have been just appointed as Chair and Vice-Chair of Study Groups, TSAG and SCV. It will start at 7? No? Not decided yet. Probably this evening, tonight you can have normal sleep, I hope so.

So it was good to have this break, this funny and quite positive subject, because now we are moving on again to a sensitive one.

I would ask, because we are now off the slot given to us by the interpreters I would ask the interpreters to grant us ten additional minutes in order that we take over the debate that we have stopped yesterday.

>> Granted, Mr. Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, ladies and gentlemen, for the interpretation and the accepting of these ten minutes.

So, as you may know, we have been, this document was presented by the Arab group, this drafting resolution

regarding data privacy has been presented by the Arab group, discussed in many meetings, ad hocs and other types of meetings, and we have been also discussing it for quite a while yesterday.

So I requested that we postpone the decision about this topic, and here we are again, to resume the subject. I see, I know it is quite hot topic. I have attended myself to many of the meetings related to the subject. I saw how this topic was really hard to address and to reach an agreement on that.

Saudi Arabia is requesting the floor. Saudi Arabia, please.

>> SAUDI ARABIA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Ladies and gentlemen, good morning again. Mr. Chairman, the Arab group is keen on having this great union, the ITU achieve what all what has been achieved up to now with regard to countries of the world, and especially developing countries. Accordingly, Mr. Chairman, the Arab Group has presented a request to study the issue of data privacy and to give it a high priority status within the work of Study Groups in the ITU-T sector, during the coming study period, and consequently, adopt a decision herewith.

However, since the Arab Group is keen on the

principle of consensus, and the continuity with regard of the ITU remaining unified block taking into account what has been presented by the honorable Secretary-General of the ITU this morning, the Arab Group has resolved to withdraw the draft new resolution with regard to data privacy and trust, provided the acts of on the report of the session would include a request to charge or to request for the ITU to request for the ITU-T to give priority to the issue of data privacy and trust within the related Study Groups. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, Saudi Arabia, for your great cooperation. So I understand that you are withdrawing your proposal related to the resolution on data privacy. And you are proposing instead to have a text inserted in the summary report of the Assembly related to this. I thank you very much for this proposal.

I hope everyone appreciates this proposal, in the spirit of cooperation. I personally, it makes my job easier, because I had a decision pending as a Chair, I had this decision pending yesterday, until today, and it will ease my decision considering that the text that will be inserted will be stressing on the priority of the privacy issue to be considered in ITU-T and the Study

Groups.

I would like to give the floor to who may comment this, and we can then move forward. Thank you very much again. United States, you are requesting the floor? United States.

>> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Let me first start by thanking the Arab Group for their generous and magnanimous offer to withdraw this resolution. I think that goes a long way towards reaching consensus on this issue.

Mr. Chairman, with respect to reflecting text in the summary record, we believe that that text should reflect the views of those proponents of this proposal rather than the Assembly at large. For us, the term, privacy, is a very sensitive term and while we were able to come to some conclusion on various footnotes related to the mandate of Study Group 20, they weren't related to data privacy. So it would be best in our view that the statement be attributed to those that brought this resolution to the Assembly. Thank you, Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, United States. May I ask you to work on a draft text together, including the consideration that you would like to have, suggest that we insert in the summary report? Otherwise, we will

propose a text based on the elements you will give to us and propose it to you, considering the views and the consideration for all parties.

Thank you for that. So, here we are really catching -- sorry, United States asking again for the floor, sorry.

>> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Sorry, Mr. Chairman. My proposal was that the text be submitted on behalf of and by the Arab Group, and so I would have no role in drafting that text. Thank you, Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. That means the Arab Group would propose a text that will be inserted. Okay. Thank you. I have understood, United States, that you would like also to mention in the summary report your views on this issue of data privacy. Sorry for my misunderstanding.

I come back to Saudi Arabia and the Arab group to thank them to allow us to move forward on this very sensitive issue.

(applause).

Thank you very much.

Unfortunately, we are not done with sensitive issues. We have some of them ahead. I see Germany and Russia asking for the floor. If it is, if you can be brief on this, during your intervention so as that we can move

to the next point. Germany.

>> GERMANY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We also appreciate the way ahead shown us by our colleagues from the Arab Group. It is a little bit unclear now what is actually going in the report. If it is the view of the Arab Group, that is fully okay with us. If it is the general view, then we would like to put also our view in there. If it is the Arab view, no problem. If it is the view of the Assembly, then we would have some difficulties.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Germany. Russia, please.

>> RUSSIAN FEDERATION: Thank you, Chairman. We would simply like to state that we can probably join this list. Clearly it's not merely, not just the Arab States but anyone who wishes to can join their name to the list of those making such a statement in the report. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Russia. I see many requests for the floor. I hope that you can be as brief as was the intervention of Russia. Sweden, please.

>> SWEDEN: Thank you, just a question for clarification. Is there a proposal to add something to the report that we should express our views about? Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Sweden. In fact, Arab Group proposed to insert something, some text in the summary report. I will consider this, look at this text, and amend it if appropriately, because it would reflect the view of what I have, the view of the Chairman, at least factually of what I have seen as expression from Arab groups in this regard.

If other regions want to associate or Member States want to associate themselves to this message, of course, you can do. If you do not associate yourself, you can stay apart of it or if you want also to give your view to be considered in the summary report, you can also propose wording, associated wording. Thank you. I hope it's clear. Now I hope we can move forward. Sweden requesting the floor again? It's not clear?

>> SWEDEN: No, so what we are discussing is the text for the Chairman view, not the Arab group's view, or the Arab and the Russian groups' view. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, the Chairman will insert in the summary report what he have heard as consideration, concerns from the Arab group in this regard. It is the same for other subject, for other groups. So in this regard, Arab groups willing to convey to summary report -- it will be discussed with the Chair, and we

will agree on the text that will be included. And it will be the opinion of course of Arab group and any other Member State if they join this opinion. Thank you.
Kenya.

>> KENYA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I know the energy levels are going down, but we also want to be associated with the proposed statement by the Arab group so that we are part and parcel of that statement. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Kenya. Mexico.

>> MEXICO: Good afternoon, everybody. I am speaking on behalf of the CITEEL region. We would like to extend our gratitude from the regional group CITEEL to the Arab States administrations group for having taken this good decision, in the interest of consensus. We would also like to say that on behalf of CITEEL, it's important to be clear that we are not going to be participant in this note. We merely would like to clarify that they need to really be expressed by the Arab States administrations group. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Mexico. Australia.

>> AUSTRALIA: Thank you, Chair. Australia would also like to express our great appreciation to the Arab group. We would think that it would be the normal

procedure for the Arab group to have their proposal submitted as they submit it into the report of the meeting, together with an indication of those countries or regions that also have agreed with that position, rather than it be through the intermediary of the Chair. Thank you, Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Australia. UAE.

>> UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Hearing the discussions here, and since there are many countries and regions are supporting the Arab group statement, it was, as was indicated by Saudi Arabia, so perhaps we can after the break sit with you to have a text that will reflect the discussion here, and we show it to everyone, rather than having a statement from each country, or group, so perhaps a general statement on this specific topic would be a way forward, rather than having statements and counter statements in the report. So if that is agreeable by colleagues, we will work on a text with everyone else who intervened, and then show the text after the coffee break, general text, because some are of the view, the other counterparty will say some others are of the view, so to be a general statement in your report, I would propose this way forward. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, UAE, for your proposal. I suggest that this will, we will think it out and we will come with a proposal during the next session. Last intervention from South Africa, and we will end this discussion on the privacy issue. South Africa, please.

>> SOUTH AFRICA: Thank you very much, honorable Chairperson. We would like to also thank the Arab group for this, their spirit of cooperation, and we would like to also support the intervention of the United Arab Emirates in having a general statement, because we also would like to be associated with their statement. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, South Africa. I think the interpreters need to stop it now. Just to say that the next item in the agenda is our favorite headache to all of us, not about mobile theft but about what is included in, and I think the main problem in this draft resolution is the UAE issue.

So let's take a brief break and it will be brief and we will come to the -- (pause).

I would suggest 2:00. That gives us one hour ten minutes for a break. Is it fine for most of you? 2:00. It's okay? So. Let us close this session, and come back at 2:00 to resume our agenda. Thank you very much. And

have a good bon appetit for those who will have time
to have lunch.

Thank you very much.

(session adjourned at 12:52)

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