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>> CHAIR: Well, hello again, good afternoon to all
of you, ladies and gentlemen. And welcome back to I hope
the final session of our plenary of WTSA 16. I see on
the screen ITU Sector Member requesting the floor.

I'll give you the floor after the introduction of
the session. Thank you. We are still not, we have a
hard task ahead of us this afternoon. To remind you,
we have finished this morning, we have kept the same

agenda which we haven't finished this morning, and the next items is draft resolution on theft. Then we will go through the modification of resolution 50, 60, 78, all of them include DOA, sorry for that. Then we will move on the last specific or thematic item related to open source. With that normally we would have completed all the work related to resolutions, and then we will come to go through the report of various Committee, 3, 4 and 5. And we would have completed our work for all this Assembly and that I hope that we will, all of us will be happy with that. Or as one of my colleagues said, if no one is happy, if one is unhappy, we hope that everyone will be unhappy. I would propose now to move on the draft resolution on mobile theft. But I have here as request from the floor ITU-T Sector Member. Who is requesting the floor? Or is it an error of the system? No? Yes?

>> Thank you, Chairman, I am ex Chairman of Study Group 2. I'm happy that, known as Chairman of Study Group 20, my dear colleague Mr. Nasser has acknowledged me. So I should reply to him with vote of thanks for his acknowledgment, and I hope I have did some work for Study Group 2, and I take this occasion also to congratulate Phil Reston, my dear colleague who worked together for more than twelve years in Study Group 2. We have very

good job together, sometimes agreeing, sometimes not agreeing, but this does not mean anything to our good hearts to each other, and grateful to those who have been appointed as Chairman and Vice-Chairmen from Arab regions and other regions and wishing all of you good luck. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

(applause).

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Mr. Sherif. Those who know you, know you are dedicated to this organisation, and on behalf of all of you I thank Sherif very much. Now it will be less funny. Let's go through the draft of resolution on theft and mobile theft, that was proposed by RCC.

Now we have the draft resolution displayed on the screen. As far as I remember they have inside four are agreed text, part of text, that are between square brackets. The one we all know is about, as I said on DOA. The others are less controversial. I propose we go first to the less controversial ones in order to solve them and then we move on to DOA part so as to agree on the resolution and it's finished.

The first brackets we have here is between mobile and wireless networks. I should give the floor to Isaac again, maybe you will give us an overview of the outcome

here, and the various position related to the square brackets. Sorry, UK, you have requested the floor. But I would like to give the floor to Isaac first, from Ghana, thank you.

>> Thank you, Chairman. You are right. With the informal drafting session we met would I say about three or four times, and we made a lot of progress on this draft new resolution. However, we still have some square brackets that needs to be removed. As you clearly pointed out, the square, the first square bracket is in the recognizing C what is basically disagreement on the use of the word mobile or wireless. Mr. Chairman, here the information is that there was a proposal to maintain the word mobile. However, we have one administration that actually insisted that they would prefer the word wireless, as it is basically describing a wireless network. And because of that we could not get consensus on this. I will submit to you for your consideration on this for agreement before I move forward. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, so let's hear from you regarding this. Who is -- Jordan is asking the floor.

>> For the way forward I propose to delete all the text, because what we are referring here is we want to describe that there is other terminals that they are

not mobile set and they are connected to network. This network can be fixed wireless, can be wireless, can be mobile network. We cannot limit that talk only to mobile and wireless. You have different category of the networks that a device can be connected to, so then it word itself have different description and this is recognizing part. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Jordan, for this proposal. UK.

>> Consistent with the title, and consistent with the corresponding Plenipotentiary resolution, we believe that it should refer to mobile networks. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, UK. There is no one else asking for the floor. You are sparing your energy for the next item.

The suggestion I have here, one is to remove the whole paragraph and the other one is to be consistent with what is in the title, that is keep the word mobile.

Any objection -- sorry. The suggestion was suggestion of Jordan is to delete only the word saying mobile networks. Mobile wireless. Sorry. But I suppose -- okay. So let us keep on this proposal on the table, and I see if you agree or not. Ghana is asking

for the floor. Or Isaac. Or Ghana.

>> As I have already indicated to you, during the discussions, there was a general agreement to maintain the word mobile. So as the Chairman of the ad hoc Committee I would like to also second the proposal to maintain the word mobile so that we can move on. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. The proposal of Isaac is to keep the word mobile. I give the floor now to Russia.

>> RUSSIAN FEDERATION: Thank you, Chair. It's a important point, looking at problems of terminology, in the title, we say telecommunication, mobile telecommunication device, and therefore what do we mean by mobile devices, and this is about networks, mobile networks. Therefore, we would prefer Jordan's option here, because we would prefer to list telephones, smart phones, for example, tablets, notebooks, because we are talking about networks, and other similar devices. But that proposal did not meet with support. We consider the noting a particular type of network here specifically mobile networks, identifies a particular technology. And that heavily narrows the field of devices covered by the text. It is reduced down to just mobile phones and devices or devices that work in mobile networks,

and eliminates devices which are connected to networks through wi-fi and many other devices. We would rather agree with Jordan or eliminate the mention of a specific type of network. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Now the proposal of Russia is to consider the one from Jordan to delete all the word between bracket text, i.e., the text will be the mobile telecommunication devices include not only mobile phones but also any telecommunication/ICT device connected to the networks. Do you have any objection on this proposal? I see Canada. Canada requesting the floor.

>> CANADA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. We support the proposal from the Chair of the Study Group, or the Working Party, or we would like to keep mobile. We see no need to expand the scope by removing any reference to mobile networks. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Canada. We have two proposals, one is to remove the both words, and one is to remove wireless, to keep mobile. I see no more than four Member States are interested by this subject.

I would like to go back to Russia, if they accept to keep the word mobile. Russia, would you accept that we keep the word mobile? Because I think you were the origin from this proposal draft resolution. Russia,

please.

>> RUSSIAN FEDERATION: Thank you, Chairman. This drafting does not meet that which was initially proposed. There were two proposals from two different regions, one from CITELE and one from RCC. It is a very animated debate, which took place. When we talk about mobile networks, it might be either we delete all the adjectives here, this might be preferable, or we don't need the resolution, if we only cover mobile telecommunications, I think we already have a resolution which covers this, and therefore I think we would not need this resolution. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Russia. I would ask Canada if we can move on with deleting the both words mobile wireless. Canada, please, can we move on?

>> I'd like to see if there are any other opinions in the room, sir.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. United States. So here we are entering again, I just tell you because I see here the request for the floor, we are probably entering again in a very long debate, and my opinion is that this issue it's not worth the, I don't know how many minutes it will take in this session. United States, please.

>> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

We believe that the terms mobile should be kept there, if you delete all of the adjectives, then there is no boundary with respect to what types of networks would be considered. We support mobile. Thank you, Chair.

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

>> JORDAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. This proposal came from two regional groups. My proposal was to go forward, if this will limit the discussion, I can withdraw my proposal. However, I wanted to clarify that the reference should be not limited to specific networks, because we already have mentioned the mobile terminals, the resolution about the mobile terminal so any terminal can be mobile. But when it connected to a network, this network can be fixed wireless or can be mobile network. It is up to you, Chair. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Jordan. Emirates.

>> UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have heard the Russian colleagues proposing that we delete the whole sentence. Maybe this would be a way forward to delete the whole sentence because it's, if we keep mobile, the sentence will not be clear and there will be confusion. Perhaps our way forward to delete the whole sentence if acceptable by colleagues. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. UK.

>> UK: I was going to say mobile, but hearing the UAE intervention, I'll support UAE, hearing their intervention.

>> CHAIR: Ghana, or Isaac.

>> Thank you, Chair, as Com 4 Chair, when we want to even delete the two words we will remain with the networks. In English, there is definitive and something has to come ahead of networks. I will propose in consistent with mobile Telecom devices and then say but also any Telecom and IC device connected to the Telecom/ICT networks so where by it has to be mobile or wireless you can find it in telecommunications like ICT networks. Thank you, Chair. That will be my proposal.

>> CHAIR: Now we have another proposal. I will summarize it. I will read it as I have heard it from Kwame, that mobile telecommunication -- it's being typed. Okay. Removing telecommunication/ICT after device, also any device connected to the Telecom/ICT networks and remove telecommunication/ICT in the beginning of the line. I would like to position yourselves quickly on this solution which looks for me covering all what we have heard. Would I like, I have three -- I have three

requests for the floor. Please give me your position and we go forward. Saudi Arabia. This is final proposal from com 4 Chair.

>> SAUDI ARABIA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good afternoon, colleagues. Well, as a way forward we support the proposal made by our colleague from UAE and we see this offer made by Ghana is an acceptable one.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Saudi Arabia. That gives us more chance to reach consensus on it. Australia, please.

>> AUSTRALIA: Thank you, Chair. Australia would also support the position of our UK, UAE colleague. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Australia. Brazil.

>> BRAZIL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Original proposal from CITELE was to keep mobile networks, but as a way of compromising Brazil can go with UAE and UK position to cut everything. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. I consider that this is the way forward. If it's okay for you, no objection. I consider this as agreed. We move on to the next square brackets item related to EMEA. Again, Isaac, please.

>> I believe it's a minor one. During the discussions GSMA indicated that we have to move to the EMEA, however there was no support as the plenipot

solution made reference to that. I propose that we also ignore the proposal from the GSMA and remove the square brackets on this. Thanks a lot.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, the proposal is to remove the square brackets. Are there any objection on that? I see no one. I need to take care. I see no objection. Square brackets are removed. Thank you for that.

We go to the next, ah, here we are. Here we have the famous reference to the DOA, I should say digital object architecture, here I don't see DOA. Isaac, if floor is back to you.

>> Thank you, Chairman. Before that, I beg your pardon, there is recognize, sorry, there is resolve 2, resolve 2, 2bis. We are two duplicated text. Yes.

These are two I would say similar texts that have been indicated here, but during the discussions again we could not agree on the best text to use. But for us to be more generic and as the Chair of the ad hoc I will personally prefer to use the text in 2, the second text. But this is subject to your consideration, Mr. Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Isaac, your preference goes to 2bis.

The second one. This is what you are saying, is that -- no? Isaac, the floor is back to you.

>> You are right, Mr. Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. I see United Kingdom.

>> UNITED KINGDOM: Thank you, I support the Chair in this. 2 suggests solutions before Study Group 11 has studied the problem. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, UK, for the support you have given the proposal of the Chair Isaac. Jordan.

>> JORDAN: Yes, thank you. Yes, we do support as well. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. United States.

>> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Thank you, Chair. Did I miss the discussion on recognizing H? Or did we skip down to 2bis? Because I have a comment on recognizing H. I think that we should delete recognizing H. We don't believe that --

>> CHAIR: Sorry, United States. We will come back to it. Sorry. So Brazil.

>> BRAZIL: Thank you, Chairman. We also would like to support 2bis since it's better to indicate the problem, not the solution.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Brazil. Let's go on. Cameroon.

>> CAMEROON: Support sir, thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. Uganda.

>> UGANDA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'd like to indicate our support for the Chairman's proposal.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. I have no more requests for the floor. So I suppose that we agree on the 2B paragraph and to move on. Thank you very much.

Now we go back to the considering part H, that is so I give back the floor to Isaac.

>> Here we are, Mr. Chairman, with the issues in contention with regard to the DOA, with that said I would like to say that I will submit it to you for your consideration and possibly submit to the plenary for discussion on this since we are unable to take a decision on this.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Isaac. We understand that you couldn't take a decision, even hard for us yesterday and it will be harder today. I see Russia asking for the floor. Russia, please.

>> RUSSIAN FEDERATION: Thank you, Chairman. To avoid a long discussion on this item, and as we have already recalled, we would therefore propose to use in this area the same approach which was taken and adopted I think with success for resolution on counterfeiting. So we will have the text in resolution which we just looked at the PP, we are going to do a, prepare a copy

and paste from this. Copy and paste from resolution 188, from the Plenipotentiary. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Russia. That is, this is a new proposal from Russia, is to consider the text existing in the resolution on the counterfeit. United States.

>> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Our proposal is to delete recognizing H. There is no tie to the geolocation or to theft in the Plenipotentiary Conference resolution. We believe that this matter of recommendation X.1255 is unrelated to the subject of mobile theft. We propose to delete this text. Thank you, Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, United States. Proposal of the United States is to delete this text as there is no reference at the PP resolution, which is not on the screen. Please put what has been done in resolution counterfeit.

Sorry for this short interruption.

Sorry for this short interruption. It is just to make sure that the reflected text, the text here reflects what is exactly in the resolution on the counterfeit as agreed yesterday.

This we have here in hand, two proposals starting from the initial text. We have one proposal coming from

Russia, reconsidering the same text as in counterfeit and the proposal from United States considering that this resolution has no relation with theft, and that we should remove all the considering H.

I see Canada requesting for the floor. Canada, please.

>> CANADA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We hope that we won't get back into the discussions that we had yesterday. We support the suppression of H. We don't support Hbis1.

>> CHAIR: Saudi Arabia.

>> Thank you, Chairman. I think this question has already been debated at length, and in detail. The representative from Russia has made a proposal which we feel is acceptable, namely, to take and lift the same text which is found in the report from the Council, in its session of 2013. Excuse me, the Council report from 2016, corrects the speaker, the summary record from the Council from 2016. Thank you, Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Saudi Arabia. So you are proposing alternative to what our colleagues from RCC have proposed? Please clarify. He supports but, Saudi Arabia was mentioning the Council decision. Can you please clarify the part of your intervention related

to the Council decision?

Saudi Arabia.

>> SAUDI ARABIA: I said that yesterday, there were two proposals. One of these proposals was with reference to the decision taken at the Plenipotentiary Conference resolution 188, and what was adopted in the report on counterfeiting. But there were also another proposal on the table which was equally put forward by the Russian Federation, and which made reference to the text which can be found in the summary record of the Council from its session of 2016. And to take into account of this text for all the decisions regarding DOA, this should be taken into account, namely, digital object architecture. Thank you, Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Saudi Arabia for the clarification. Now it's clear. UK.

>> UK: Thank you, Chair. Just to record for the UK that if H in any way, H bis or H bis 1 remains in the text, we cannot support this resolution. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, UK. Australia.

>> AUSTRALIA: Thank you, Chairman. As other colleagues have mentioned, there was extensive discussion about DOA yesterday, but that was in relation to a resolution on counterfeit. We consider that issues

around geolocation and theft are very different. They were not covered by PP resolution 188.

So we think that in this context, in this context, any sort of citation of recommendation X1255 should not be here, and we would recommend suppression of paragraph H. Thank you, Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Australia. Jordan.

>> JORDAN: I thank you, Mr. Chair. In order for us to have a clear position on the text that is under discussion, I just want to refer you back to the recalling part of this resolution, and the recalling part of the resolution we recall the PP resolution 188 which is related to the counterfeit communication, as well we recall another resolution from the WTDC which is related to the same. Basically how come we can recall a resolution and we do not accept to recognize the same text was used in the same resolution.

I think the issue maybe the Russian can elaborate more is of technical nature of that we can use the X1255 as a means to discover the identity of the object and to geolocate it. And this will help the work on the resolution. I don't think there is a counterargument that we recall... (off microphone)

>> South Africa: We would like to support the

proposal made by Russia. Thank you.

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

>> Chairman, we see value in keeping H. However, Mr. Chairman, as a compromise, we would propose to delete the few words that come after the citation of recommendation X1255, so we delete based on digital object architecture, together with the comma there, so I think we will be citing a matter of fact and will be stating a matter of fact that there is an approved ITU recommendation which is an approved document and we are recognizing it. Mr. Chairman, I want to point out that geolocation is an integral part of combating theft. You have got to identify and locate the stolen device and in the process, probably identify the thief. If we remove this paragraph, I believe we will be wishing away a fact. Thank you, Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Zimbabwe, for your proposal. I'm pleading to all of you to help us to move on and to position yourselves on one of the four proposals that have been made, the one is to remove all the considering H, other is to consider the proposal of Russia, the second one is to consider the proposal of the additional proposal brought in by Saudi Arabia, but based on RCC proposal of for counterfeit made yesterday. And the final one

proposed by Zimbabwe the H bis with removing of the text strike off. Next is Russia, please, if you can agree with one of the solutions. Thank you.

>> RUSSIAN FEDERATION: Thank you, Chairman. We listened very attentively to our counterparts and we are happy to agree that in the context of this resolution, our initial proposal with the quote from the plenipot conference is not completely appropriate. It would be more appropriate to have the proposal of the text from the Council that is what Saudi Arabia proposed, the proposal which is H bis 1 on the screen.

The Secretariat has already preempted my comment and corrected this and produced a language which we can agree with. The very definition of DOA can trigger concerns amongst some of our counterparts, but if we put it this way, with small letters, perhaps there will be no such concerns.

One more editorial comment. In the text of the Council, it was written ITU Study Groups, without the capital T.

Just ITU Study Groups. So this is more of an editorial adjustment. This is an exact copy/paste from the Council text and we suggest sticking to this language. Perhaps also we can stick to the same language as was

stated by our counterpart representing Saudi Arabia, when looking at resolution 50, 60 and 78, also. So in other words, as a compromise, we propose using the 2016 plenipot and resolving the DOA issue by removing that acronym, DOA. That is our proposal. Thank you.

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

>> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Like others who have spoken before me, we support deleting all of this text. We don't see the relationship between digital object architecture technologies and mobile theft, that relationship is an unproven one, and we should not draw a link between mobile theft or any other topic that has not been studied and concluded. Thank you, Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, U.S.

Emirates.

>> UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I believe the proposal from Russia is a good way forward. We are not happy to delete 1 bis or sorry, H bis, however, in the spirit of compromise, I think what is proposed by Russia is good compromise for us, plus the intervention from our distinguished colleague from Australia with regards to counterfeit, that is a true statement that in the resolution of

Plenipotentiary that where X.1255 is mentioned was a resolution on counterfeit. Therefore, I believe by deleting that text we are not referring with that specific resolution, since that resolution was on counterfeit. We agree with the proposal from Russia.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Emirates. I have requests from Ghana, is it Kwame?

>> Thank you, Chairman. It's Chair of the ad hoc Committee. I want to bring to us by way of information and to help your decision going forward, as the Chairman I was very much interested in the outcome of the decisions particularly with regards to this topic, in all the resolutions that had DOA. I was following with regards to the resolution, one thing kept in my mind, the outcome of the resolution are the text whether to be accepted or not to be based on the global decision that will be taken on the DOA, or I would say the text that we agreed yesterday. As for me as we have agreed on a compromise text yesterday that has been captured in another resolution in combating counterfeit, I will propose that we just duplicate or replicate that particular text in the other resolutions for us to be able to go forward because that was my understanding as the Chairman of the ad hoc group. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Not moving forward but thank you for your proposal. Jordan.

>> JORDAN: I thank you, Mr. Chair. I'm sorry to request the floor again. I request the floor to say that I do not agree with the proposal of the Chair of the ad hoc group. The decision that we have taken yesterday was related to use the word during of the PP 188 because it is relevant to matter under discussion. However, I think the proposal from Russia is considering the Council resolution only, and it is more appropriate to deal with it in this matter. As well, you know this is a very sensitive discussion because we don't want to repeat the same discussion when we address the remaining resolutions. So it is much better if we can agree on text that will find a way out for all the remaining resolution. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Jordan. Egypt.

>> EGYPT: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We support the sentence which are laid down on the screen right now, because we think that it can accommodate the concerns of the two parties. It can in our views accommodate both concerns. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Egypt. Japan.

>> JAPAN: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Japan

supports the delete the mention of the PP resolution, because in this particular recommendation it is not resolution, in this particular resolution it is not relevant, and as for the Council text, I think the text appeared on the screen is not precise. In the Council, it says aspects of DOA, so it says particular DOA, so not spelled out. We already agree to not mention that in our resolutions.

Also, the Council says it's a matter of the relevant ITU Study Groups. So relevant ITU isn't necessary so anyway this should not be mentioned in this resolution. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Japan. Canada.

>> CANADA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. To put it simply, there is no rationale whatsoever to insert a sentence that creates a link between DOA and the topic. We, once again, support deleting any reference to that. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Canada. So I summarize, we have here two, I have another request for the floor, but I would like to close the list. Sweden, you have the floor. Please, I can close the list. Sweden, please.

>> SWEDEN: Thank you, Chair. As far as we are aware,

no studies have been presented to show how X1255 has been considered for adjudication and also we don't understand how that document relates to DOA as such.

For all the reasons that I raised yesterday, that brought us this morning to the conclusion that we should avoid direct and indirect references to DOA, which the Secretary-General explained this morning, I'm confused why we have this discussion again. Here it's even less clear. We can't support this. We can continue to discuss the reasons in every of the different resolutions, and we will come to the same conclusion. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Sweden. So what I see here that there are two positions. No one of them is reaching consensus. Please put it again on the screen. What I see is one of the proposals is referring to the Council decision, but when I read it, is this Council decision confirm that the study of technical aspects of digital object architecture is a matter of relevant Study Groups which is in a sense high level decision, even higher than what we are discussing here at WTSA.

So what I would propose as a way forward is that to keep this in mind, the Council decision and to move forward without any text related to this.

I hope you agree with this proposal, and I appreciate

if you let me approve this resolution with removing those text. I see requests for the floor. Sweden. No? Sweden. Yes, okay.

>> SWEDEN: Yes, sorry for taking the floor again. But remembering how it went yesterday, I would like to see the text on the screen before we can take the final position.

>> CHAIR: Decision is to remove the text so there is nothing to see on the screen. Not the decision, sorry, the proposal.

>> SWEDEN: So what does yellow mean?

>> CHAIR: Sweden, I can, maybe you are far from me, or no, so I will say again the proposal I was, I have made, is that when I see no consensus on neither proposals, I see that one of the proposals is to recall that Council 2016 confirmed the study, etcetera etcetera, on with the word digital object architecture, this decision as standing is already there coming from a higher level entity than WTSA. It is there. It can be considered further for using whatever technology including digital oriented architecture. This is why my proposal is to move on without the H considering H, and I would like you to approve this proposal, and I'm giving the floor to Russia. Russia, please.

>> RUSSIAN FEDERATION: We cannot agree with the deletion of this item, because we consider that this area of work must be taken into consideration, we must consider it the results of work including on the development of digital object architecture. We consider this to be very important for our work in this area.

Perhaps we could propose moving the text which we proposed into the section entitled, taking into account. Maybe this is an option, that could satisfy all parties. So we move it from recognizing this text that we just discussed, that was adopted and approved at the Council in 2016. Perhaps we could move it to just under taking into account. Thank you, Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Russia. So you are proposing to move the text under recalling, proposed text under recalling, okay, that was Russia alternative. Saudi Arabia, please.

>> SAUDI ARABIA: Thank you, Chairman. We have already discussed this matter for a very long time yesterday. It was supported by a great number of countries and as a consensus solution we have agreed to add this text, or rather the text to be found in the minutes of the Council of 2016. We have supported the idea of keeping this text where it is, exactly as Russia

has said. Thank you, sir.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Saudi Arabia. But I would like to remind you that we haven't, considering the resolution on counterfeit we haven't made any agreement on the part related to the Council 2016. I just need to remind this. We are just considering the text with the recommendation X1255 and the 188. Thank you. United States.

>> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. As I explained yesterday, the Council text was in a very particular situation and that was in a discussion concerning the memoranda of agreement between the ITU and the Dona Foundation. It had nothing to do with mobile theft. I'm quite concerned that this CITELE proposal, to which the United States is a signatory, is coming under great difficulty because we are dealing with this text repeatedly. I would ask you, Mr. Chairman, if you could please accept the proposal that we delete the text in square brackets. Thank you, Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, U.S.

I see no one asking for the floor. So, I will come again to the proposal I have made. I definitely see no consensus on any text. And I would propose that we move on with no text at all in this considering case so I would like, please, to have your approval on that.

I would like, please, to have your approval on that, so that we can move forward to the next resolutions. I have three requests for the floor. Egypt, Russia, Emirates. Egypt, please.

>> EGYPT: Mr. Chairman, we do not wish to start an endless debate on this particular matter. We understand the amount of pressure and amount of debates that we have all been facing during the previous deliberations of this meeting. We had heard earlier perhaps in another context I'm going to present this to the plenary on resolution 78, when it comes to that. Some members approached me with a potential resolution for that particular conflict, with a proposal as follows. It reads as follows. The importance of a system which provides unique identification, comma, assignment and resolution of digital objects -- the importance of a system, which provides unique identification, comma, assignment and resolution of digital objects, comma, including the use of handles and abstract references, full stop. Or comma or whatever. So full stop. So this is -- full stop, not comma. Full stop. This is proposed, that was a proposal for compromise that we have received from the dear delegates who were opposing any references to the handle system and the DOA. And I offer this. In

our view removing any reference to that would be something which could be difficult to be accepted by the other parties, and accordingly it might start an endless debate and really we would not like to see what happened yesterday to repeat itself today. Thank you, Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Egypt. There we have another proposal from Egypt. United States.

>> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. In fact, this proposal we have even greater difficulty with, because it is an indirect reference to the digital object architecture and the handle system. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, U.S.

Emirates.

>> UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I believe the proposal our dear colleagues from Egypt put forward a good compromise. However, we know that other colleagues are not happy, other colleagues are not happy with this text. So can we go back the first proposal, consider the proposal from Russia to move the text or the decision of Council under the previous part, not under considering, but under the taking into account. So we move that to take into account the, move the Council decision under taking into account, yes. Not under

considering. So would that be something, would this proposal be acceptable to colleagues that we take into account the Council decision?

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Emirates. I see that the floor is a bit tired. I don't see many requests for the floor. South Africa.

>> SOUTH AFRICA: Thank you very much, honorable Chairperson. I wish I could say that I'm giving you a solution or positive news. But we just want to underscore that for us, the text that has been proposed particularly by Russia I think is a balanced text and it takes care of our concern and we would like to see it reflected there.

Now, the Russian delegation has moved that we compromise even further by moving the text to another part of the document, so as to meet each other halfway, and like the UAE, we are willing to consider that, Chairperson. But removal of the text for us is not the way forward. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, South Africa. From your point of view the text proposed by Russia and that they propose to move to the taking into account part from your point of view the same text could be inserted anywhere in the document, and you will be, it will be agreeable to you.

Thank you, South Africa. Sweden.

>> SWEDEN: Thanks, we are going in circles. Coming back to text that we have seen before, raising the same concerns. I guess one concern is that this text is taken out from its context. If we are now talking about the Council, the reference to the Council text, I read that context discussed with people attending, even sharing that exercise leading to that text. That text was primarily to say that this was not a matter for the Council. Now it reads, and will be understood in this context as it actually instructs or acknowledged that Study Groups should do something in relation to DOA. We can continue this discussion, we have the same concern as others. We don't see a need for this language in this document. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Sweden. I agree with you, we can continue this discussion. I don't see any consensus. I have made the proposal to go forward. But I don't see any consensus on any of the two positions. So if no one moves ahead, to find a compromise, we will be stuck the whole day. I have time. So Russia, please.

>> RUSSIAN FEDERATION: Thank you, Chairman. It seems to me that nobody could object to us saying that we are not ready for a compromise, nobody could say that

we are not ready for a compromise. I think in recent days everybody has seen very clearly that we have made many many steps towards compromise solutions. It seems to me absolutely obvious that we have done so. But in turn we also call on our colleagues, our counterparts, to demonstrate the same spirit and I'm not even asking them to make a full step towards a compromise, maybe just a half step.

As regards the comments with respect to the context of the resolution adopted, it is really not clear to us what is it we are talking about, a decision is a decision, regardless of the context in which it was taken, regardless of the circumstances, whatever discussions there were around it. This represents some historical interest, but a decision is a decision. If the Council rules decides, resolves something, then we can take that text, I have it here before me, we can take the text from the Council, we thank Egypt for the compromise text. But we can see we are in a situation where the new text cannot now be discussed. The only part forward that we have is to use existing text from existing resolutions or decisions. That is why we propose taking the same text without any changes whatsoever, keeping every single comma and placing it under recognizing, because this

Assembly surely has to recognize the decisions of the Council. We can hardly ignore them. But our colleagues were not happy with recognizing. So we suggested in the spirit of compromise, shifting the text again under taking into account, and so we made another step towards a compromise.

We have done everything possible to achieve a compromise, taking many steps. Please can this be taken into account and the agreed coordinated text is an agreed coordinated resolution, a decision and the context in which it was approved is absolutely irrelevant. Thank you, Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Russia. I will have another proposal, make another proposal now. As I see that we are really way from consensus, and my proposal is not on the substance, it is on the methods. I would like that we cover our agenda for today, so I would propose that we keep on hold this aspects in this resolution, we do not move forward on approving this resolution, and we move forward with other resolutions and we tackle other part of the text square brackets or whatever other in order to catch up with the schedule, and then we take a coffee break, and then we come for decision on this topic.

If you agree with that, I would like that we move -- United States, you are asking the floor, please, if you agree with that, withdraw your request. Then we could move to the next item, which will be -- Australia is requesting the floor.

>> AUSTRALIA: Thank you, Chair. To reiterate, I think what we said yesterday is that we think consideration of the use of DOA needs to be done proposal by proposal. For some, it may be worth further study, for others, we can't see the relevance. So once again, our position is we wouldn't like to see discussion of DOA taken as a package across a number of quite different documents. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Australia. Jordan.

>> JORDAN: We support your proposal, Mr. Chairman, to postpone any discussion about this paragraph, and we could discuss the other resolutions and especially every paragraph where we haven't agreed. Thank you, sir.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Jordan. Australia, I would like to clarify this proposal to you. I see that the room is not ready for a consensus. I would like that we move on easier topics, and then after break, probably the room will be much ready for consensus. But we will go through the resolution one by one. Do you agree with

that? Thank you, Australia. If you agree with that, let's move on. Thank you, Australia for cooperation.

Thank you, Saudi Arabia, for having withdrawn your request for the floor.

We move on to the next resolution which is the modification of resolution 50, on Cybersecurity. I will, for this resolution, I will ask Jeferson Nacif as Chair of Working Group 3 -- 4B to present to us the status of this resolution. Jeferson, please.

>> JEFERSONNACIF: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. As all colleagues can see, we still have some brackets remaining into the resolution 50 on Cybersecurity. We could have fruitful discussions during the Sunday meeting. But depending, pending paragraphs to be solved by this plenary are still, still only shows basically regarding the DOA as well, and on the SDG 3, in this regard as we can see on the screen recognizing considering D, there is still a, and it is highlighted with, in yellow, this is a proposal that we offer it again, informal for colleagues, informal consultations so that informally colleagues could be able to solve this, and I think this can be easily solved with your assistance as well, Mr. Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Okay. We move on, item per item. Russia,

asking for the floor. Russia.

>> RUSSIAN FEDERATION: Good afternoon, Chairman. I would like to present this proposal on the addition of the phrase of the importance of the distribution of, dissemination distributed data, and the entire life cycle. This is a proposal which unfortunately was not fully discussed, at all of the meetings on this resolution, mainly because it was screened off, if you like, by the set of problems, or perhaps for some delegates, the definitions of some words in the resolution seem to be of the magnitude of a planetary catastrophe. This is why this modest little line appeared at the plenary session, within these very attractive little square brackets.

But we do hope that in this case, we can present sufficient justification for this modest line to happily shed its brackets. We consider that with the development of these distributed data systems for the transfer and processing of data, new problems will arise, associated with the goals of maintaining security for such systems, and we consider that it is therefore necessary within a resolution on Cybersecurity that a special mention is needed of the need to remember that there is an area where in many cases the traditional forms of maintaining

security will be insufficient or if not completely ineffective.

During the brief discussions which we managed to hold, in that minuscule quantum of time that was dedicated to resolving this possible planetary catastrophe, questions arose, as to what the term full whole life cycle means. For a number of decades in actual fact I would recall this has included the creation, transmission, storage, search, analysis, modification, and annihilation of data.

Apart from the first and the last, all of the rest in that list can exist in arbitrary quantities and in any desirable order. So I don't want to go into great detail about why the security of distributed data should be maintained at each and all stages of the life cycle. This is something which we take to be elementary, and obvious. So we thus present to the Assembly our proposal to add this phrase into resolution 50, freeing it from those square brackets. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Russia. Korea.

>> KOREA: Thank you, Chairman. Good afternoon. Actually, this phrase was introduced by APT. So during the discussion, there is some concern raised by the United States. So APT and the United States had further

discussion, had a further discussion to resolve any concerns.

So, we would like to propose a amend the text as follow. I will read at a dictation speed, the importance of ongoing work on security reference architecture, for life cycle management, for e-commerce, for e-commerce data. So after amendment full needs to be replaced by of.

Since Study Group 17 has a work item relate to this work, actually that work item considered some life cycle of the data. So I hope we will kindly ask the Assembly to consider if this amend text is acceptable. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Korea, for your proposal for having reached preliminary consensus on that. I see United States asking for the floor, please, U.S.

>> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. We do support this alternative text from the Distinguished Delegate from Korea, but I believe that there should be the word, business, between e-commerce and data. The text that we had developed together had the word business in between those two words. Thank you, Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. I have Korea again. That was a mistake?

>> Support the addition, thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Korea for the support.

Australia.

>> AUSTRALIA: Thank you, Chair. Australia would also like to support this compromise text proposed around an existing work item in Study Group 17. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Australia. China, please.

>> CHINA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Taking into account ensuring data security has obviously a very important part of Cybersecurity, and given that data is the main target for cyberattack, which is already referred to in the early part of this resolution, data security is a continuous process. We need to take into account the creation, use, documentation and raising the whole process, a delegate has mentioned SG 17 is already conducting some fruitful trials, and is already doing some standards development, standards study work. We should recognize that part of the work in the resolution, and we should advise strengthening related work. We think this is very important for ensuring and enhancing people's confidence in using ICTs. Therefore, China is of the view that the amendment reflects our concern and interests in Cybersecurity. We support that, thank you, Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, China. I see that we are on a good way for consensus on this item of the UK, please.

>> UK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm speaking on behalf of CEPT. We support the proposal made by Korea and we believe that this represents a good way forward. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, UK. I see there is quite clear consensus on this sentence proposed by Korea. Thank you for that. Let's consider this text as agreed. We move on to the next item, Jeff, the floor is yours again.

>> JEFERSON NACIF: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On recognizing, E, recognizing E which you see highlighted in yellow, we have to face questions regarding DOA on the right below, questions regarding handle system. Those are the brackets that we have, Mr. Chairman for your consideration.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Jeff. Do we have other square brackets in this document?

>> JEFERSON NACIF: Yes, Mr. Chairman, there is only one pending. Which is the number 9 on resolves 9, regarding the mandate of Study Group 3, which is in yellow as well. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, before starting discussion about this item, I would like to welcome here with us

Minister of ICT of Tunisia. Welcome, Mr. Minister. I hope his presence will help us reach consensus. But I'm not putting the pressure on you.

He was here, he just joined us because we have scheduled as you may know the closing ceremony at around this time so he is on time but we are not.

(chuckles).

We have also Mr. Secretary of State, who is also with us, that is double pressure on all of us. Thank you for being here. And I hope that with your presence, but without your intervention, we can reach the consensus. Thank you.

So sorry for this interruption. Let's go back to the item just presented by Jeferson. I would like to have your opinion on that, whether we can reach easily a consensus such as we did for the previous square bracket paragraph. No one is asking for the floor. Sweden is asking for the floor. Sweden, please.

>> SWEDEN: I'm struggling to see the text. That is what I, if you would be able to make it more clear on the screens. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Okay, please. Here is the text. Please if you don't have any comments on that if we agree with it, let's move on. Otherwise take the floor. United

States.

>> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Like we did yesterday with resolution 52, United States believes that we should be suppressing this statement regarding work in Study Group 3 on regulatory policy and economic issues related to Cybersecurity. The technical aspects of Cybersecurity are already being addressed by Study Group 17. We do not see a need to, for a technical study related to policy, regulatory or economic aspects of Cybersecurity. There are already well-established best practices and well-established cooperation under way both inside the ITU and ITU-D question 3-2 as well as outside the ITU in many organisations that once had a place in this organisation, but unfortunately we had to accommodate other colleagues. We suggest we suppress this like resolution 52 as it's not in the current mandate and does not belong in the future mandate of Study Group 3. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Australia.

>> AUSTRALIA: Australia would agree with the comments from our colleague from the United States. I fear that at this conference we are overburdening Study Group 3, well, continuing Study Group 3 Chair. So I very much worry about that.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, UK. Thank you, Australia.
Next is UK. But I have already thanked you, by
anticipation, UK, please.

>> Thank you, on behalf of CEPT I would like to
join and associate myself with the comments of both the
U.S. and Australia. Thank you very much.

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

>> SAUDI ARABIA: Thank you, Chairman. This
resolution is an important resolution, among the issues
currently under discussion, it had support from the Arab
and the African regions. This reflects the importance
of Cybersecurity. It is for this reason therefore, that
the paragraph 9 takes into account the activities and
mandate of Study Group 3. For this reason therefore we
would like to retain this paragraph as it stands. We
might accept the possibility of striking out the term
regulatory in the text. This is a compromise position.
Thank you, Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Saudi Arabia. Japan, please.

>> JAPAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Japan would
like to delete this 9, the importance of the issue doesn't
matter the mandate of the Study Groups. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Canada.

>> We would like to align our position with that

of the United States, Australia, United Kingdom and Japan,
thank you. Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Canada. I see no other requests
for the floor. I see there is no consensus on keeping
this paragraph, and my proposal is to suppress it, and
I hope you agree with that. Can we move please to the
next item, Jeferson, you have the floor if you have another
item, otherwise we go forward to the next draft modified
resolution. No other item?

>> JEFERSON NACIF: Mr. Chairman, yes, I think we
still have to deal with the DOA and handle system.

>> CHAIR: I thought everyone had forgotten this
one.

>> Sorry for remembering.

>> CHAIR: I would love to forget it. At least I
hope this evening I will forget about all DOA and will
never work on such architects, but I hope that many of
you will continue hard working on it because it looks
to be a very motivating subject for many of you here.

So, apart from DOA, Jeff, seriously now, no other
issues, so it means if we solve the DOA issue, then we
can approve this resolution, this modification of the
resolution. Thank you for that. I propose again that
we deal with DOA issues in each resolution after having

a coffee break and after having performed the remaining work in resolution. We have just two resolution to go. Next one is 60, Phil will be the driving seat, Phil, you have the floor.

>> Thank you, Chair. Good afternoon. Chair, I had hoped to bring you some good news regarding resolution 60. But after considerable informal consultations, the text that appears before you is not agreed text. We had hoped and had discussed many points but as I have to stress, this text has not been agreed. I'm happy to answer questions and in the interests of time will not go into the details of the discussions. But I point out that there is text in here on DOA and Dona and handle that is in square brackets, but the whole text must be seen as being not agreed. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Phil. So the whole text, you are saying that the whole text is not agreed. That means if we want to go through, we will have to tackle all the paragraphs in the text. But I see here many square brackets, that have been discussed. Can you, Phil, tell us what is the minimum ground in your opinion of this modified, modification proposals, that you believe we can reach, or we can start with proposing to our colleagues to start with. Phil, you have the floor.

>> Thank you, Chair. As Chair of the ad hoc, and I have been leading the informal talks, I would suggest deleting all text in square brackets throughout the document. What is left, I would leave to colleagues to consider for agreement. There has been much debate on this. I think what is left is, I don't wish to give it the kiss of death but would say a reasonable compromise, and hope people can accept that proposal. Thank you, Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Phil. Now I would like you to give your position on the proposal of Phil, which is deleting all the text between brackets. This is not agreed upon text. And accept the DOA part which is not to be considered in our present session.

Egypt asking for the floor, what is your position on this.

>> EGYPT: Thank you, Chairman. Taking into account what has been said by the Chair of the ad hoc group, there was some agreement, we recently agreed in the meetings in order to find a compromise solution. Our proposal would be to delete everything in square brackets, and the rest was under agreement by all parties, and did not meet with any objection on the rest of the text. Therefore, I would like to ask for clarification to the

Chair of the ad hoc group on this point. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Egypt. The floor is back to you, Phil. If it seeks clarification, because Egypt has a different view on the agreement that had been reached, this is what I have understood.

>> Thank you, Chair. Indeed, we had made progress, and we had amended more text than you see on the screen in front of you. Unfortunately, Chair, yesterday, that agreement that had been evolving over a number of days, did not come to fruition. At this point, no text had been formally agreed, and therefore I could not present to you today draft text for consideration. Thank you, Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Phil. U.S.

>> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Because of the number of revisions in this text, and highlights in different colors, if we are going to consider a resolution that excludes the text in square brackets, I would ask through you to have the Secretariat prepare a revision to this document so that we can actually clearly see the text that we might approve. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. So I request the Secretariat to prepare a clean version, based on deleting the text

in square brackets, but maintaining the part related to DOA because this subject we need to deal with it separately. Then we can move on, if it's possible to have it now. No? I suggest we give a few minutes to the Secretariat to prepare this version, roughly five minutes. We go forward to the next and final proposal for modification of the resolution which is the resolution on e-health, 78.

And the Chair of the Committee is Arami Mohammed from Egypt.

>> Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As I have indicated earlier, the different positions with regards to the digital object architecture and the inclusion for references related to the handle system were kept by both parties, by both views, views to delete any reference to that particular terms were illustrated, while others advocating the importance for the inclusion of these terms in that particular draft resolution, in that particular resolution.

One alternative main proposal was expressed from the floor, as an alternative text to the reference to the handle system in bracket D under recognizing further. The purpose of the alternative text was advocated to provide a generalization of any references to the handle

system, in order to refer to identification assignment and evolution technologies in general. The advocates of the original proposal and that is the original proposed text, however, presented a counter-argument. They argued that the handle system was based on DOA, digital object architecture and hence references to such a technology was essential. This was due to the perceived fairness that health information systems are advised to be interoperable to realize the full potential of ICTs strengthening health systems. The proposed alternative text reads as follows. Bracket D, instead of bracket D.

>> CHAIR: After recognizing?

>> Yes. If you can -- exactly, that the importance of a system which provides unique identification, comma, assignment and resolution of digital objects, comma, including the use of handles and abstract references, full stop.

The proponents for that particular proposal also proposed to delete any further references related to the handle in the rest of the text. So that alternative text was proposed, in conjunction with the deletion of any references to the handle, for example, in instructs Study Group 16, and ITU-T Study Group 20, each according

to its mandate, article number 3 and 4, they would be amended accordingly. That was the, unfortunately there was no consensus on that particular issue and it had been presented in com 4 and we also hadn't reached any particular decision and this is for the consideration of the plenary, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: What I understand, this is the only remaining point in this text, this reference to handle system. Is it okay?

>>Apologies, can you repeat your last intervention?

>> CHAIR: Does this mean this is the only pending point is related to handle system and DOA, we have no other text square bracket text or an agreed upon text.

>> Yes, I confirm that. There is also the bracket related to the recommendation, the same concern regarding the reference to the X1255. I think this is a common concern regarding all resolutions which includes reference to these particular terms.

>> CHAIR: Okay, and the option you are introducing is already implemented in this text that we have on the screen.

>> That was the option which has been presented during the discussion, and of course, this is as share, as Egypt, it's different perhaps, the Russian proposal

could be a good way forward perhaps, that particular text in front of you could also be a possible compromise, we need to discuss it and see. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. Again, we keep on hold this part of the resolution, as we have agreed upon on the way we process this remaining resolution. And we go back to resolution 60, related to Cybersecurity. This one is Cybersecurity. Now we go back to Cybersecurity, with a clean text. So as to be able to solve the pending -- this is where we have agreed, we have requested that we clean the text, removing the text in square brackets, so, not yet? Okay. Now, we have this text of resolution on Cybersecurity, that needs to be looked at. And we have to solve the DOA and handle system issues in all the resolutions, after the debate we have already started with the one related to theft. I will propose, I will give the floor to one Member State who is requesting it. After that, I would propose that we take a short coffee break, and during this coffee break, please, get close with each other, discuss and propose a way out for this issue of DOA in any of those recommendation pending. Please, do it during this coffee break. We don't need to spend the whole night here. And maybe without any comprehensive outcome. That will be tiring

for everyone. Please think of it as a way out, and that probably there will not be losers but probably not winners, neither. So it's better that we don't have losers and winners. Probably we will have small losers we can live with.

Thank you. Can we have the resolution on Cybersecurity? No? United States have asked for the floor. Please short interventions. Then we go for coffee. United States, please.

>> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. In document 106, which deals with the new resolution on e-health, there are also square brackets under instructs ITU-T Study Group 16 related to the handle system and a reference to recognizing further C and D. We propose to delete the text in those square brackets as well as the text in square brackets under recognizing further C and D, and not to add additional text to replace it. Thank you, Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, U.S.

We haven't destroyed the option proposed by Mohammed, wasn't implemented yet, so this is why maybe you are still seeing in the recognizing the section D and of course, the section C is one of the major topics to be discussed. Thank you, U.S.

Sweden.

>> SWEDEN: Thank you. So a question for clarification. We will address this e-health resolution after the coffee break? I wanted to raise --

>> CHAIR: Good question, Sweden. What would you like, to have coffee now or --

>> SWEDEN: I think we could actually address the e-health resolution now, because that would be quite easy, because here at least our concern is even more --

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Sweden. I think you have a good proposal. I suggest that we wait until having the text, so that we close all let us say minor or easy to solve questions, and to keep only the big one after the break. Okay? So you need five more minutes? You are acting with us, the same as we are acting with interpreters. We always ask for five, ten minutes and we take 20.

Jordan, please.

>> JORDAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. For clarification, it is resolution 60 that you asked to remove all square bracket and to produce a clean copy, based on the request of the United States. It is not resolution 50. It is resolution 60 that you requested to have --

>> CHAIR: Yes, yes, on Cybersecurity. Sweden maybe talked about e-health resolution. 60, talking about 60.

Here we have resolution 60 with a quite clean text.
Not yet?

We have here 60 with clean text, clean text is removing all what was in square brackets. But we see still square brackets and keeping in yellow which is good all part related to DOA.

So we have here this text. Jordan asking for the floor, please.

>> JORDAN: Yeah, thank you. Can you please clarify what is your intention? Are you going to discuss resolution 60 now, so I can speak, thank you.

>> CHAIR: Jordan, we are going to discuss resolution 60, apart the paragraph related to DOA, and associated aspects. Okay for you, Jordan?

>> JORDAN: Yes, can I speak now, Chair?

>> CHAIR: Yes, Sweden and United States -- I think they do withdraw. Thank you, Jordan, you have the floor.

>> JORDAN: Thank you, Chair. Just to re consider that when we go to recognizing further and we removed the first square bracket we are left only with recommendation ITU-T X1255. The text will be read that recommendation ITU-T X1255 provide a framework for discovery of identity management information, if this will resolve the issue of the DOA, I don't know, because

this is the first text where the word DOA appear, by removing this, if this will satisfy, this will resolve the issue of the DOA. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Jordan. I had in mind that we tackle the aspect related to DOA later on. But if this text is agreed, it doesn't -- with other Member States, it could be considered. Thank you, Egypt. Sweden.

>> This is to clarify, what I proposed was to address the document on e-health, not this one, because we need to see a clear version of this one. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Sweden. The e-health we have already gone through, as far as I remember. Is that what you want, we did? E-health is 78, we have already gone through. We have already gone through this one. E-health is finished, the agreed on text will be, it is in the text. The only remaining part is the part related to DOA. I hope this clarifies to you, Sweden. United States.

>> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Thank you, Chair. I was seeking the same clarification. I note that whatever document is up on the screen, the yellow highlights don't completely cover the text in square brackets and then of course, everything having to do with X.1255 and DOA

are in square brackets. Are we going to be able to see the resolved text in a posted document that we could have a look at on our laptops, Chairman? Thank you.

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

>> CANADA: Thank you, Chair. We participated in the drafting of this, it was quite difficult as we progressed with our colleagues. We compromised a lot on a lot of pieces. As you can tell from the text. However given our current discussions on DOA recognizing further A, I don't believe it's appropriate to simply remove the text in square brackets. The reference to X1255 is something we should potentially put in all of A in square brackets for the moment.

Furthermore, in our discussions Canada had submitted a contribution on resolution 61, just for the floor here, we didn't get what we wanted, we compromised as best we could. But actually, what we resulted in at the end of the day was no change. We fell back to the 2012 text.

Given the interest of time, potentially that's a potential option for this resolution 60. Thank you, Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Canada. I would suggest that the text will be posted, so that you can have it on your

laptops. What I would like you, because we will go now for a coffee break, and what I would like from you that you take this opportunity to find agreement between yourselves, in order that when we come after the coffee break, we can have at least a minimum background, a minimum ground of agreement and so that we can work on and move forward. I know it's not that easy. But please, let us close this session in a good mood and close this WTSA 16 during the daylight.

Thank you very much. The coffee break will be for, have a good proposal here, the coffee break will last as long as it takes to come up with an agreement on DOA. So that means maybe in two weeks, three weeks or maybe even three years.

(laughter).

So let us make it, good if we work on that in let us say 15, 20 minutes. But let's make it 30, 30 minutes, coffee break. And I hope that you can get some progress on a common ground. Thank you very much. See you in 30 minutes. Thank you.

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>> Ladies and gentlemen, we are resuming the plenary if you can regain your seats, please.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR: So welcome back, ladies and gentlemen for this I hope the last sessions of this WTSA. As you see, our coffee break took much more time, took much more time than expected. But I think that was good for consultations among all other Member States and regions and I'm expecting, I hope for all of you that we could have agreements, consensus on the remaining points of our agenda.

The remaining points of our agenda are related to the three resolutions proposed for modification 50, 60 and 78, and the proposed resolution regarding theft, new resolution regarding theft, and we have also another resolution regarding open source, and finally we have to go through the report of the committees and that will be the end of our meeting, and that would be also the end of our WTSA, and then we will have the closing ceremony.

Mr. Minister of ICT in Tunisia asked me when do you plan this ceremony, closing ceremony. I tell him, I can say when we will begin our session but I cannot

tell you when it will finish.

So he didn't understand very well. But I said let us say maybe within one hour, within one hour and a half. Okay. So now we have let us say some easy ones, I would like to resolve very quickly, if you help me on that. Then we have this DOA issue, which is included in 4 of the resolutions being considered this afternoon.

Well, what I can call the easy one or either those where we can easily agreement or where we have already the parties involved, the stakeholder have already discussed and reached or almost reached agreement. And I hope that we can declare or approve this agreement easily.

What I would like to ask you, but is it for your benefit, that if there is no real need of intervention, if there is no real need of clarification or adding information, please let's proceed and keep on what helps us taking the decision. Thank you for that.

I propose now to start with the resolution 60. I hope that we have clear text. The resolution 60 will be displayed. And I, the remaining, the only remaining -- the remaining unresolved part of it is of course about DOA, remaining unresolved part of this. What is this, DOA, sorry. The 60, everything is accepted.

So there is only DOA part remaining. We will leave it aside and we will come back to it when it comes to DOA. As for resolution 50, who was the convener for 50, the unofficial convener during this coffee break, on Cybersecurity, this is agreed, apart from DOA part. Saudi Arabia, please.

>> Saudi Arabia: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We would like to have a clarification. Are we discussing resolution 50 or resolution 60?

>> CHAIR: Sorry, Saudi Arabia. It wasn't clear. We started with 60 and I have been told that it is agreed upon, not considering the part related to DOA. Sorry. (pause).

So related to 60, I have in mind that there were discussion, I have in mind, I heard that there were discussion regarding this resolution, and there could be proposal to move on. I see Egypt requesting for the floor. Egypt, please.

>> EGYPT: Thank you, Mr. Chair. After discussion in the coffee break, I think we have reached an agreement for resolution 60. I think we are supporting going for no change for the old resolution. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

>> CHAIR: Very good proposal. I like this one. United States, we are talking about 60? Okay. United

States.

>> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Yes, thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. If the proposal is accepted for no change, we do not need the floor. Thank you, Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. Canada, okay, there is no need for the floor. I propose that we approve resolution 60 as no change. If there is no objection, approved.

(sound of gavel).

(applause).

Thank you very much.

Thank you. Thank you, ladies and gentlemen for this step forward. It was good that we have the side discussion and we can move on. Now on resolution 50, UK asking for the floor. Was it for 60 or it's maybe Phil.

>> Thank you, Chair. Yes, it is Phil. But I would just like to thank colleague from Egypt for his compromise and leadership in this discussion. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much on behalf of the world Assembly I thank the colleague from Egypt for having done, reached this agreement.

Now, we would like to have many things during this coming hour time. Resolution 50 is now to be -- can you please show resolution 50. So, what I see here in the resolution 50, there is only the DOA part which is unsolved.

Is it okay for all of you, in resolution 50, United States?

>> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: When you begin to talk about a new subject, could you please tell us the document number? Thank you, Chair.

>> CHAIR: Document number 121. Sorry for that. You know I'm not much used to this, how do you call it, this way of numbering documents in the ITU. As you know, I'm not part of ITU. I would have loved to. But, resolution 50, document DT121E.

So I see the text remaining in yellow is the text related to DOA.

So, if we reach an agreement on DOA, we could approve the change of resolution 50. Is it okay? Okay. So, the resolution 78, please, can we display resolution 78, to be sure that we have gone through all other changes or no changes apart the DOA part.

78. E-health. Sorry, document 122, revision E. We had a small square bracket in the instructs part 4 and it is related to the recognizing part, definitely. So we have only the DOA part which remains at stake. And we have gone through the theft draft new resolution and we have gone through it except the DOA part. Well, ladies and gentlemen, we have now this DOA aspect to be resolved in all these four resolution that could be

approved today.

So, we have been debating yesterday and today. This is the subject seems very important and probably indeed it is, so that the positions are very, let us say far from each other, at least at the beginning of our Assembly, and at the beginning of every meeting we have had until now. We have got time and I hope you have got time to discuss it between different Member States, between different delegations and the regions. I would like you, if you have reached any of you, if you have any proposal in this regard if you can take the floor and make it to this Assembly. Usually I have plenty of requests of the floor. Now I have two, one is from Egypt, and one is United States. Egypt, please, you have the floor.

>> EGYPT: Well, as we always say, ladies first. So I'll pass it to the United States.

(laughter and applause).

>> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Thank you, Egypt. We did exchange some proposals. Our proposal was that we delete all text from these resolutions, either indirectly or directly related to DOA or digital objects or handles or this sort of thing, and have in the summary record a statement that plenary recognized that identity management plays an important role in many

telecommunications/ICT services, and that it can be implemented using a range of technologies and solutions. Now, we didn't, we also had comma, including PKI and others and it's really up to colleagues whether or not they wish to include PKI and others in that statement. Thank you, Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, U.S. Egypt, you have the floor.

>> EGYPT: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The other alternative proposal was to merge the proposal provided to us from the United States with finely and slight modification and put it under the recognizing further part instead of the text highlighted on the screen, to read Article E of resolution 188 of PP 14, comma, and Council 2016 decision with regards to the importance of the all of identity management in many telecommunication/ICT services, and that it can be implemented using a range of technologies and solutions including PKI and others. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Sorry, Egypt, can you say it again in order that we capture --

>> With regard to the importance of the role of identity management in many telecommunication/ICT services, and that it can be implemented, and that it can be implemented using a range of technologies and

solutions, including PKI and others, and you can put including PKI and others between brackets, if in the spirit of compromise if you would like to, to even open it a little further or perhaps specify it a little bit more further, we need to reflect on that. Thank you.

>>CHAIR: Thank you, Egypt. I would suggest in order not to have position on one or the other proposals, I would like, I would suggest that we see how we can merge these two proposals, at least as far as the text is concerned, in order that we have a converged text that we will be keep and then the decision will be on the compromise should be found about where we will put it in the recommendation or in the summary record, if I understood well the two proposals. Can we please stick on these two proposals and start by looking to make them converge. United States, please.

>> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Thank you, Chairman. Our proposal was to put the statement that I read in the summary record of this meeting. It was not to insert it into a resolution, or to add additional text about the importance of identity management systems. So this approach of editing text to try to make the two come together would not work at the end of the day. So I'm sorry, Mr. Chairman. We do not support including these

references in these resolutions. Thank you, Chairman.

>>CHAIR: Thank you. Egypt, can we take into account this request from the United States? Let's see here the text proposed by U.S.

It's being written on the screen now. Again I would like that we focus on these two proposals and to make them converge in order that we could agree on the text, and then I hope that we can agree on where to put it. This is the text proposed by United States. Can you please confirm, United States? I can read it, if you can see it, that plenary recognized that the identity management plays an important role in many telecommunication ICT services, and that it can be implemented using a range of technologies and solutions. Is it your text, U.S.?

>> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Thank you, Chairman. And it could include after solutions, comma, including PKI and others, if you wish. Thank you, Chairman.

>>CHAIR: Thank you, U.S. So I see here very similar text. The difference is that we have PP and Council in one text and PP only in the other, recognize -- Egypt, can you propose a way of, I'm sorry for the Member States who are requesting the floor, I can give you the floor, but if you agree, if we can work on these two texts, we try to make them converge, but if you have any proposal

to make them converge, and insist on the floor, I'll give it to you. You want the floor, Saudi Arabia, Emirates, Egypt and Australia. Please, I would like you to help this Assembly making these two proposals converge, please. Saudi Arabia, please.

>> SAUDI ARABIA: Thank you very much, and good evening to one and all. Chairman, we have come to this Assembly with several proposals, and we have worked with various delegations on the basis of a principle and that is, seeking compromise. Now the Arab States group has made several concessions during this Assembly and that is why we believe that we should retain texts that are clear, consensual, approved. Hence, we would just ask that we retain small c, as we can see it up on the screen.

Since this text was already approved during the PP, I don't think it would be advisable to reopen debate and discussion on this topic, since yesterday we spent a great deal of time debating this, today as well, and therefore, our proposal, Chair, we hope that the Assembly will see fit to approve this. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Saudi Arabia. So the proposal of Saudi Arabia is the C.

Emirates.

>> UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I think we would like to associate ourselves with other colleagues, with Saudi Arabia, with Egypt. Mr. Chairman, we came to the conference with a proposal that have been supported by different regions, by many administrations, we worked very hard during the conference to reach the maximum possible compromises with our colleagues.

Mr. Chairman, we take out so many proposals from the Arab group, supported by other colleagues from African groups, Russian administrations as well as others.

We have been discussing, Mr. Chairman, facts that have been agreed in previous conferences and even higher level conferences. However, Mr. Chairman, and although we came up with a solid proposal to this conference, we can see the proposal from Egypt accommodating the proposals from the distinguished colleague from U.S.

Although the difficulty that we have, Mr. Chairman, and although the already provided compromises with regards to the Arab proposal for the privacy resolution, and the modified, modifications proposed for the resolution 60, and we take out those proposals just with the spirit of compromise, and just to help the whole conference to move forward, we would expect, Mr. Chairman, the same compromise and the same spirit and the good will from other colleagues, for this conference to

succeed and to move forward.

As we mentioned, Mr. Chairman, although the difficulty we have in this text we will associate ourselves with other colleagues, with Egypt, with Saudi Arabia, just to help the conference to move forward and to have a successful conference for everybody with win/win situation. We don't want anybody, Mr. Chairman, to go out of this conference with any losing situation. Accordingly, the current text does not address at all the DOA issue. It does not mention it, even, although it is a fact, although it is being acknowledged by B resolution and has been acknowledged by the Council, however, Mr. Chairman, I would like to go ahead with this and we on expect the same spirit of compromise and good will of other colleagues. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, UAE for this spirit and for this way forward to compromise. Egypt, please.

>> EGYPT: Well, in light of the opinions expressed by our other colleagues, from Saudi Arabia and other colleagues, I think we are in a position right now, it is currently very much apparent that no one is happy. So, and compromises have been presented and I would say from the Arab group side, from the African Group side, from different regions and I would also say from the

United States and UK, and just to acknowledge and thank all the efforts presented by our dear colleagues, especially those who we might have some disagreements and opinions in particular manners, in particular matters, so we thank them for their understanding and would I really appreciate to move forward. We have done every possible way to accommodate the different views. I would say we have, the only addition that we have here made is to acknowledge the actual resolutions and the Council decision. If we deleted this now, it is as if we are giving the world a message that these particular resolutions and Council decisions were wrong. This is in our humble views, this is something which might be alerting. I will propose, we have exactly used the text provided to us by our dear colleagues from U.S., and I would urge the meeting to support that as a final compromise and let's go and have dinner. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Egypt. Australia.

>> AUSTRALIA: Thank you, Chair. Just to be quite clear here, I would like to reiterate that our colleague from the United States in her statement made it quite clear that for our proposal it was to be a statement that was to be read into the summary record of this meeting. It was not for insertion into a resolution or to add

additional text about identity management systems.

To be quite clear, we were not supporting the inclusion of any text relating in any way either directly or indirectly about DOA in these resolutions. Thank you, Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Australia. Jordan.

>> JORDAN: I thank you, Mr. Chair. The issue that we need to help each other even try to understand each other, based on the intervention from my colleague from Saudi Arabia, he referred that they prefer to use the text on c, not on the text that are proposed from Egypt, in the first intervention. However, the United States, they prefer to have a text on the summary of the meeting, not on a resolution. So even though this text is on the recognizing part, so it is appropriate because to understand that in the previous discussion, the U.S. referred that they don't want to refer to the PP or the Council decision on this regard. But we need to understand why they have a concern not to have it on the recognizing part, the remaining text in the recognizing part of the resolution, and they prefer to have it in the summary records of the minutes.

So, we have two concerns to deal with. First, they say in the beginning when they provided the text that

they prefer the text, this text should be only on the summary records of the meeting, and when our colleague from Egypt added some text which is referred to the PP resolution and the Council resolution, then the United States said they do not prefer to have any reference to both of these references. The Saudi Arabia, they went back and say they prefer to have the reference to the ITU recommendation. So in order to get to each other we need to understand first why the U.S. prefer to have it in the summary records. We have listened before to their argument about not wishing to go to the PP reference and to the Council. But why they do not prefer to have it in the recognizing part? Can they elaborate so we can get close to each other. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Jordan. U.S. already requested for the floor. But maybe if you need to answer now, otherwise there are some other requests before you. You want to answer now? No. Bahrain.

>> Bahrain: Thank you, Mr. Chair. In the spirit of compromise and to move forward, we support the proposal made by our Distinguished Delegate from Saudi Arabia. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Bahrain. Kuwait.

>> Kuwait: Thank you, Chair. Without going again

back to the same debate we was there, we would support the proposal from Saudi Arabia, and we wish to see the things going forward. Thank you, Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Kuwait. Sweden.

>> SWEDEN: Thank you, Chair. Actually first of all, I would like to say that during the consultation we had, we made it pretty clear that we did discuss this in the context of one of the resolutions, we did discuss e-health and so on. So suddenly now this is a discussion about the whole package. That was not what we did discuss during the break according to my understanding.

Any text, any direct, indirect explicit implicit reference to DOA anywhere is a concern. The proposal from us was to have a text in the report. I just heard from my honorable colleague from UAE referring to the Council decision as, or the Council text as acknowledgment of DOA, quote. That's our concern, that top-down acknowledging asserting technology.

Text for this report was a compromise. Thank you.

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

>> SOUTH AFRICA: Thank you very much, honorable Chairperson. First of all, we would like to associate ourselves with the remarks made by our colleagues from Saudi Arabia, UAE, Jordan, Bahrain, Kuwait, amongst

others. But, and also support Saudi Arabia's proposal. Chairperson, we want to go further. We listened carefully to the intervention from the U.S., saying that they want this to be recorded in the summary of the plenary of this meeting.

Now, Chairperson, maybe the legal advisor will correct me if, will correct us if we are wrong. Our understanding is that when you debate, and as a delegation, you actually believe that, you actually are not in agreement with the proposal, then you have that right to do that as a delegation to say, I would like this to be taken cognizance or be recorded in the minutes. But then, once you do that, it means that it does, it does not mean that other countries or Member States who actually want amendments to a text or to debate that text cannot do so.

In essence, when you actually are doing that proposal to say in fact making that reservation to say that you want this in the minutes, we are actually saying that other Member States can actually go on with the debate, and reach their compromise, but then as a Member State who is opposed you will not be considered part of that agreement. So Chairperson, I think that as we move along, seeing that the U.S. has made it clear that

the text that they are proposing should not form part of the resolution text, it means that we are at liberty as Member States to discuss what is there for consideration by this Assembly. Thank you very much, honorable Chairperson.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, South Africa. United States.

>> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I'll be brief, as my colleague from Sweden so well explained the views that we share. We were asked why it is that we have such difficulty with including this text, and it's based on our belief that these processes should be bottom up, rather than top-down direction.

We have also had the experience here where the simple recognizing in Plenipotentiary Conference 188 has been the subject of endless discussion. We realize that the Plenipotentiary Conference is the supreme body of the union, but not all statements and elements of all resolutions are pertinent to things we discuss elsewhere, and we don't believe that this particular element of resolution 188 is pertinent to the topics against which it's being assigned. Thank you, Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, U.S.

Russia, please.

>> RUSSIAN FEDERATION: Thank you, Chairman. We are not going to -- making a statement in the summary records of the meeting, we don't really understand this. We came here from various parts of the world for two weeks. We have spent a lot of money, this is particularly important for developing countries, by the way, and we have spent a great deal of time here, but we haven't done all this in order just to leave a record in the summary record of the meeting.

This undermines the value of all of our work. We could have just not met to do this. Let us show respect for our time and efforts on the part of one another and let us try to do our work. Let us complete our work, on a good note so that this, can allow us to work in the future productively and effectively in the interest of our countries. Therefore we are categorically not in agreement with contenting ourselves or restricting ourselves to putting a statement in the summary records. As regards the top to bottom references, we are not in agreement with this, because this issue has quite a long history, actually. Firstly in Study Group 11, three contributions on this topic were considered in Study Group 20. There is already a new study question on this topic. This topic is very important, and it is required.

It is not something that we simply thought up on the moment, and that we are trying to move on. Quite the contrary, Member States need to work in this area, and that is what we want to reflect in the resolution of the WTSA, that is why we came here. Of course, there are other important issues, but this is one of the important issues. Therefore, we are not in agreement with the proposal to make a note in the summary records, and we would like to align ourselves with the proposal of Saudi Arabia, in supporting option c, throughout the resolution, wherever this topic comes up, so that is resolution 50, 60, 78, and the resolution on theft. Thank you very much, Chairman.

>> CHAIR: I am soon going to close the debate. I have five more requests for the floor. I have 7 requests for the floor. I would like to close here the list. Please stop requesting the floor, please, if you don't mind so that we can move on for a proposal. Thank you for those who have withdrawn their request. I have here United Kingdom, China, Canada, Zimbabwe, Germany, Uganda. Thank you. Let's start with United Kingdom.

>> Thank you, Chair. Well, as others have said we have all worked very hard over the last few days and this Assembly has made really good progress on the range

of important issues. As others have said, we have all made compromises, all of us. We need now to find common ground and consensus for a successful conclusion to our meeting. There is clearly no consensus on any new direct or indirect reference to DOA in a resolution of this Assembly. We recognize, some colleagues would like that. But others, including the UK are not able to accept it.

We believe that the proposal from the U.S. which many of us support is the common ground today. We are sure we will discuss these issues again in future meetings, but for our Assembly today, we think we need to accept that the U.S. proposal reflects the common ground that we have been able to achieve, and we should take that forward. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, UK. China, please.

>> CHINA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We have spent a long time, too much time about the discussion on DOA. Currently, we have almost agreed on the deletion of references to DOA or handle system. We consider it progress, and we have also adopted several resolutions. Regarding the difficulties at hand, our understanding is that with regard to DOA, whether it is a direct or indirect reference, we might have different understandings. In our view, X.1255, this standard is

based on a framework regulation of identification which is not a technical identification. Therefore, we don't think that X.1255 has any direct or indirect relation with DOA.

With regard to the paragraph c, I'll read in English, we suggest that delete, we delete, which is based on digital object architecture. This is to be deleted. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, China, for this proposal. So we have here a fourth proposal coming from China, to include in the text of the resolution. Please show the text. Thank you, that recommendation ITU-T X.1255 provides a framework for discovery of identity management information. This is the new proposal from China. Canada, please.

>> CANADA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. We worked alongside our colleagues from the U.S., Australia, UK, Sweden, on the proposal that was put forth. We continue to support it as a compromise. We think that the issue at hand is a fairly fundamental one with respect to the working of this standardization body. We don't support going into a direction where the standards direction is set top-down by a few countries. We still believe that the very essence of this organisation is one of

contributions from as many and broad set of stakeholders as possible. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. Zimbabwe.

>> Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Chairman, we support the inclusion of c and as a compromise, and as we indicated in our prior intervention, we would support the deletion of that reference to DOA. I would like to comment on an earlier intervention, a couple of interventions, where it was said that colleagues do not support a top-down approach.

To this extent, Chairman, we are wondering whether recommendation ITU-T X1255 was developed in a top to bottom approach using a top to bottom approach. To the contrary, and to our knowledge it's a bottom up approach. We are faced with a situation where we have colleagues who are not accepting what the Plenipotentiary Conference agreed upon and decided upon. They are not agreeing and accepting what even this sector agreed to and decided upon. And we believe these colleagues only believe in themselves. They don't even accept what colleagues in the room are saying. So we don't think this will take us anywhere, Mr. Chairman. I thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Zimbabwe. Germany.

>> GERMANY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We think it's

obvious that everybody here in the room is seeking a compromise, a possible solution. But we also have observed that the understanding on the issue as such seems to be different in the room. That is not because everybody wants to understand it differently, but it is just a matter of fact. It is really maybe a very complicated stuff. So from our point of view, the only thing which might carry us ahead is that at minimum solution, so we can only support the proposal from the United States to have a piece of text in the report of the plenary.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Germany. Uganda.

>> UGANDA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you to all the colleagues who have already taken the floor. We want to commend all the various members that have tried to come to a compromise, in this late hour of this conference, so that we are able to successfully finish this meeting. We have noted the sentiments of the U.S. and other countries regarding the acknowledgment of a particular technology, the mention of DOA and associated proposal to have a note in the report. We have also noted the sentiments that we might be at varying understanding of the discussion that is going on.

However, we also note that the Plenipotentiary

Conference is not a few countries but the global collection of all, and therefore, cannot be deemed to be a decision of a few but of all. We note that it is the interest of the three sectors of the ITU to work to support the decisions of the Plenipotentiary. In light of the above, Mr. Chairman, we would actually think that the compromise text by Egypt would be worthy of a support. However, in light of the discussion and the decisions taken, it would be that, to have the text provided by the U.S. in the summary report of the TSB Director to the TSAG, the Council 2017 and to the plenipot 2018. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Uganda. I have on my screen three countries who joined who asked for the floor after I closed the list. I just want to check it up, those three countries asked for the floor after I have closed the list. I would like to ask you to withdraw, because that was the rule. I closed the list in order to go forward. Two of them withdraw already. One is still there. Can you please confirm, the one, the Member State still requesting the floor, that you have joined after I closed the list. Sweden, please, Sweden, I'm not giving you the floor. I'm just willing to check if you joined after I closed the list.

>> SWEDEN: I would like to speak, thank you.

>> CHAIR: Sweden, can we please move forward.

>> SWEDEN: I haven't commented on the proposal from China.

>> CHAIR: Sweden, I have proposed to close the list and I closed the list. It is your right to ask and get the floor, if you want to proceed, I will give it to you. But I remind you that we are looking for a solution. We are looking for comments, we are not looking for comments, so if you can help us, I would ask the room if they agree on the way you are willing to take the floor if you can provide us with a step forward, I will be happy to hear from you. Sweden, please, the floor is yours.

>> SWEDEN: Thank you, sir. Thank you, Chair. Well, I think this concern we have is about the context, and now the reference to X1255 is on the table again, as a universal application to everything, that is our concern. That was in relation to identity management. We have been discussing e-health. One concern that we did express during the discussions was that in relation to e-health, the objects are actually us, the individuals.

It was not developed for mobile theft. It is all

about the context and picking language from one context to another is a concern. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Sweden. Now I suggest that we stop here our debate. I am really afraid and really sorry that I see there is no possibility of consensus, with such positions sticking, everyone sticking on his positions. I don't really see here a spirit of compromise. So I will make you a suggestion, if you accept it we can move on and approve the resolution we have in hand. Otherwise, I will reopen the debate again, and let it go until you come with an agreement.

I'm not putting the pressure on you. But I would like you to take responsibility to move on that we can decide on this issue and that we can close this Assembly properly.

I have listened to 14 Member States and it was again a Ping-Pong game. I know that you have your country interest, I know that you have your industry interest and you are defending this. But you need to know also that all other Member States, they have the same, they have the interest of their economy, of their industry, of their economic actor and of their citizens.

What I see here doesn't make me feel very good. I hope that we will close this meeting as soon as possible.

I really don't feel very happy with the behavior of some Member States. Everyone sticking on its position, and no, not a step to compromise.

I have a final request from the floor. I will give it if you allow me to, the requester, which is China, and then I will make my proposal. Unless China will do a better proposal than the one I have in mind. So please, China, the floor is yours. But if you have a proposal, if you have a move forward, that we can put on to our colleagues for agreement, it will be great. Otherwise, I will make my own proposal. China, please.

>> CHINA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think that all parties in this meeting have been very active to push forward the progress. I think that the China's proposal for us is a compromise that all parties can accept, because this standard has been published at ITU and it is also technically quite neutral. The recommendation is quite neutral technically speaking.

With regard to Swedish opinion, why there is this standard in many resolutions, it is because it is a general framework to manage identity. We all know that in many applications, we all use identity or identifier. Therefore, the application is very large and broad. And that is why we all discuss this standard in many

resolutions. We all hope that on the basis of cooperation and the spirit of pushing forward, to find a solution for this issue. Thank you very much.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, China. The debate is ongoing again. I have three countries requesting for the floor. United States, Saudi Arabia, Singapore. So when you are taking the floor, either you have a proposal or you are not willing to listen to my proposal. So I will hand the floor to you again. But I hope that you have a proposal better than the one I have. United States.

>> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Thank you, Chairman. I was simply asking for the floor to ask you when we do get to the point of approving resolutions that we step through each one individually, and go section by section, so we make sure that the text is correct in every respect, and we don't lose sight on the big picture as we are solving this problem. Thank you, Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you U.S., I can't answer you yet because we haven't decided on the major issue which is the text related to DOA. As soon as we do so, we move on approving this resolution, if so. Saudi Arabia.

>> SAUDI ARABIA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On behalf of the Arab States group, and in order to get some consensus here that would be satisfactory to all

parties, we are against, sorry, we actually accept the removal of that part, that was suggested by China. That is why, Mr. Chairman, I call upon all us all to take this into consideration, so that we can move ahead, with the other items of the agenda, Mr. Chair.

>> CHAIR: Singapore, please.

>> Singapore: Thank you, chairman. When we came back from the tea break, we had two proposals, one from the United States and one from Egypt. Actually I was quite hopeful because the proposals did not seem to be very far off. I have been observer in the Ping-Pong game, I don't have a strong view either way but in the interest of resolving the meeting I'd like to put forward a proposal. The two main differences between the proposal from the United States and Egypt, one is the location of where the text should go, the United States has said it should be summary record and Egypt has proposed that it should be in the resolution. The other difference is the indirect reference to digital object architecture by mentioning the Plenipotentiary and the Council.

If I may propose that either side relent on either one of those two issues, that if we can accept that if the reference to the Plenipotentiary and the Council is removed, that whether the text can stay in the

resolution, and whether that is an acceptable compromise by both parties, then we may have a workable solution. I put the solution to you, Chairman for your consideration. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Singapore for this proposal, which is to make the text of Egypt acceptable to the United States, so as to keep it in the resolution, this is what is the proposal of Singapore. I remind us of the position of Saudi Arabia considering China proposal and considering removing the DOA part.

Thank you. United States.

>> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I very much thank Singapore for the proposal, and their constructive attitude towards this issue, in trying to help. But unfortunately, that proposal doesn't satisfy our needs. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, United States. Now allow me to make a proposal and I hope that it will be acceptable. No one will be happy with it. But I believe we definitely decided not to be happy this evening. So I will make a proposal. I believe it is the appropriate way forward, considering the spirit of cooperation we have here, and of which we are responsible all of us.

So, allow me a few seconds, I'll be off for a few

seconds and I will come with my proposal. Thank you.
Sorry, Uganda, you are asking for the floor. Please,
is it to make a good proposal or to give your opinion?
Please, Uganda, if you can, go ahead.

>> UGANDA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I made a
proposal that we take the text from the U.S., but have
this included in the summary record of the TSB Director,
to TSAG, to Council 2017 and to plenipot 2018.

>> CHAIR: Brief interruption, please.

May I ask that we have a break but without leaving
the room, please, for five minutes. Just to work out
a proposal. Thank you. But please, don't leave your
seats, because we need roughly five minutes. Thank you.
(pause).

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>> CHAIR: We just called on the stage Member State who made proposal during this sessions, and we are, they are examining my proposal to this honorable Assembly. So please be patient. Those are Member States who made proposal, clear proposals, during this session, and this is why we have asked them to join on the stage, and I explained to them, my approach and my proposal, and now they are examining the associated text. Please be patient. Let them go through and we will go then resume our meeting. Thank you. (pause).

>> Ladies and gentlemen, please regain your seats. We are resuming the plenary in a minute. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Ladies and gentlemen, we are ready now to resume our meeting. Thank you for your patience. And sorry for having not informed you about what is going on, on the stage. Thank you.

Ladies and gentlemen, welcome again. We resume our session. It was more than five minutes. But I hope it was not wasted, a wasting of your time.

As I said before the break, I had a proposal that I drafted out, and I asked the, as my proposal was, is based on the various proposals we have heard today, I have asked the Member States who have made the proposal on this subject during this session to come to the stage,

so as to present to them my proposal, and have their agreement on that. And that is why I called to the stage Egypt, United States, Saudi Arabia, China, Russia, and Singapore.

So, my proposal, the proposal that I have made that I now am making to you as the way out of this DOA issue, it's composed of two parts. First part, and it is covering all the four recommendations we have on hand today, first part is to remove the reference to DOA, to Dona, to handle system in the existing text.

Second part is to include the following, the displayed text in the summary record. My approach was that I considered as far as the text is concerned, I take into account the concerns and the proposals of countries such as Saudi Arabia, China, Egypt, and by Singapore and Russia as initial proposal for all this text. And to consider for the place where to be, where to place this text, the proposal of United States. Ladies and gentlemen, I would like you to agree on this proposal. I would in advance thank you if I can have your agreement so as we can move on. Thank you very much. Saudi Arabia, please.

>> Saudi Arabia: Thank you, Chairman. The world currently through this Assembly has seen the attempts

of various states particularly those of developing countries to strengthen ICTs in telecommunications as well as their applications everywhere in the world. And this is done through a request made to the T sector to support these efforts to strengthen the assistance thereunder to the community, to societies, and they are also being requested to participate in strengthening these communities, so to become information societies, ICT societies who participate in economic and social development.

Chairman, since the beginning of this Assembly, we have sought through various means to make concessions in order to come up with compromises on various subjects, the aim of which is to strengthen ICTs and telecommunications particularly for developing countries. However, Chairman, we find that our efforts and our concessions are not taken into account, and there is no compromise on the part of others, including in text which had already seen approval from all Member States during the Plenipotentiary. Chairman, Tunisia is a country dear to our hearts, Tunisia has demonstrated great hospitality towards us. And we should express them all our thanks, our recognition, and we should make every effort to ensure that this Assembly is a success. And

that, Chairman, is why in the light of what I've just mentioned, and in order to do service to our brother Arab country we the Arab States group accept your proposal. We are going to support the ITU ourselves in order to ensure that we have success in strengthening these efforts for the benefit of all. Thank you.

(applause).

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Saudi Arabia, for your very kind words, and for your acceptance to my humble proposal, that I would like it to be sweetable to all our Member States.

I thank you, of course, on behalf of my Tunisian citizens for the kind words you had for them.

China, please.

>> CHINA: Thank you, Chair. The proposal we made earlier was actually based on the aspirations by all parties, and it was in hope that it could be reached as an agreement. However, based on the current situation, it is our view that we must make further efforts to reach a consensus, and also we believe that the health of everybody is highly important, including the health situation of our Chairperson.

Therefore, we support your proposal, Mr. Chairperson, that can promote the process of this

conference. I thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, China, for your position, your positive position and also for taking care of my health. Thank you very much.

United States, please.

>> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. And thank you for your efforts tonight and for the efforts of many colleagues to come to agreement on the text we just saw up on the screen, highlighted in yellow.

We too can support this text, and so too can the many others that expressed concerns about including text in the resolution. So I thank you for your compromising today, and appreciate all of your efforts. Thank you, Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, United States. Thank you for the acceptance of my proposal. Russia, please.

>> RUSSIAN FEDERATION: Thank you, Chairman. We would like to clarify, what text are we talking about, when we were discussing a text, on the podium, that was one text but this text we can see on the screen is quite a different one. Could we clarify which text we are talking about here, sir, thank you.

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

The question of Russia makes sense, because I have submitted, ladies and gentlemen, my proposed text, and they discussed, and they got some modification on it, and they hope that all parties were involved in that, I hope that by all means this text is acceptable to a large or very large majority of us.

(applause).

Thank you.

Thank you, ladies and gentlemen, for this way forward on this hard topic, and this hard discussion we have had on this. Now, let's move on to practical aspects of editing the resolution and approving them one by one.

So I suggest that we take the ultimate text we have on the theft, we start the same way we have started initially. So please, the text of the resolution are on the theft, we will update it according to our agreement. And then we will agree and approve it as it will be modified.

So, I remain, the proposal that was to remove all the text that were, was either in square brackets, this one, so we are here in the draft new resolution on theft.

Russia is asking for the floor. Please, Russia.

>> RUSSIAN FEDERATION: I do apologize, Chairman,

but quite honestly we did not hear a response to our previous question. So which text were we talking about when we adopted the text for noting in the report of the conference.

>> CHAIR: I have proposed the text that I have submitted to the Distinguished Delegates that joined the stage, including Russia. And I have proposed to them to look through and to come out with a common agreement on the text.

So, this was the text that came out from this discussion. And definitely of course it is not the initial text I have proposed. But I was away of the stage and I hope that Russia, you had the opportunity to join the discussion about the text, and in any way, I would like that you consider this text and you agree on it for the, for what, for the benefit of all of us, or at least for the benefit of this Assembly. Thank you, Russia. Russia, you have the floor.

>> RUSSIAN FEDERATION: Could you put the text which we agreed to up on the screen now? We can see two paragraphs. But at the moment we actually can't see the first paragraph, if you could scroll up, then we will be able to see the first paragraph, but at the moment we are looking at the second paragraph. Or are we only

considering the second paragraph, the one that is highlighted in yellow, and I'm simply not quite clear what we are considering here. Which one of these texts.

>> CHAIR: The text is the one displayed in yellow. This is the proposed text. May I, may I remind Distinguished Delegates that any text, any statement in the summary report has legally-wise the same weight as in the text of resolutions. My proposed text was initially what I as a Chairman have heard from you. And the proposed text is much wider as far as the content is considered. But much stronger because it is the plenary. That means on behalf of all of you. So I would like you, Russia, to agree on that, and that we move on to implementation of this proposal.

Thank you, Russia.

So, please, can we display now the resolution on the mobile theft. And we implement the first part of my proposal, which is the removal of the controversial text in this draft resolution. Scroll up, please. Scroll up, scroll up. Scroll up again. Just this one. So there is no more square brackets. Okay? Only such as is there, there is no more square bracket. Okay. So this is the ultimate edition or revision we have worked on, and we have agreed on. After implementing the first

part of my proposal, I, that is removing the yellow part, is it okay? This one, it's already removed. We had other paragraphs. Okay. It is 2b, it is not removed. What is 2B, it becomes 2. But it's 2B there. It should be 2. Okay. Is that okay?

We can approve this resolution regarding combating mobile telecommunication device theft. I see no objection. Thank you very much. This resolution is approved. Thank you very much.

(applause).

Can we now move to resolution modification on resolution 50. Can we display resolution 50, please. The ultimate version, resolution 50 on Cybersecurity. Let's go through. Scroll down, please. All of this text should be removed. Please check. Scroll up. Scroll down again, please, slowly. Go ahead. Okay. In the considering part. Okay. Scroll down. Okay. Go ahead. Okay. Okay, okay. So it's okay. I think it's okay. Okay.

Thank you. So, I propose to you to approve this resolution. I see no objection.

(sound of gavel).

The modification ...

(applause).

The modification of resolution 50 is agreed.

We had just -- is approved, sorry. We had just approved resolution 60. Now, we have resolution 78. Please can we display resolution 78. This one is on e-health. Okay.

So, can we display resolution on e-health. Okay. Please scroll down. Okay. Scroll down. So remove this text. Okay. The text below also, that was the proposals, okay. That was all the text in yellow.

Scroll down. So, as we have no more recognizing c and d, I guess. Let's check, if we don't have any more recognizing further c and d, and then, okay, thank you. So, this is the text of the new resolution regarding e-health, resolution 78. I propose that we approve it. No objection.

(sound of gavel).

Approved. Thank you.

(applause).

This is, if I'm not mistaken, this completes the set of modification and resolution, new resolution submitted to us, including the DOA aspects. Now, the next item on the agenda, it's not an easy one, but with the good spirit of cooperation, I hope that you can, we can together make it easy. I just want here to thank

all of you. I know that almost all of you are not happy with the proposal. But I have understood that this is in fact the real definition of consensus, that no one is totally happy.

New the next item of the agenda is the draft new resolution proposed by Arab region on open source.

I will give the floor ... which document is ... okay. I would like to ask Kwame as Chair of com 4 to give us the status. But before handing over to Kwame, United States wanted the floor. United States, please.

>> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I wish to thank you for your leadership today and for all of the consensus and compromises we have made today, and so I hope you will take my statement for the record as relating to some difficulties we had earlier in the conference. The United States opposes the decision to include direct and indirect references to the digital object architecture in the output of the 2016 ITU WTSA. The role of the WTSA is to determine what the problems the Study Group should solve, not instruct Study Groups to determine what technical approaches to adopt.

This is the fundamental difference between a standards development process that is bottom up and one

that is top-down. If the ITU-T is to be considered a peer to other standards development organisations, its recommendations must be technical in nature and considered in an inclusive and transparent process that results in high quality, flexible outcomes that are technology neutral, that promote nonproprietary solutions and that are consensus-based.

With the decision to incorporate reference to a proprietary solution and to make reference to it as a solution for problems for which its use has never been explored, makes us question whether we meet such a threshold. We are also concerned with the precedent of using an MOU between the ITU and another organisation in this case the Dona Foundation, as precedent for technical work on that organisation's products.

These decisions undermine our confidence and illustrate a need for the 2018 Plenipotentiary Conference to evaluate the situation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

>> UK: Thank you, Chairman. We would also like to thank you and thank all our colleagues here for all the hard work that's been done to achieve a successful meeting. We would like to associate ourselves with the statement made by the United States. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, UK. Australia.

>> AUSTRALIA: Thank you, Chairman. Like others before us Australia would also like to thank you, Chairman, for your patience and the way that you have guided us to the successful resolution, we would also be associating ourselves with the statement. Thank you, sir.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Australia. Canada.

>> CANADA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We will also be associating ourselves with the statement and I would like to thank you very much for your leadership. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Canada. Norway.

>> NORWAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We would also like to associate with the statement from U.S.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Norway. Sweden.

>> SWEDEN: Thank you, Chairman. I would like to express our support to your management of this meeting and I hope you will get a nice breakfast tomorrow in the hotel, and we would like to associate Sweden to the statement from the U.S. and others. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Sweden. Paraguay.

>> PARAGUAY: Thank you, Chair. We would also like

to express our support for the statement made by the United States. We want to thank you for all of the efforts you have deployed to try to reach consensus during this Assembly on topics that we have had to come to grips with and which we have debated at great length. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Paraguay. Iran.

>> IRAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is the first and maybe the last time that I can speak in this meeting. I will be very brief. And just I have two proposal or requests from you, this proposal will not take a long time because all of the participants already has agreements, maybe with this proposal and request. As you know, because we are here and we are thanks to Tunisia or you that manage this meeting, everybody here, I think that it is a good time that also if all participants agree with me, we have a very nice and thanks to the personnel that are here in this room and the other rooms. Has very nice cooperation with us and we use their cooperation very good, I mean the technical assistants, some of them are here and also the common man that works very hard in this meeting, so, if you agree with me, please give them a type of applause by giving your hand.

(applause).

My second request is the same as the first one, but for the very qualified and professional interpreters that we have in these two weeks, and I think without this, their activities, and their nice and good interpretation, we haven't achieved anything from this meeting. So if, again, you agree with me, please give them also our appreciation by the hand. Thank you.

(applause).

Finally, thanks to Tunisia administration, for their help to everybody here, and I hope, and I wish a very nice flight to everybody here to their homes. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Iran, for these kind words.

(applause).

Thank you.

Thank you very much for these kind words. That are certainly much appreciated by all people around, and our dear interpreters there, that I congratulate for the good job they are doing. And also for the caption, some are there and maybe somewhere in the United States, but we will come to congratulation later on.

May I remind if to Distinguished Delegates that we still have some items on the agenda. And I would like you not to start congratulation now. I hope that we can

congratulate each other when we cover the agenda we have today and close the plenary.

Thank you very much. Finland.

>> Finland would like to associate with the statement by United States. Thanks.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. Last but not least, Costa Rica.

>> COSTA RICA: Thank you, Chair. We would like to, like Iran thank you for the excellent work carried out and would also adhere to the United States position. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Costa Rica. Russia.

>> RUSSIAN FEDERATION: Thank you, Chairman. The Russian Federation would like to state that when carrying out studies and developing standards in the T sector, of the ITU, what should be taken into account is all technologies and all approaches, including a consideration of digital object architecture, DOA. We also believe and we would like to highlight that all decisions in the main bodies of the ITU, the Plenipotentiary and the Council, are binding, for all members of the ITU.

We would like to invite all countries to associate themselves with our statement. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Russia. So if I understand,

you have a specific request regarding this statement?
Or ... Russia, please.

>> RUSSIAN FEDERATION: This is our statement as the Russian Federation. It's not a response to the statement made by the USA. It is our statement. We would like to invite all of those who wish to do so to associate themselves with it.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, Russia. Zimbabwe.

>> Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We would like to associate ourselves with the statement by Russia.

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

>> Thank you very much, honorable Chairperson. We appreciate all the efforts that you have done and we would also like to associate ourselves with the statement from Russia. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much to all of you. May I now ask you to move forward on the next item on our agenda, which is the draft resolution on open source, and I hand the floor to Mr. Kwame, who will present the status of his draft new resolution. Mr. Kwame, please.

>> KWAME BAAH-ACHEAMFUOR: Thank you, Chair. Chairman, I will want to refer Distinguished Delegates to the report of the 7th meeting of com 4, under section 4.7, which is on the status of the drafting group on

draft new resolution on open source.

Chair, this proposal was presented at com 4, and was discussed after some good support and also some major concerns with the proposal.

Discussions on it were extensive. It went into drafting session. It came back with no consensus, and then we debated as to whether we needed it. Time was asked for it to reach a consensus. Chairman, at this point in time, that time was given, and there is no consensus as I speak.

In view of this, Chairman, I will recommend that this draft new resolution --

>> CHAIR: Kwame, may I interrupt you?

>> KWAME BAAH-ACHEAMFUOR: Yes, Chair.

>> CHAIR: Just I interrupt you, and I will come back to you. Just to hear from our colleague, Dmitry, who have conducted consultations also after the closing of com 4. So as to hear also from him about the status, and then I will come back to you to give us your view or maybe proposal. Is it okay? Thank you. I have the floor to Dmitry.

>> Thank you, Chairman. Following the conclusion of the official drafting session, I carried out a number of informal consultations, and prepared my own proposal,

which you can find in working document 13 of Committee 4 -- 30 of Committee 4.

Either we can talk about the changes to document 114 or we can go straight to the working document, as you wish.

>> CHAIR: Okay. Let's go. Dmitry, just monitor the scrolling.

>> Yes, thank you very much, Chairman. When you compare it to the old version, if you could go down to the first yellow part, resolves, yes, thank you, I propose adding in the words as appropriate in the first resolves part. I removed all of the points on which we did not have agreement in the resolves to instruct the Director part.

And therefore, this part ended up being quite small. I've removed all of the agreed and unagreed parts on instructing TSAG, only requesting it to continue with the work which it received in the July meeting of this year.

If you go a little bit further, just one line further, yes, I made a number of editorial amendments. So in comparison to the text in the temporary document 114, we ended up with only 3 paragraphs which are not agreed on as of 12, and I will turn the work over to you now,

Chairman. Thank you very much.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. Thank you, Dmitry for this presentation. Kwame, do you still have something to say on this proposal?

>> KWAME BAAH-ACHEAMFUOR: Thank you very much, Chair. I know you like me a lot.

(chuckles).

You are saving me from my situation. But, again, to save this meeting on the whole I dare say with the consequences to it that for everything that is in square brackets, because there is no consensus, if it could be deleted and the resolution is accepted, it is an option.

However, if it is not acceptable, Chairman, I recommend that there has been enough debate on this matter, both formal and informal, and we are in your hands, Chair to help us conclude on this. Thank you very much, Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Kwame. So the proposal of Kwame is to remove all the text that is between bracket. Can we have a look again on the global text, so let us scroll up and then start scrolling down, to see how it will look like if we remove the any agreed text between brackets so let us scroll down. What this, the green means that we have agreed upon, why is it in green?

Okay.

Then here we have this square bracket which, okay. So let's go, without moving -- removing, now just to see how it will look like. What is this pink and -- the pink is the proposal of modification, in order to save the paragraph, if I understand. Dmitry.

>> Well, Chairman, as far as I recall a number of delegations were concerned that in accepting such research studies, we would end up in the realm of open source and I would like to say that this is not the aim of this resolution, as the authors proposed it. So I added in the words, as appropriate. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. We will come back to it. Let us scroll down again. Quickly, please, in order to see where this text is between bracket. And you have here the added as appropriate, if it can help, okay. Go ahead. Let's imagine what it will be look like, what it will look like. This is proposal from Dmitry. No? Or it's agreed? I'm still not comfortable with all these colors, I don't know exactly what does it mean, why this one is in pink. Maybe it's the preferred color of Dmitry. (chuckles).

No?

Sorry for ...

>> Thank you, Chairman. Well, if you are happy with

my color, I'm happy. I would propose that we change this violet color to a yellow, because this text isn't agreed on. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Dmitry. Okay. My intention was just to see if there are so many articles that are in yellow, that means we are far from reaching any agreement. So now I would like to go through and to take your positions so as to move in amending or removing the text, and then we will see at the end if we have something comprehensive to approve. Let's start from the beginning. UK.

>> UK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Speaking not for the UK but for the as coordinator of CEPT, with the parts removed, I believe we could support the remainder.

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

>> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, over the course of the past day since we last met in the drafting groups, and the number of hours we have spent here at Hannibal, many of us have not seen the beach nor have we stepped outside the hotel restaurant in the evenings, and now, Mr. Chairman, you are forcing us to find consensus by hunger.

(laughter).

>> CHAIR: Please can someone bring the Franz a

sandwich.

(laughter).

If it helps you taking a good decision forward, it would be great.

>> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Overnight, as all have seen, our drafting group Chair had posted another version of the text, at WD40030, with much of the difficult text removed, and I see that you have removed some of the green highlights which was the agreed text. I believe there still remain text in square brackets and text we have difficulty in accepting. So Mr. Chairman, given the situation that you put us under consensus by hunger and fatigue, we would like to make another attempt if the meeting allows and if time permits to find some sort of consensus on this document.

If we could go up to, I kind of lost track, Mr. Chairman, where we are, if you move down recalling, are we still with resolves, that first paragraph on resolves, I'd like to suggest some edits. Edits are as follows. To strike out ITU-T and put in TSAG. Strike out in collaboration with other sectors as appropriate shall. So starting out with in collaboration, strike out in collaboration with other sectors as appropriate, shall.

Put in, continues to work on. Strike out develop a programme to understand methodology. Continues with benefits and disadvantages of the implementation of open source, strike out solutions.

>> CHAIR: Sorry. Sorry, Franz. Just strike out develop only and we keep continues to work on a programme to understand methodology.

>> Mr. Chairman, so what you have right there seems to be correct, benefits and disadvantages of the implementation of open source leave as is, that is good. Solution would be struck out and put in projects, please and strike out and on basis of the results to implement the best practice of open source and then leave in, in say relations, put in relation with the ITU-T work as appropriate. Thank you, that is the U.S. suggestion. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, U.S. we will bring you a sandwich when we finish this item if we do. UK, please.

>> Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If I can get into the queue for the sandwiches, I'd be grateful. I'm sure many others would too.

Thought I'd better get in quickly.

As a point of clarification, I had understood that the bracketed sections were going to be removed. That

is what I was agreeing for CEPT on. However, we would find this modification to resolves acceptable also.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, UK. China.

>> CHINA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm very pleased that we have finally adopted a cooperative attitude. To save our time, I would directly suggest present our proposal, currently, I've seen that there are three parts that have not reached agreement. The U.S. has just proposed a proposal that we can agree. With regard to the other two parts, I'll speak in English now. The original text is to encourage the use of open source product in their work as appropriate, taking into account the outcome of the study of TSAG.

By, instead of the encourage, we would like to change it to support, so that consistence is to support the use of open source projects in the work as appropriate, taking into account the outcome of the study of TSAG.

The next one for item 5, the original text is, to continue collaborating with open source communities. We would like to change it to continue engaging with open source projects. I think, I hope ... thank you, Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, China. Canada, please.

>> CANADA: Thank you, Chairman. On behalf of some of the members here on our delegation that have been working really hard through some long hours on this, this project, and looking at the edits you have on the screen, I think we can support this text and the proposal on screen. Thank you very much.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Canada. I see no one asking for the floor. Can you scroll down, please? If we have other yellow text.

We have this one.

I think this one could be acceptable. I see nothing in particular. Can we accept it? I see no one asking for the floor. We consider it accepted. Thank you. Let's move on, scroll down. It is the end. Move on. This is a very short resolution. I hope it still makes sense, because we have modified it with paragraphs, okay. Okay. So I suggest now to approve this short resolution on open source. And I would appreciate your approval. Japan, please.

>> JAPAN: Chairman, the modification proposed by China right now seems to require any budget so I'd like to know any financial survey was done on this one. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Japan. The financial impact

should be considered. We can add within the sentence, within the budget of ITU-T, or something similar, if Mr. Director agrees. I think there is appropriate sentence for that, within financial, within financial resources, within existing resources, financial resources. Or we can put it wider resources, okay, financial resources. Okay. If this is okay, we can move on.

So, Jordan wants the floor. Please, Jordan.

>> JORDAN: Yeah, thank you, Mr. Chair. Just to have a clarification regarding the title of resolution, open source in ITU-T. I don't know if this has been agreed upon, just to clarify if this is (overlapping speakers).

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Jordan. It is between bracket or not, not. So I propose that we agree about this title, as per the proposal of Jordan. Saudi Arabia.

>> SAUDI ARABIA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We tried to speak on the previous item. We would like to say that the Arab group as a whole would like to associate itself with the statement made by Russia. Now, with regard to this resolution and in order to reach a compromise as well as an agreement as we did before, we consider these amendments to be acceptable. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, Saudi Arabia, for

this spirit of compromise. I now ask you or propose to you that we approve this resolution on open source, as amended by some Member States. No objection. Approved.

(applause).

Thank you all for that. We are coming, we are having, we have gone through the most difficult part of our agenda. Now, we will go through brief presentation, if so, of the reports of the various committees of this WTSA.

And starting by the report of com 4, yes, we had com 2, now, the report of com 3 which is in document 115, and Mr. Steve, where are you, Steve? Steve now, you have the floor. Yesterday it was a bit difficult. Bit different. But now you have the floor. But, as Franz is hungry maybe you could make it short. Steve, please.

>> Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman and to minimize the amount of time we take between Franz and his sandwich, I won't take you through every section of this report. The majority of our output you have already approved through your acceptance and approval of the material in the first, fourth, fifth, 8th and 9th series of texts from the editorial Committee to the plenary including one place where we asked for you to resolve the square brackets which has since been done.

There are a few other small items in this report,

where we will be asking for plenary to pass on through the report instructions for TSAG or for the Director. I can introduce them all and try to approve them en bloc or we can take them one by one as you prefer. Either is fine.

>> CHAIR: This time we like approval en bloc.

>> Okay, I will introduce all of the items. The first two are at the top of page 2 under resolution 1, two final paragraphs of the section under resolution 1, at the top of page 2 of this report. So just down a bit, so two items here, plenary is asked to request the TSAG find a definition for agreement as applied to nonnormative text and plenary is requested to instruct TSAG to conduct a holistic review of document development and approval procedures across resolution 1, recommendation A .1 and recommendation A .13 and prepare a proposal to the next Assembly. Final instruction, you may have already taken during our discussion of the square brackets removed earlier on resolution 1.

The next point not for your action but simply to point out under resolution 22 which is at the top of page 3, we had been requested by Saudi Arabia to include a note concerning a Arab States proposal, and I've been informed earlier today by Saudi Arabia that the Arab

States no longer require this note, so I'd like to simply request deleting this note, before publication of the final proceedings.

This note is no longer necessary.

The next instruction is on page 5 about in the middle of the page under resolution 66, which is technology watch and it turns out some of the confusion in discussion of this item had to do with the fact that technology watch reports haven't always been identified that way, and some members felt like they hadn't seen one in over two years.

So we didn't suppress the resolution this time, but we agreed that plenary is requested to instruct the TSB Director to report on a on going basis to TSAG concerning the implementation of resolution 66. If we can see at each TSAG meeting which technology watch reports have been prepared. The final request, Mr. Chairman, is down on page 8, final page, under recommendation A.13, the final paragraph of that section. I guess not on the table, but the final page of text, so, yeah, right here, so the final paragraph here, the plenary meeting is requested to instruct TSAG to investigate further the procedures for development and agreement of nonnormative text within the ITU-T and

assign the urgency of the issue.

Those are the four instructions we would like to pass on, Mr. Chairman. Thank you very much.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Steve. And thank you for the tremendous work you have done all along these 12 days. I really much appreciate the effort you put in this Committee 3 and the very, very efficient work that you have done with all the team. Thank you, Steve. And I on behalf of all this Assembly, I would like to address to you my sincere considerations for the dedication you have shown up and you are probably one of the one, whenever I was around you were also around, and I remember that even when there are some free lunch or free dinner somewhere, you have always stayed at the office or at your hotel for working.

Thank you very much, Steve.

(applause).

I will make maybe a statement after the end of this session.

Kwame, now for com 4, please. Kwame. It was your day today, but let us finish shortly. Please, can you, I see Argentina requesting for the floor.

>> ARGENTINA: Thank you, Chairman. Without wanting to delay the meeting further I'd like to make, like to

seek clarification with regards to the presentation made by the previous report, we were still pending a paragraph with regards to resolution 71, and in which report we might be able to incorporate the drafting in regards to this resolution, please, Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Argentina. Please can we display the report of com 3.

I'll give the floor to Reinhard.

>> Put it in the report of the plenary.

>> CHAIR: Is it fine, it will be included in the report of the plenary. Okay, thank you. Kwame and back to you. We need to approve formally the report of com 3, if there is no objection. The report of com 3 is approved. Thank you.

Mr. Kwame, the floor is yours.

>> KWAME BAAH-ACHEAMFUOR: Thank you, Chair. The final report of Committee 4 on work programme and organisation of ITU-T is currently available as document 92. Chair, for your attention and consideration, if you look at the report as a clause 4.3 Committee 4 has 7 sections and our reports are available as 65, 70, 73, 83, 90 and 91. 65 and 70 we agree that the WTSA plenary but the reports for the third and fifth sessions were also agreed by com 4. But they are yet to be reviewed

by the plenary. Then also the combined report for the meetings 6 and 7 is available as document 91 and this is submitted directly to the plenary for approval, Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Kwame. Are there any clarifications? I see no request for the floor. I propose that we approve the report of Committee 4. Approved. Thank you.

(applause).

And of course, much thanks to Kwame who had really hard time during this WTSA. Believe me, he is the one who had the most hard time of all of us during this WTSA. And if you look at him, he is always smiling. I don't know how he do that.

(applause).

Now, the final report that will be presented for approval is the report for com 5. Is Rim in the room, you know, Com 5 is the Committee who works in the dark. I mean during the day, they are touring somewhere because we have nothing to do, and when we have finished our work, they start theirs.

So, Rim, are you in the room? Tunisia, yes, Rim, please.

>> Rim Belhaj: Thank you, Chairman.

Well, we work also during the day.

(chuckles).

As com 5 has efficiently been meeting its commitments as in terms of reference, November 2, com 5 has considered 29 modified resolution. The Committee addressed 100 percent of the documents that were submitted by com 3 and com 4 and it is addressing and we address today any documents submitted by plenary, in addition to language aligning it in all language versions com 5 also took the following two actions.

First at the request of com 3, com 5 examined the language contained in the resolves of resolution 35, and determined there was no misalignment among the language versions.

Two, at the request of com 3, to publish recommendation ITU-TA7 as one publication, a new edition containing the integrated text of the recommendation will be posted on the ITU website.

Allow me, Chairman, to thank the com 5 Vice-Chairs, Marie who Chair the Committee while I was attending plenary yesterday and today in the morning, Mr. Miguel Olmo, and I thank also the devoted team composed by the secretary, the assistants, the team of translator Ann Marie, Andre Thomas as well as those in Geneva. I told it was around 30, the team of operator here and in Geneva.

The delegates who attended all our meetings.

Thank you all for your patience and commitment.

Thank you. (applause)

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Rim, thank you for the great work you have done for the team. I said they work in the dark but they also work during the day. You have difficult task. You depend on others' schedule and you cannot adjust your own schedule and I know that is very, very hard to sustain. Thank you very much for that, Rim and my greetings to the whole team. I suggest we approve the report of com 5, if there is no objection. I see Jordan asking for the floor. Jordan, please. Jordan has a objection on this report.

(chuckles).

(receiving no English translation).

Thank you, Chairman. I'd just like to say that the work of Committee 5 is not concluded, because the report which was adopted quite recently should also be sent to Committee 5 for their review. And as has happened in previous Assemblies, we should ask Committee 5 to continue to work in order to finalize the documentation which the Assembly will adopt. Thank you very much, Chairman. We need to ask the Assembly to authorize Committee 5 to do so. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Jordan, I'm sorry, Rim and com 5 team, have been on duty for quite a long time and effectively, you have to continue to work, but we consider that the partial report that you have given to us as approved, if everyone agrees on that. And of course, you have to continue working on the new recommend that will be sent to you.

Thank you.

Now we have almost come to the end of this WTSA 16. I have one item here which is called AOB, as you know this item in which we can put anything. But I would like to use this item to, while we will be starting very shortly the closing ceremony, just use this item and the time for our Minister and for our Secretary of State to join the stage, to thank all of you. I will have the opportunity to do it after this closing, to thank all of you for the very, very, very cooperative mind-set and spirit that you have shown during this session of today.

Thank you very much for it. And we would like to thank again the dream team of WTSA, that is the management team of WTSA, composed of our six Vice-Chairs of this WTSA, our two chairs of the technical or the operational committees, that is com 3, Steve and com 4, Kwame, with

their team, within com 4A, Fabio, 4 com B Jeferson, com 3A, Bruce, no, Bruce, Ahmed, for com 3A, Bruce.

And of course, the Chairman of com 2, which is Mrs. Weiling from China, and the other, the com 5 as she was just presenting her report, Mrs. Rim from Tunisia.

I then propose that we close this WTSA 16, and we will go to the closing ceremony, just after that.

(sound of gavel).

(applause).

Now I can remove the tie?

(laughter).

I hand it over to you now. I will give you this gavel. You do whatever you want with it.

>> Just for the photo.

>> Thank you.

(applause).

>> Now I have to leave the Chair now because I am no more the Chairman of anything.

(laughter).

(applause).

>> Ladies and gentlemen, it is my pleasure to welcome the TSB director, Dr. Chaesub Lee for the closing remarks of the plenary.

>> CHAESUB LEE: Good evening, everyone. I have my speech here. Before I start from the beginning when I took over this post, I'm thinking about today, how I can make of this today.

At the end I can see you, all of you as present, smile, I'm very happy with this.

This year, my 30 years participation of this ITU, special ITU-T, I have never think I would be here as TSB Director, so my first WTSA, I never forgot the experience myself. It should be very good reference for my future.

Your Excellency, Minister of Communication Technologies, Mohamed Anouar Maarouf and digital economy, Republic of Tunisia, your Excellency, Habib Dababi, Secretary of State for the study of economy, Republic of Tunisia, Moktar Mnakri, Chairman of WTSA 16, officers of ITU, Mr. Francois Rancy, Distinguished Delegates, ladies and gentlemen.

I'm very pleased to have this opportunity to address you at this closing ceremony of the world telecommunication standards Assembly 2016. I'd like to thank our host, Tunisia, for the great hospitality that we have enjoyed over the past two weeks. Your support to the world of ITU is highly appreciated.

I would especially like to thank the Chairman of WTSA 16, Moktar Mnakri, he has skilled our discussion with often in the midst of difficult negotiations. We are very grateful for the contribution that you have made to this Assembly. Thank you very much.

As you recognize, Mr. Mnakri, he is a very interesting man, I wish to make reference how for my future of this operation of this TSB, just to take this opportunity, I want to ask applause to him over his excellent leadership.

(applause).

Distinguished Delegates, the discussion of this Assembly have been very challenging at times. This of course is evidence of the gravity of the issues at hand. We can all be proud of our will to tackle these important issues under ITU platform. We have worked through a huge volume of documents, and we have made great effort to understand each other's views.

This hard work has helped us to find a common ground. We have built the consensus required to reach a series of agreements.

This is what makes ITU unique. Our world is very diverse, in culture, language, and levels of economic development. We convene in ITU in spirit of

collaboration and mutual respect.

Under neutral platform provided by ITU, we broker consensus on policy and technical questions of common global concern. This Assembly has produced many victories for international collaboration. We have given great impetus to ITU-T's study of the wireline network innovations required to meet the performance targets of 5G IMT 2020 systems.

We have increased ITU to promote strong consumer protection. We have given further support to ITU's development of technical frameworks, to record event data from aircraft, cars, and other connected machinery.

We have encouraged ITU to promote for international mobile roaming, we have recognized the importance of ITU work to support policymakers and industry players in their efforts to achieve high quality ICT services in the packet based communication environments. We have called for ITU standards to capitalize on the potential of ICTs to increase financial inclusion in developing countries.

We have organized the great importance of ITU's standardization work to enable the coordinated development of the Internet of Things and smart sustainable cities.

We have agreed the mandates of ITU's expert groups, and we have elected globally representative leadership teams to guide these groups towards the fulfillment of these mandates. And we have ensured that ITU's working methods will continue to offer reliability and consistency to the international standardization community.

Together, we have strengthened the ability of ITU standardization to provide an equitable basis for ICT development worldwide. The deliberations of WTSA 16 have spoken volumes for the inclusivity of ITU. I would like to thank all delegates for their valuable contribution, the work of this Assembly, ITU-T has emerged from WTSA 16 in a stronger position, to provide common platforms for ICT growth and innovation.

I will look forward to our continued collaboration, to build a trusted ICT environment, one that will drive social and economic development in all regions of the world.

Taking this opportunity on behalf of all delegations, I would like to thank interpreters, local supporters, ITU staff, as well as our security guards, for their designations and contributions to make this conference a success and safe.

I thank again and wish you all safe trip home, with your great pleasure and I hope you have a chance to visit beach side. Thank you very much.

(applause).

>>Thank you very much, Dr. Lee. It is now a pleasure to ... I'd like to invite Dr. Rancy to present the speech on behalf of the Secretary-General of the closing ceremony. Thank you.

>> FRANCOIS RANCY: Thank you, your Excellency, Mohamed Anouar Maarouf, Minister of Communication Technologies and digital economy of the Republic of Tunisia, your Excellency, Habib Dababi, Secretary of State for digital economy of the Republic of Tunisia. Moktar Mnakri, Chairman of WTSA, Chaesub Lee, Director of TSB. Distinguished Delegates, ladies and gentlemen, please let me read what Secretary-General Houlin Zhao wanted to tell you, unfortunately, sorry he could not stay with us tonight.

He had to be in Geneva for important meetings tomorrow.

So, please, this is now Houlin Zhao speaking, not me.

Good afternoon, or I would say good night, it is a great pleasure to be here with you. So, he is not here,

but he wanted to tell you that.

For this closing ceremony of the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly 2016.

I first would like to congratulate Tunisia for hosting a very successful event. We have received the support of excellent facilities, highly professional staff and tremendous hospitality. Distinguished Delegates, ITU globally representative membership is known for its long standing commitment to consensus. The principles that guide the work of ITU ensure that all Member States are able to influence our work on an equal footing. We have seen the strength of ITU in action at WTSA 16.

This has provided ample evidence of the ITU membership's long spirit of collaboration. WTSA has considered enormous volume of documents. Delegates have worked late into the night and throughout the weekend. A wide variety of views have been taken into account, and I congratulate you on your efforts to build consensus on the key issues discussed in this Assembly. You have done it.

Following close to two weeks of deliberations, we have converged on the set of agreements that have the consensus derived support of the diverse ITU membership.

A new WTSA resolution has given further impetus to ITU-T studies on wireless networking innovations required to achieve the performance targets of 5G.

Other new resolutions include cause for ITU-T to continue promoting strong consumer protection, following mobile roaming tariffs, high quality ICT services, and the use of cloud computing to record events data from aircraft, cars and other connected machinery.

We have also agreed new resolutions calling for ITU standards to capitalize on ICTs to increase financial inclusion in developing countries, and to drive the success of the Internet of Things and Smart Cities and Communities.

The agreements reached at this Assembly have placed ITU-T in a strong position to government, industry, academia, in achieving their ambition for year 2020 and beyond.

I would like to thank all delegates for their hard work in various committees and ad hoc groups. I would like to congratulate all the new members in the Study Group management team and I wish them every success in their new roles.

I thank our outgoing Chairman and Vice-Chairmen for their valuable contribution to ITU standardization

over the past few years.

I would also like to thank all of our translators, interpreters and Secretariat staff for their expert facilitation of this event.

I wish to congratulate Chaesub Lee, Director of TSB and his team, and the staff of the TSB and the staff from other services on the ITU for their dedicated contribution to the success of WTSA 2016.

Last but more importantly, let me congratulate and thank the Chairman of the WTSA, Moktar Mnakri, for his outstanding leadership.

Mr. Mnakri, steer this Assembly's discussion with resolve and a quick-witted sense of humor that has been well appreciated by all participants, I believe.

I am honored to have the opportunity to present Mr. Mnakri with a certificate and medal as token of ITU's appreciation to his contribution, for his contribution to this Assembly.

(applause).

I would also like to extend my gratitude to Mr. Minister and Mr. Secretary of State for their dedicated support in hosting, inviting and hosting and making this event so successful.

(applause).

Distinguished Delegates I would like to finally wish you a safe trip home, and I certainly look forward to our continued efforts to ensure that all countries have equal opportunity to benefit from ICT advances which are changing our world. Thank you very much.

(applause).

>> BILEL JAMOSSI: Thank you very much, Mr. Francois Rancy, Director of the BR sector of ITU for delivering the speech on behalf of the Secretary-General of ITU.

Pleasure now to invite Mr. Moktar Mnakri, to provide his closing remarks as Chairman of WTSA 2016.

Moktar.

>> While our Chairman is on the phone, I forget to say, my thanks to the captioners, as you know, these captioners, it is great helpful for us to capture all this information, so thanks to our captioners for your contribution. Thank you very much.

(applause).

>> MOKTAR MNAKRI: Thank you, to the Director of the R sector, I will try to make it short, but I have so many things to do, to say. First of all, is that we have lived together almost day and night for more than 12 days. We have known each other. I have been discussing on many issues not only regarding WTSA but

many subjects also to many of you, I can just tell that it is great to have all this Distinguished Delegates here, with this high level and this various cultural mix which is unique opportunity to discover others, to discover people, to discover culture, and to interact with them. Thank you for having given to my team and I this opportunity.

Thank you also for having sustained the hard work that we have to achieve during those twelve, 13 days. You have sustained it, and I still see your faces. You look happy with the job you have made, even if some of you at this moment are just thinking about sandwich or something to eat.

Starting by Franz.

So, I will not be shorter than that.

I had some information on this statistics on how many meetings we have, maybe 200 and something like that. I don't have it in mind. How many hours of debate we had. I will not bother with that.

But, what I have in mind is your faces. Believe me, all your faces are in my mind. Wherever you will go, if one day our roads cross, I will recognize you.

I'm absolutely sure about that.

I have seen very good spirits in many, many, many,

many of you, even though from time to time, as per your duties, per the instruction you have received from your, either head of delegation or your country and your ICT departments or whatever, you had to stick on those positions, and I understand that. And I hope that you have understood that I have understood that.

Now, we have come to the end of this Assembly. I have one big regret, this which is my regret, 12 days ago I was here with you opening the Assembly, and I was telling you much things about the beauty of this country, the so many things we can discover and enjoy. And my regret is that you didn't get enough time to discover and enjoy this country.

This is my regret. But I hope that for the sake of the relationship we have we are together during these twelve days, that you keep in mind that this country maybe deserves that you discover it a bit more. And be sure that you will be welcome here as you have been welcome during this almost two weeks, you will be welcome any time you would like to come here and discover this country.

Now, I will not talk about the outcome of this Assembly. I believe we have done all of us our job. We can be satisfied all of us, whatever are the details that we have needed to go through, and the decision that

we have needed to take.

I would like that you keep in mind that we haven't closed anything, we just learned much each of us.

My last words will be to thank, and I would like to start to thank all of you, all of you Distinguished Delegates, because you are this Assembly. You are this WTSA, you are the basement of the Assembly, and its success, it is yours.

Then we have what we can call the management team, which is all the six vice presidents of this Assembly from the various regions, and the chairs of the committees and of the Working Groups.

This team worked hard as you may know, some have worked much more harder than others, for example, Kwame and Steve worked much more than I. But, Mohammed, Jeferson, Fabio, and Bruce, have also worked so hard, and they were stressed all of the time because they needed to report to the committees and then to the plenary.

Well, this is all from my side. I would like to join Mr. Director to thank again the interpreters, you know how hard their job, much harder than ours. And they don't have the right to make any mistake, and everything is realtime.

While with us, we can decide to have a coffee break,

to consultate or to think about what we have to decide.

Thanks also go to the captioning, some were there and also I have understood there is captioning which is away from here.

In my thanks, I talked about the team, what I call the operational team. But I don't forget the Budget Committee, with Weiling as head of Budget Committee and Editorial Committee, with Rim as Chair of Editorial Committee and all their teams.

If you will allow me a personal thank, and congratulations to my team here, first, my, our organisation team, we have here within this organisation roughly 150 people who have been working since months in organizing this Assembly, either on the logistic sides, on the housing, on the transportation, and on the IT system and all what you have been using here, they have been working hard on it in order to allow this WTSA, this success that we have lived.

I have also what I call, what we call a content team. I have in the room, maybe you have seen them somewhere, roughly 30 young people with their management around, who have been working on the process of ITU-T and on the content, since many months, and they are in parallel with the reports I have from TSB team, and from

the Chairs of committees, I had also reporting from them, and they attended almost all the meetings ad hoc groups, and informal consultation group.

Now, I will end my remarks or closing remarks, thanking the dream team of TSB. I don't know how you can sustain it, but they, when we have finished our work, they continue working to prepare our work for tomorrow, and when I come up in the morning, and I come to the office, I find them there.

So, my deep gratitude to all of them, they have been working very hard and the same as for us and Distinguished Delegates, they couldn't take the time to visit and to enjoy the country.

And my deep greetings to all of them, and I wish that they would have enjoyed at least a part of their stay here.

This I will conclude, I maybe tired you, you can understand, and enjoy also friends, it can be good if we can get something there are.

Thank you very much, and I hope to see all of you again, whenever. And thank you very much.

(applause).

((off microphone))

>> BILEL JAMOSSI: Thank you very much, Moktar,

thank you, Chairman of WTSA 2016 for leading us to a successful Assembly.

Ladies and gentlemen, before inviting His Excellency, the Minister allow me to say two words, a few words. About our journey that is coming to a close, this journey started in May, 2015, during the WSIS Forum in Geneva, when the Tunisian government expressed its interest in hosting WTSA 2016. This journey was long, with a lot of hard work and dedication from a joint team between the Tunisian government and ITU, full of hope, full of challenges, but certainly with a dedication and commitment and belief that we will have a safe and successful WTSA. A belief that has never been waived throughout this journey.

With those words we are coming to a close of a successful journey. It is really my pleasure and honor to invite His Excellency, Mohamed Anouar Maarouf Minister of Communication Technologies and digital economy, to close officially our Assembly. Thank you.

(applause).

>> MOHAMED ANOUAR MAAROUF: In the name of Allah the merciful and all compassionate, Director of TSB, Chaesub Lee, Mr. Francois Rancy, Director of the ITU-R, your Excellencies, heads of delegations, Distinguished

Delegates, representatives of countries, dear guests of Tunisia, dear sons and daughters of Tunisia who have participated in this excellent and splendid Assembly, may Allah be praised for having made it possible for us to hold this conference, to host the efforts of this 2016 Assembly, the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly, two full weeks of intense work by all of the different bodies, Study Groups, and Working Parties. Two weeks is a long time in Hammamet. I'm happy that you have been here. Thank you for the opportunity to be here with you alongside you during this exciting conference. We have lived through times of great honor and pleasure and great interest. We felt that we were a part of this extraordinary and very international family that stretches across the world.

Thank you very much. Thank you to the Secretary-General, Mr. Houlin Zhao, I hope I have pronounced his name correctly. Sadly, he could not be here for this closure. I hope he arrived home safely.

I also would like to thank Mr. Brahim Sanou, who also had to represent me a message this morning, a very pleasant message. I hope that Tunisia fully succeeded in smoothly organizing this event. I hope that my country was able to provide with you, to you, all the resources

needed to satisfy you in your efforts, and I would also like to thank and congratulate the entire Secretariat of the International Telecommunication Union who guaranteed, I think, the success of this event. Of course, I would like to thank the hard working interpreters who have helped make these two weeks a faultless success. I would also like to thank the local organisation Committee of the host country, all of the civil servants, as well as all of the volunteers, all of them headed by Mr. Moktar Mnakri, Chairman of WTSA 16.

This was an honor for Tunisia to host this Assembly, and we thank you for that honor. We would also like to thank all of the numerous sponsors who have made such a great contribution to the success of this event. Your Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates, ladies and gentlemen, the work of this Assembly created an extraordinary opportunity for everyone working in the digital and technological industry, in the ICT sector in Tunisia. You made a contribution to standardization. You made a contribution to improving security and confidentiality. This is a precious contribution that you have offered, and you gave us a fascinating opportunity to participate, to follow as we did with great interest all of your work. This was a great

opportunity for young people here, and we listened to very heated discussions, we understand that there were many difficulties that had to be overcome. But you were victorious in achieving a consensus in the spirit of the ITU culture. We saw how this was done.

We were happy to welcome you to Tunisia, and we saw, you saw how we live. Mr. Moktar Mnakri demonstrated great talent to achieve a consensus that was extremely difficult. We could learn in Tunisia from the way that he lived your efforts and achieved consensus.

The issues that you handled, are extremely important in today's world, for all our countries. We saw how many critical projects and programmes you handle to fill the gaps in world standardization and to ensure that there is sufficient regulation and skills in all the countries of the world, and Tunisia in the future will work to support the ITU and put in place all of the regulations and standards that you have developed to ensure that we have smooth sustainable development in this sector and throughout our country.

I know that you are very tired, after so many difficult days of work, and so I will not be talking for too long. I am simply conclude by thanking you once again, and I hope that you will find the time during

this visit or in future to visit our country. I know that you have had to stay up working this conference, sometimes working day and night, perhaps you may not have had time for sightseeing in the country. But nevertheless, we invite you to visit our country in the future, but meanwhile, I wish you a safe return to your homes, the country of peace and Allah accompanies you. Thank you.

(applause).

>> BILEL JAMOUSSEI: Thank you, your Excellency Minister, and now your Excellency, Secretary of State, officials of the ITU, ladies and gentlemen, thank you all for having contributed to the success of this conference. We thus conclude this closing ceremony. I thank you.

(applause).

(session adjourned at 2116)

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