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SUMMARY RECORD
OF THE
FIFTH PLENARY MEETING

Friday, 14 October 2011, from 1435 to 1735 hours

Chairman: Mr F. BORJÓN (Mexico)

Subjects discussed	Documents
1 Elaboration of a working definition of the term "ICT"	C11/61(Rev.1)
2 Internet activities and facilitating the transition from IPv4 to IPv6	C11/31 , C11/32
3 ITU activities in ICTs and climate change	C11/22
4 ITU role as supervisory authority of the future international registration system for space assets under the draft space protocol	C11/26

1 Elaboration of a working definition of the term “ICT” (Document C11/61(Rev.1))

1.1 The councillor from the Russian Federation introduced Document C11/61(Rev.1), proposing that an intersectoral group, led by one of the ITU-D study groups, should be given the task of elaborating a working definition of the term “ICT”.

1.2 Several councillors supported that proposal, noting that the term “ICT” was widely used within ITU to cover a variety of technologies and emphasizing the need for a uniform definition.

1.3 Other councillors stressed the importance of “ICT” being defined flexibly to meet the differing needs of the different Sectors. One councillor suggested that ITU-D should come up with a definition, which could then be considered by the other Sectors.

1.4 The Chairman recalled that Resolution 140 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010) requested the Council to produce a definition. The question now before the Council was how that work should go forward. He invited the councillor from the Russian Federation to engage in informal consultations with a view to drafting a text in the form of an instruction from the Council.

1.5 One councillor said that there should be a deadline for achieving a definition. Another councillor pointed out that Resolution 140 simply envisaged the “possible” transmission of a definition to the plenipotentiary conference.

1.6 Following informal consultations, the councillor from the Russian Federation said that the following text had been agreed with interested parties:

“Considering Resolution 140 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010), where the ITU Council was requested to elaborate through the Sector study groups and submit a working definition of the term ‘ICT’ to the Council and working groups of the Council for possible transmission to the next plenipotentiary conference, and the proposal from the Russian Federation (Document C11/61(Rev.1)), the Council decides to elaborate a working definition of the term ‘ICT’ through an ITU-D Sector study group, with close collaboration with the ITU-R and ITU-T study groups.

The Council instructs the Director of BDT to conduct consultations with the chairmen of ITU-D study groups and TDAG for the creation of a group for elaboration of a working definition of the term ‘ICT’ open for the participation of other Sector membership, and the Directors of BR and TSB to conduct consultations with the chairmen of ITU-R and ITU-T study groups, RAG and TSAG regarding the participation of representatives of their Sector study groups in that activity and report to the Council session 2012.”

1.7 The above text was **approved** as a decision of the Council.