



General Secretariat (SG)

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Ref: **CL-21/14** To: **ITU Member States**
Contact: Ms Béatrice Pluchon
E-mail: contributions@itu.int cc to Regional Telecommunication Organizations (RTOs)
Subject: **Invitation to nominate candidates for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Council Working Group for Strategic and Financial Plans for 2024-2027**

Dear Sir/Madam,

As per past practice, in preparation of the ITU Strategic and Financial Plans for 2024-2027, it is proposed in document C21/64 to establish a Council Working Group for the elaboration of the draft Strategic and Financial Plans for 2024-2027 planning cycle. This document also contains a draft resolution, which is contained in [Annex A](#) to this letter. In anticipation of the approval of this resolution by correspondence after the C21 Virtual consultation of councillors and the establishment of the Council Work Group for Strategic and Financial Plans (CWG-SFP), I would like to issue a call for candidatures for a Chair and Vice-Chairs of this Group. In accordance with Annexes 1 and 2 of Council Resolution 1333 (see [Annex B](#)), Member States are invited to submit candidatures taking into account gender balance and equitable geographical distribution.

The regional telecommunication organizations are copied so that they might assist in coordinating, at the regional level, for the designation of potential Chair and Vice-Chair candidates for this Council Working Group.

Should your administration/organization wish to nominate a candidate, please send the candidate's full name and biographical profile, highlighting the qualifications of the individual concerned (as indicated in Resolution 1333), by e-mail to: contributions@itu.int by 12.00 Geneva time, 19 April 2021.

The list of Chair and Vice-Chairs will be presented to the Virtual consultation of councillors, which will take place 8-18 June 2021.

Kindly note that the positions of Council Working Group Chair and Vice-Chairs are not considered "honorary" positions, and therefore, appointees will not be eligible to receive financial assistance from ITU. The commitment of time and resources required to fulfil their duties will be borne by the candidates themselves and by their nominating administrations and/or organizations, up until the next Plenipotentiary Conference in 2022.

I very much look forward to receiving your nominations.

Yours faithfully,

(signed)

Houlin ZHAO
Secretary-General

Annexes: 2

ANNEX A

(From document [C21/64](#))

DRAFT RESOLUTION

**Establishment of the Council Working Group
for Strategic and Financial Plans for 2024-2027**

The ITU Council,

considering

that No. 74A of the Constitution requires the Secretary-General to provide information necessary for the preparation of a Strategic Plan,

considering also

a) that in accordance with No. 62A of the Convention, the Council is required to receive and review the specific data for strategic planning that is provided by the Secretary-General as noted in No. 74A of the Constitution and, in the last but one ordinary session of the Council before the next plenipotentiary conference, initiate the preparation of a draft new strategic plan for the Union, drawing upon input from Member States, Sector Members and the Sector advisory groups, and produce a coordinated draft new strategic plan at least four months before that plenipotentiary conference;

b) the provisions of Decision 5 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) concerning the revenue and expenses for the Union for the period 2020-2023;

c) the guiding principles for the creation, management and termination of Council working groups established in [Decision 11 \(Rev. Dubai, 2018\)](#);

resolves

to establish a Council Working Group to develop the draft Strategic and Financial Plans for consideration by the 2022 Session of the Council and presentation by Council to PP-22. The Working Group (CWG-SFP), open to Member States and, when addressing the draft Strategic Plan, also open to Sector Members, has the following terms of reference:

- a)* to identify, with the assistance of the Secretary-General and the Directors of the Bureaux, sources of information to be used in the development of the draft Plans;
- b)* to develop draft Strategic and Financial Plans for presentation to the 2022 session of the Council;
- c)* to post on the PP-22 website a coordinated draft new Strategic Plan four months before the Plenipotentiary Conference;
- d)* to continue its discussions, if necessary, on the Financial Plan until the extraordinary session of the Council prior to the PP-22;
- e)* to closely coordinate with other Council Working Groups and Sector advisory groups which may work on items related to the draft Strategic and Financial Plans;

instructs the Secretary-General, with support of the Directors of the Bureaux

to provide the necessary support and documentation for the operation of the CWG-SFP,

invites the membership, the Council Working Groups, the Elected Officials, and the Sector advisory groups

to provide all contributions and all necessary assistance to the development of the draft Strategic and Financial Plans, and to make full use of electronic means of working.

ANNEX B

RESOLUTION 1333 (MODIFIED 2016)

Guiding principles for the creation, management and termination of Council working groups

The Council,

considering

- a) Articles 7 and 10 of the Constitution, according to which, in the interval between plenipotentiary conferences, the Council acts as governing body of the Union, on behalf of the Plenipotentiary Conference within the limits of the powers delegated to it by the latter;
- b) Decision 11 (Rev. Busan, 2014) on the creation and management of Council Working Groups, identifying the main principles of the creation and work of the Council Working Groups;
- c) Annex 2 to Decision 5 (Rev. Busan, 2014) on options for reducing expenditure, *inter alia*, the reduction of the number of Council Working Groups (CWGs) to the absolute minimum necessary and reduction as much as possible of the number and duration of physical meetings of working groups of the Council;
- d) Decision 584 of the Council 2015, identifying the principles for appointment and term of office for CWG Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen;
- e) WTSA Resolution 35 (Rev. Dubai, 2012), Resolution ITU-R 15-5, and WTDC Resolution 61 (Rev. Dubai, 2014) on appointment and maximum term of office for chairmen and vice-chairmen of study groups and advisory groups,

resolves

- 1 that CWGs shall address issues, goals, strategies, and priorities identified in the Strategic and Financial Plans of the Union and in the decisions of the Plenipotentiary Conferences and the Council, and provide advice to the Council for its consideration;
- 2 that in creating a Council Working Group, the terms of reference (ToR) of CWGs shall be clearly defined, and duplication and overlapping of tasks shall be avoided with other CWGs; ToRs may be modified, as appropriate, in order to respond to changing requirements;
- 3 that appointment of CWG Chairmen and at least two Vice-Chairmen for each CWG should be guided by provisions of Decision 11 (Rev. Busan, 2014) and the Procedure of the Annex 1, including submission of the information given in the Annex 2;
- 4 that term of office for Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of CWG should not exceed the interval between consecutive Plenipotentiary Conferences; that the period in office in one CWG does not count towards the period in office in other CWG; that steps should be taken to provide some continuity between CWG Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen;
- 5 that it is necessary to plan and conduct CWG meetings in an efficient and cost effective manner, within the limits of the budget allocated by the Council; a CWG should normally hold one meeting and not more than two CWG meetings per year; and, if appropriate, one meeting of the CWGs can be integrated into the time allocation of the annual sessions of the Council; electronic meetings should be envisaged when necessary and feasible;
- 6 that, as far as possible, CWGs should advance their activity by electronic means and working methods;

7 that termination of a CWG is executed after completion of tasks within the framework of the group's mandate or in accordance with other decisions of the Council and/or the Plenipotentiary Conference, including Decision 11 (Rev. Busan, 2014),

resolves further

1 that the number and mandates of the CWGs, in particular, on any modifications required to existing groups in response to this resolution and to changing requirements should be examined, on an ongoing basis,

instructs the Secretary-General

1 to submit to each Plenipotentiary Conference and to each Council a table that identifies the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of each CWG, their tenure of office and region;

2 to ensure uniformity of the CWG websites that includes, at a minimum, terms of reference, the objective, composition, chairman and vice-chairmen, the secretariat, key Decisions and Resolutions, CWG documents and Reports.

ANNEX 1

Procedure for the appointment of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Council working groups

- 1 After a decision on the creation of a Council working group is adopted by the Plenipotentiary Conference or by the Council, the Secretary-General, in consultation with Member States, will prepare and publish, on the Council's webpage, a list of candidates and their profiles for each working group.¹
- 2 Appointment decision shall be taken on the corresponding session of the Council (immediately after the Plenipotentiary Conference or on the Council's session which has taken the decision to create a CWG) taking into account the competency of candidates and with a view to promoting equitable geographical distribution and gender balance.
- 3 If a CWG Chairman could not continue his/her activity, a new Chairman is nominated, as a rule, from the existing Vice-Chairmen of this CWG; with the "partial" term of office not taken into account in the appointment for the next term.

¹ Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the working group on use of the six official languages of the Union are appointed through linguistic groups. Their term of office is determined by the Council considering proposals from corresponding linguistic groups.

ANNEX 2

Qualifications of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen

In appointing Chairmen or Vice-Chairmen, particular consideration shall also be given to the following data on competency and qualifications:

- knowledge and experience in the corresponding field;
- experience in ITU meetings and other intergovernmental organizations;
- managerial skills;
- ability to immediately proceed to duties and continue working until the next Plenipotentiary Conference or the CWG termination;
- succession planning.

Particular reference to the above qualifications should be included in the biographical profile to be published by the Secretary-General.
