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>> CHAIRMAN: Good morning, everyone.

Because a number of colleagues aren't with us yet because the plenary is still going, I thought that we would continue our discussion about Resolution 11, once the UAE has arrived. So in the meantime, if we could commence by a discussion of document DT/11, the monitoring mechanism on ITU programmes and projects, which is a proposed new decision that after our discussion yesterday some colleagues worked together and provided a new draft document for our consideration this morning.

So I'll ask the Czech Republic if they are able to present the document.

>> CZECH REPUBLIC: Yes, Madam Chairman. Thank you very much.

We just did the work that you ordered introduced, and I have to say that there is also an amendment the UAE proposed, so the square brackets are the part that says or that describes the access to the stakeholders, because it's in line with the proposed document. And this part will develop according to this decision number 12, how it will develop.

So the main intention was there to split the programmes and projects. So you see new provisions on projects. It's more general. And while the projects are more concrete, so also the provision is adjusted like that.

So these are the main changes.

Thank you very much.

>> CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much.

Now I'd open the floor for any comments on the new document.

Japan, please.

>> JAPAN: Thank you, Madam Chair, and good morning everyone.

I think that this proposal is very constructive and shows the programmes and projects connected by the ITU. So we have one concern about the placement of the square bracket, proposing the granting of access to stakeholders. So that is I think related to the openness of documents. So we think that it might be good to discuss in other places which is discussing openness of ITU documents. So we hope that -- we prefer to leave the sentence in the square bracket if possible. Thank you very much.

>> CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Japan. As we said yesterday, that square bracket will remain until the issue of document access is discussed and agreed by Committee 5. So at the moment we will just take this draft as it stands and then that decision about whether or not to remove the brackets will depend on the outcome of the discussion in Committee 5. And then the document will be amended accordingly.

I see no further requests for the floor.

Russian Federation.

>> RUSSIAN FEDERATION: Thank you, Madam Chair. I would like to congratulate you all on the elections which have given some guidance to our work. We support this document, unconditionally.

As regards the open brackets, we cannot actually agree with Japan. We need to clarify the situation with regard to the decision to be taken with the -- with regard to the opening up of documents, generally.

But I have a personal request. In the Russian translation, under 3, it says to -- in Russian, instead of (speaking Russian, Shiltra Kuson) it would be better to change the words which are translated clearly to "Indicate" rather than (Speaking Russian).

>> CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much, Russian Federation. We will make sure that that advice is passed on to the Editorial Committee.

I see no other requests for the floor. That said, we have a new Resolution that we will be able to send forward to the Editorial Committee. So thank you all very much.

Vietnam, please.

>> VIETNAM: Sorry. Just waiting.

>> CHAIRMAN: Now, the UAE we now have in the room so we can continue our discussion about Resolution 11. I had a number of speakers on the list from yesterday. I have Ireland and Zambia. So if Ireland is here... I think not.

Zambia? Doesn't seem to be.

Do we have any other questions for the floor following the discussion that we had yesterday?

Okay. I understand the U.S. had a question about a report on ITU Telecom World, so I'll ask Mr. Ba to respond to that.

>> SECRETARIAT: Thank you, Madam Chair.

I had a brief consultation with the U.S. delegate regarding the Resolution, Resolution 11, particularly regarding paragraph 7. Namely, that the Council should submit a report on the future of its meetings to the next Plenipotentiary Conference, taking into account the proposals for new studies regarding different options and mechanisms regarding the organization of these events.

I don't know whether that could be covered in document 20. And the French, it's on page 79, 6, it covers reports on activities which have taken place. But it also covers showcasing the work of ITU Telecom in the future. So I would like to invite the U.S. delegate to take a look at this document and see if it could respond to the expectations expressed.

Thank you.

>> CHAIRMAN: Now we have a proposal for the United Arab Emirates and that is if they could find some time to discuss with the Secretariat those number of issues regarding the implications of the frequency of the Telecom World events and the issues around the treatment of the staff, if we could do that and then come back to Com 6 with a proposal that we can then discuss. Because there is likely to be some implications for the financial plan. So it would probably need to be considered next week in any case.

UAE?

>> UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: Thank you very much, Madam Chair. And I apologize for coming late to this meeting. We had the plenary session and after the plenary I came to this meeting.

Madam Chair, regarding Resolution 11, after my introduction to this document, it was supported by a number of Member States. And they had also comments. So I'm not sure how we are going to proceed. So do you ask us -- and it's not anymore a UAE document, it's submitted from the Arab Group. So do you want to discuss it to the Secretariat and then after that we present it again for an ad hoc group or a drafting group, or we will take the comments in that meeting with the Secretariat? Because usually we form a drafting group or an ad hoc group for such documents.

So by coordinating with the Secretariat only, I'm afraid we will come back and there will be more questions raised. So perhaps if we can have a drafting group with the help of Mr. Ba as the Secretariat of this group, and we can also look at the document, which was requested from the United States, we look at all aspects in that group and we come up with a draft proposal to your plenary, Madam Chair.

Thank you.

>> CHAIRMAN: Thank you, UAE.

I think that what is being proposed now is an ad hoc group. So if that is the wish of the room, we can certainly form the ad hoc group with you as the Chair. And we can -- with the support of the Secretariat. And we can post a location and time on the boards outside. So thank you.

We can now move on to discussion of agenda item 4, which -- I'm sorry. UAE.

>> UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: Thank you very much, Madam Chair.

I also wanted to add that we would like also the Secretariat of the ITU Telecom to be part of that group as well, not only the ITU. Even the ITU Telecom to be part of that group. And please let us know if you have a proposal for the time and the room for the first ad hoc group meeting, or if you want we can perhaps consult with you in the coffee break and come back to this.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

>> CHAIRMAN: The Secretariat will coordinate and come back to our meeting this afternoon with a proposal for a time and a place. And yes, certainly we can have Mr. Shin (Sp) present at the ad hoc group. Thank you.

So if we can now move on to agenda item 4, which is strengthening the regional presence. We have two documents to consider. An ACP/67A2/3 and InterAmerican Proposal 34R1-A1/33. So if I could ask a representative from the APT to introduce the document, please.

>> VIETNAM: Thank you, Madam Chair, for giving me the floor. Good morning, everybody.

On behalf of the APT members, I want to present the document 67A2/3. In the meeting of the Council 2013 session of ITU concerning Resolution 25 on strengthening the regional presence, there was consult that because the Council has information on how the offices manage and how many staffs look at it in each office, but it does not have information about what actions and activities the field offices are, in fact, performing in regards to the implementation of mandates of ITU. And a report on the evolution and development of activities, including implementation of projects and regional activities and organizers of the workshops as well as seminars is vital in order to provide members with the information necessary to evaluate the effectiveness and the strength of regional presence of the ITU.

In closing, the regional offices are responsible for the implementation of the ITU Strategic Plan, in particular the regional incentives. Therefore, in APT members' opinion, the information about what activities and actions the field offices are performing in regard to the implementation of the mandates of ITU, it's not only necessary for the report that the regions present to the Council but it's important to all Member States in the region.

The information on what activities in the operational plan will be implemented by regional presence each year will be more important for Member States in each region to keep following and participate, and this will better emphasize the efficiencies of the field offices so that Member States can compare between the plan and the results achieved in the report.

And this is particularly important when the regional offices are responsible for implementation of the ITU Strategic Plan and the regional initiatives and preparation for the major events.

With the above reason, we propose that the regional and area offices should contribute to the ITU-D for the operational plan with the content specific to each region and office linked to the Strategic Plan of the Union and the Dubai Action Plan. And then set up and continue to publish the annual plan on the ITU website for implementation.

The document details are in the website of ITU, of course, and I submit to you for consideration.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

>> CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Vietnam, on behalf of the APT.

If I could have a representative from CITEL to introduce their document.

Brazil, please.

>> BRAZIL: Thank you, Madam Chair.

Good morning, everyone. I'm here representing the Member States from CITEL. This is an InterAmerican Proposal on document 34 rev 1 and it's proposal number 33. And our proposal has the main following points.

First, we want to strengthen the regional offices in order to enable them to fully implement the Dubai Action Plan and the new Strategic Plan that we are going to be approving here at this conference.

Second, we are proposing that a satisfaction survey is held in between Plenipotentiary Conferences to evaluate the effectiveness of the regional offices and to allow Council to make the necessary actions in order to improve the regional presence of the ITU.

And, thirdly, we want to improve the reporting of the regional presence of the ITU to Council.

So I'm not going to go into all the amendments, because there are too many. But I'm going to highlight some of them. For example, in "recognizing" b), it's being recognized that the WTDC 14 instructed TDAG to elaborate the outcome indicators for the objectives and to revise the KPIs for the outputs approved in the Dubai Action Plan. And that's important because we believe that the regional offices have a large role in achieving these indicators of performance.

And we also recognize that the regional offices are an extension of the ITU as a whole and not only of BDT. And that's why they have a central role in implementing the ITU's Strategic Plan.

Further on in the proposal we, in the "Resolves" section, number 5, that regional offices shall actively engage in the implementation of the Strategic Plan of the Union, 2016-2019, in particular with respect to the four strategic goals, all sectoral and intersectoral objectives, and then following up on the accomplishment of strategic targets.

We also propose that regional offices be actively engaged in the implementation of the Dubai Action Plan, as already said. In particular, with respect to the five objectives that were approved at WTDC 14 and the respective outcomes, the 15 outputs and the 30 regional initiatives.

Also, regional offices should be actively engaged in the realization of regional events. So mistakes like having events of the same nature but from different sectors happening in the same region almost at the same time.

And then at "Resolves" 10 we ask that the regional offices have the most updated electronic working methods anresources. So they will allow Member States to maybe participate in meetings through the regional office facilities.

In "Instructs the Council" we add number 5, which is asking Council to analyze the report on the results of the satisfaction survey to be conducted by the Secretary-General.

In "Instructs the Secretary-General" it's the section where we want to improve the reporting to Council. So we add that, in this report to Council, in the "Staffing" section, it should include the number of people and their category of employment. We need that information.

Second, in the final section of this report, we should be informed about budget allocated to the offices and expenditures per objective and output, according to the Dubai Action Plan.

Further on, we instruct the Secretary-General to conduct the survey in between Plenipotentiary Conferences, within the existing financial resources, and to present this survey to the section of Council prior to each Plenipotentiary Conference.

And then in the end, in the annex to the Resolution, in number C, item C, we state that we need a survey once every four years.

So in summary, these are the proposed changes from the Americas region. Thank you very much.

>> CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Brazil.

I'll now open the floor for any comments.

United States, please.

>> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Good morning. Good morning, Chairman. Good morning, everyone.

Chairman, we will address both documents at the same time or are we only accepting comments on the CITEL document or the ACP document? Could you please clarify?

>> CHAIRMAN: I think we can do both.

>> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Okay. So we are very supportive of both documents, because we believe they improve the transparency of the regional office. However, we do have some comments regarding the CITEL document. And I'm not sure if I can present them here and perhaps I'm not sure how you plan to treat this document. We can talk about it with our CITEL colleagues.

One of our concerns is we have some concerns about the concept of giving greater autonomy to the regional offices, which is contained in "Resolved" section 2. And the new instructions to the Director of the BDT. If we could have further clarification on that, on what is meant there, it would be very helpful.

We also agree with the spirit of the proposal of enabling the regional offices to be able to contribute to the successful implementation of the regional initiatives agreed at WTDC 2014. And we support -- we believe that the proposal suggesting significant change to the structure of the D-Sector, we want to be sure that we fully understand what that means. As we were reading the document, we had trouble understanding the clarity of what they say new changes would imply for the director and especially for the sector.

And then another concern we have, because the regional services reflect the ITU presence and serve all three sectors, the United States has concerns -- believes that the activities that the regional and area offices must be strongly linked to ITU headquarters and should reflect the coordinated views of all three sectors.

Detached satellite offices in the regions pursuing goals and activities of the Union as a whole we believe should be avoided. Because we believe that's counterproductive and inefficient. Our concern with the regional activities is being able to have effective participation of all sectors and continue the work. And we should avoid autonomous divisions because we don't feel it will facilitate this goal.

For example, how would the ITU resources be managed if the regional offices were treated like subdivisions of the D Sector? Ultimately, who would be responsible for the work of the management of the resources? We're concerned that this proposal could have unintended consequences of creating a divide between the regional offices and the elected Director of the BDT.

We would like to suggest a slight amendment to the language in "Resolves" 2 to read "Within resources allocated by the financial plan." We believe that this change would adequately reflect that we're talking about the resources within the Union as approved by the Plenipotentiary.

Finally, we believe that the proposal would impact the work, structure and budget of the development sector and we feel that this issue should be addressed by the sector itself.

As for the ACP, we support the goal of improving transparency and the good work done in the regional offices, and we agree that we should not duplicate effort here. And we have other questions regarding the human and financial resources. Thank you.

>> CHAIRMAN: Thank you, USA.

Are there any other requests from the floor? Japan, please.

>> JAPAN: Thank you, Madam Chair. And also, as the previous speaker, so we have the concerns about the budgetary limitations by ITU. So we think that it might be some kind of difficulty to allocate new things, so we consider the budgetary limitations of this proposal.

Thank you very much.

>> CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Japan.

If there are no other requests, I might first ask Brazil to respond to the questions from the U.S. and to give some clarification. And then I will ask the Secretariat to respond to some of the issues that have been raised.

Brazil, please.

>> BRAZIL: Thank you, Madam Chair. I think for the questions, I think the Secretariat is more capable of responding to most of them than us.

But in regards to "Resolves" 2, I think we are in agreement. We have an eye on the existing financial limitations all the time, and definitely anything that is to be implemented within the ITU should look to our fairly limited resources at this moment.

Regarding the autonomy of regional offices, we take the 2009 joint inspection unit report as a basis for these proposals. That report proposes some autonomy initiatives. And at least speaking now as Brazil and not as CITEL, we think that they are very good guidelines in this autonomy issue.

And I would like to ask you, Madam Chair, how are we going to proceed with this? Because it seems like there is interest in approving a better Resolution 25 and there are some meaningful comments made by the U.S. and Japan. And so we would like to know how we're going to proceed with that. And we definitely need some clarifications from the Secretariat. It would be very helpful. Thank you.

>> CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Brazil. I'll just seek the clarification from the Secretariat first.

>> SECRETARIAT: Thanks very much, Chairman.

I would like to make global comments on the comments made, and I hope I will be touching all of the issues raised by the two proposals.

With respect to the issue of activities related to regional offices, I would like to indicate clearly that it has been submitted before but it is necessary maybe to restate that in the spirit of one ITU, all activities in the headquarters and those in the field come under one umbrella for purposes of coherence and better accountability.

So when you look at the operational plan which we present every year to TDAG, you will find that the report is clearly one report which is integrated.

However, in terms of regional initiatives and WTDC-10 and now WTDC-14, it is Resolution 17, you'll find that the regional initiatives by region and each of the regions are accountable for the implementation of those.

But because we have got our project division in the headquarters, it works similarly. So there is naturally some kind of synergy with all the entities at headquarters, like finance, administration and so forth.

And there are focal points which are area specialists in the headquarters who work also together with the colleagues in the field. So I would say that the approach is that we should just work in a serious manner. And as the delegates indicated earlier on, the regional offices and the other offices are the heart of ITU. So they take into account of course the activities of the other two sectors.

Having said that, I think the issue of events, I would like to say that when Member States visit the website of ITU, you will see all the events that are taking place in all the three sectors. And during the process cycle, we established an intersectoral coordination group at a very high level to make sure there was no duplication. But we do acknowledge that in some cases you'll find parallel events running at the same time, and we still have to improve on that.

Allocation of resources, this is done across the board. Headquarter staff and the divisions and of course I'm referring to the plan adopted during the WTDC-14 and subsequently to be adopted as an integral part of the Strategic Plan from PP-14, the allocation is at the output level as we implement the results-based management approach.

So I would say that the allocation is done across the board and it is dealing with the themes or the priority areas that we identified, and it's not done according to the region or area office, because we established one-stop shopping sites where you will find everything. And the projects, as we reported earlier on, they are all -- they are either global or they are region specific and they are also available on the Web and you can filter by region or by sub regions. Some of them at the operational level, that is available.

The question for clarification with respect to the proposal from Brazil -- from CITEL, with respect to the issue of the establishment of a survey, we would urge the membership to clarify that issue or to go a step further and indicate who exactly should undertake the survey. Maybe to indicate clearly whether it is Council that is doing it, an independent group, or it should be ITU or BDT to undertake this. Because this is important in terms of financial allocation and transparency. The bookkeeper cannot audit his own books. So we think it would be better for the Member States themselves to undertake this kind of survey.

Staffing, I would say during the last cycle, and this is the last point, during the last cycle an attempt was made to get the regional offices, from D(1) down to P5, P4, P3, and G level staff. So there is a standardization. We used one area office and this has changed. We have got at least a minimum of two staff across the board. And this helps of course to ensure that when one is sick or takes leave, there is always somebody in the office.

So I would say these are the preliminary comments that we have.

>> CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Zavazava.

A request for the floor from UAE.

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

I'd like to thank the InterAmerican Group for having presented its draft as well as CITEL. Also, I'd like to reiterate the importance of the role played by the regional offices. It's a crucial role. And we salute the fact that these offices take onboard all of the activities of the Union within the framework of available resources. Mr. Zavazava has pointed this out that the report which was presented by regional directors is presented to the Director of the BDT.

What are the mechanisms in place to affect a coordination with the other sectors? Perhaps it would be preferable if regional directors presented their report to the directors of the three sectors and not only to the BDT. Because work today encompasses all three areas.

With respect to workshops, seminars which have been held, there have been two ITU workshops on this subject, which were held in the same period at the level of two sectors. So we need to be cautious about there is no duplication and no instances of double utilization of resources.

But once again, thank you to the others for this proposal.

>> CHAIRMAN: Thank you, UAE.

Brazil, please.

>> BRAZIL: Thank you, Madam Chair.

We fully support the proposal from the UAE of reporting to the three sectors. As we have been discussing, it's one ITU. And the regional offices are an extension of the whole ITU. So it's a good proposal.

I want to clarify the issue of the survey. As you see in the InterAmerican Proposal, this survey is to be conducted by the Secretary-General within the spirit of one ITU. So it's up to the Secretary-General to conduct this survey. Of course, with the support of Council. Because as you see in the very last paragraph of the proposal, which is the last paragraph of the annex to Resolution 25, it says that a report on this evaluation exercise should be submitted by the Secretary-General to the Council at its 2015 session. The Council should then consider the appropriate course of action to be taken with a view to reporting to the 2018 Plenipotentiary Conference on the matter.

So the spirit of the proposal is to enable Plenipotentiary Conferences who improve the regional presence. How this survey is going to be conducted could be proposed to the Council by the Secretary-General. And the Council will decide how this is going to be conducted.

We are fully in favor of doing it within the existing financial resource of the Union, of course. But this should be a very organized and comprehensive process because it's in the interest of every member state of the ITU.

Thank you very much.

>> CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Brazil.

I have a proposal which is that CITEL work together with the APT and taking into account the comments that have been made by other members this morning. And, also, in close consultation with Mr. Zavazava to see if we can get some common agreement on a revised draft of Resolution 25. And then we will bring that back for discussion at a future meeting of Com 6. Would that be acceptable?

So we now start our discussion on agenda item 5, which is the Strategic Plan of the Union for 2012 to 2015. So to start us off, I would ask Mr. Mario Canazza to introduce 34R1-A1/16. Mr. Canazza, please.

>> BRAZIL: Sorry, Madam Chair, I'm opening the document.

Thank you very much, Madam Chair. This is an InterAmerican Proposal on the proposed Strategic Plan of the ITU for 2016 to 2019. As many of you have witnessed and participated, the 2013 session of Council created a Council Working Group in accordance with the Convention of the ITU which asks the Council to begin the process of elaborating a draft Strategic Plan for the Plenipotentiary Conference of the following year.

And I was nominated the Chairman of this Working Group. And we held four meetings. And Council 2014 finally discussed the outcomes of this Council Working Group and endorsed the outcomes of this Council Working Group and presented it to this Plenipotentiary Conference, asking the Plenipotentiary Conference to analyze and adopt the outcomes of the Council Working Group.

So in recognizing the legitimacy and in the open and transparent way that the process was conducted by the Council Working Group and by Council, a few members States of the CITEL region decided to endorse the outputs of the Council Working Group and of Council 2014 without changes.

So what you see in front of you is the same content of document 42 rev 1 that was presented by the Council Chairman, Mr. Aboubakar Zourmba. It has no changes. It's the full endorsement of the Council Working Group and of Council 2014.

It presents changes to Resolution 71, and to its annex. Annex 1, the background to the Strategic Plan. And annex 2, the Strategic Plan itself. And annex 3, the glossary to the Strategic Plan.

Thank you very much.

>> CHAIRMAN: And thank you. And one more favor, as we don't have the Chairman of Council with us here this morning, I wonder if I could ask you, as the Chairman of the Council Working Group for the Strategic Plan, to also introduce document PP-14/42R1.

Thank you, Brazil.

>> BRAZIL: Thank you, Madam Chair. It's my pleasure to introduce this on behalf of Aboubakar. I said a lot about this report so I'll just complement my previous statement. The document, document 42 rev 1 contains, on top of what I already explained, four annexes.

The first one is the background on the Strategic Plan.

The second one is Strategic Plan for the Union for 2016 to 2019.

The third annex is the proposed allocation of resources to the objectives and the strategic goals, according to results based management.

Annex 4 is the glossary, the proposed glossary, for the annexes which are the draft Resolution 72 and 151, which were discussed and endorsed at the Council Working Group that I chaired, and by Council 2014.

Thank you very much.

>> CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Brazil.

We also we also owe Mr. Mario Canazza personally for that.

We also have a contribution on this issue from the USA. Document/27R1-A3/1.

>> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: We appreciate the Council Working Group's work on elaboration of the strategic and financial plan which prepared the draft for our review and approval here today. We also want to thank the Chair, Mr. Mario Canazza, who Chaired the Council Working Group on the Strategic Plan. He should be congratulated for his work.

Overall, the U.S. is satisfied with the draft Strategic Plan and supports its adoption as a modification to Resolution 71 as an annex. The U.S. supports the intent of the strategic plan, which encourages a cross-cutting multi-bureau approach to implementing the strategic objectives and moves away from the traditional silo way of thinking. The priorities of the ITU should be established in the Strategic Plan by the membership, bottom-up approach, and these priorities should guide the allocation of ITU resources and the establishment and operational plans within the sectors and the General-Secretariat.

The U.S. proposes modifications -- three small modifications to the Strategic Plan to improve the clarity and meaning of the language without changing the substance.

For example, on page 5, we would suggest striking the sentence "related to human rights," to include "Appreciating the significance of being neutral." We believe that provides more clarity. So the sentence would be revised to say the following: "The ITU also recognizes the overarching preeminence of human rights, including the right to freedom of opinion and expression, which includes the freedom to seek, receive, and impart information and the ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers, and the right to not be subject to arbitrary interference with privacy." We believe that adding this new sentence would provide clarity to the Strategic Plan.

On page 9, we suggest deleting footnote 44, "data bank compiled by the global security index."

Page 14, we suggest moving references to joint or common text, as shown in our changes.

With these three changes, we believe that these edits would improve the reading and clarity of the Strategic Plan and would move to see the adoption of the Strategic Plan.

Thank you.

>> CHAIRMAN: Thank you, USA.

We have one more InterAmerican Proposal on the structure of the Strategic Plan. Document 34-A1/2. So if that could be introduced as well. Representative from CITEL. Brazil again.

>> BRAZIL: Thank you, Madam Chair.

The proposals on document 34A1, proposal number 1 on that document, we would like to withdraw both proposals -- actually. Sorry. Proposals 1 and 2, from documents 34A1. We presented them before we had our final regional meeting, and they are supposed to be replaced by the proposal on document 34-D1 rev 1/16. So we are officially withdrawing the proposals from 34-A1. Thank you.

>> CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Brazil.

So opening the floor to comments on these contributions. Russian Federation, please.

>> RUSSIAN FEDERATION: Good morning. Thank you, Madam Chair.

I would like to draw your attention to the document from the United States. We have some concerns regarding the proposed changes. They mainly pertain to the use of the term "Stakeholder." Because throughout the development of the Strategic Plan, there were discussions and there were compromises. And I don't want to return to this issue of course, but we will probably have to discuss it.

The second point regarding the proposal of the United States is the serious changes to strategic goals 3, that is removing the cybersecurity performance indicators. And also the assessment of the greenhouse gas emissions created by the ICT Sector. This may possibly touch on the objectives of the sector and the financial implications for this. And therefore I believe it would be a good idea to establish an ad hoc group. I hope that the U.S. will be able to lead it and thus it might be better if the Chair of the Strategic Group chairs it, and then we will be able to discuss all of these issues in greater detail.

Thank you.

>> CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Russian Federation.

Korea, please.

>> REPUBLIC OF KOREA: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

The Republic of Korea supports this new structure of the Strategic Plan which is aimed to results based management and efficiency as one ITU, which is specified in annex 2, 5.2, implementation criteria of the Strategic Plan.

I have a few comments on this Strategic Plan. First of all, I consider some parts such as outcomes and targets need to be discussed further in this meeting to make a good conclusion in terms of adequacy and feasibility.

And I would also like to discuss further about the parts relating to the ITU-T Sector. The Korean Government has been putting a lot of effort to bridge the standardization gap. Through contributions of the BSG fund, the Korean Government continuously cooperated with ITU-T for enhancing standardization capability of developing countries. Also, through direct cooperation with developing countries, we could provide various consultation programmes on standardization.

In the process, Korea has found some observations on bridging the standardization gap. For this, substantial support on the standardization system and human resources for reinforcing expertise is required.

Secondly, standardization gap often arises not only on the capability level, but also on the technical level. In this regard, ITU-T Study Groups should actively participate in bridging the standardization gap programmes with relevant expertise.

Korea is well aware that through over ten years of a tremendous effort on bridging the standardization gap, TSB gained exclusive experiences and expertise. Hence, in order to maximize the use of these experiences and expertise, abrupt relocation of related objectives might impede the well ongoing activities of bridging the standardization gap.

In summary, the Korean Government suggests to relocate the BSG matter in objective D2 to a relevant T objective such as T4.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

>> CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Korea.

United States, please.

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

In the interest of consensus, the U.S. has only three small edits that we are putting forward to the room, and those three edits -- and we have -- do not include the stakeholder edit. We are okay with the existing language.

As for the targets, we have -- we're only proposing to remove the footnote. The other targets and the greenhouse gases remain.

And the third edit deals with changing the language of the -- under universality and neutrality for the human rights section of that text.

Otherwise, we are satisfied with the remainder of the document and we are not insisting on those edits that are in our document 27.

Thank you.

>> CHAIRMAN: Saudi Arabia.

>> SAUDIA ARABIA: Thank you very much, Madam Chairperson.

I should like to thank the Working Group of the Council for this document under the leadership of Mr. Mario. I should like equally to express thanks for the proposals made by IAP and the United States of America for their proposals.

We have a few observations on the amendments. Regarding the universality and the neutrality part where the last part of the paragraph has been suggested for deletion, we believe that all UN organizations relate to human rights and we see the importance of keeping this text as it is. The ITU in many of its decisions has raised this human rights issue, namely, Resolution 139, where it says it confirms and being aware of, et cetera, et cetera, as well as Resolution 130 where it says "as it recognizes."

Therefore, we believe that ITU is also concerned with this matter and we should not delete this reference from the text.

As far as the synergies through collaboration is concerned, we believe that the relationship with the International organizations is covered by Article 50 of the Constitution, where it states clearly the collaboration with the other organizations. The term "Stakeholders" is not mentioned in this Article or in the text of the Convention. We believe that we should abide by the Constitution and the Convention, and we should not mention this term "Stakeholders" here.

As far as the transparency issue is concerned, it is -- it says at the end of the paragraph the "transparency in policymaking and in decision-making." We do not see clearly what is meant here and we are seeking clarification in this regard in order to have a better understanding of the matter.

As far as the cybersecurity issue is concerned, we agree with what was raised by the Russian Federation regarding keeping this issue -- to keep it in the draft strategy. The matter has been discussed at length during the workings of the Working Group of the Council and it was approved by the Council of the ITU and it was raised for the consideration of our esteemed conference.

Thank you, Madam Chairperson. These are all my comments to make. Thank you.

>> CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Saudi Arabia.

Vietnam, please.

>> VIETNAM: Thank you, Madam Chair. Vietnam would like to express our opinion regarding the intervention from the Korean delegate. As we can see, the TSB is the place to develop standards and the standardization gap would be more in the ITU-T sectors. That is where the gap comes from. And TSB also implemented the BSG programme for many years and they have experience in implementing this programme. So we support the idea from the Korea delegate, the outcome and objective of the ITU-T Sector to put the BSG in this Sector.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

>> CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Brazil, please.

>> BRAZIL: Thank you, Madam Chair.

To continue the discussion, I think we need to take into account the developments that we had here. We have to take into account that the U.S. is not pushing for all the changes that they presented originally in their document A3. And they are asking for three small changes.

So before creating an ad hoc group that would undauntedly open everything again for discussion in the Strategic Plan, and risking -- jeopardizing the whole work that was done by two Council sessions and by this Council Working Group, I'd like to offer myself to prepare a DT, a Temporary Document, with the original proposal from Council and with the three small changes from the United States, and with the change proposed by Korea, and present it so we can discuss in a following session of Committee 6, before creating an ad hoc group, which I think it's very risky.

Thank you.

>> CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Brazil. I just have two more requests for the floor, one from Canada and the other from the U.S.

Canada, please.

>> CANADA: Thank you, Madam Chair. We have listened attentively to all the previous presentations. We would first and foremost like to thank Mr. Mario Canazza from Brazil, not only for the excellent work he has done as Chairman of the Working Group on the strategic and financial plan, but also for the very sound proposal he has made to work on a DT to include the very minor suggestions, edits made by the United States and those from Korea.

And just to finalize, Madam Chair, by saying that we look forward to working with Mr. Mario Canazza to that extent.

Thank you very much.

>> CHAIRMAN: Thank you for that, Canada.

United States, please.

>> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Thank you, Chairman. And I would like to thank the delegate from Brazil, because he said it exactly correct. And we support his proposal entirely. Thank you.

>> CHAIRMAN: Thank you everyone.

I think that is indeed -- United Arab Emirates, please.

>> UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: Thank you very much, Madam Chairperson.

I should like to thank Mr. Canazza for leading the Working Group of the Council for the Strategic Plan and the Financial Plan of ITU. I was honored to work with him as his deputy in that Working Group. And I support his proposal to prepare a DT including the discussions that took place and the three proposals by the United States of America, where we can study this document in our upcoming meeting of Committee 6 in order not to open the doors for further discussions regarding the whole issue.

Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

>> CHAIRMAN: Thank you. And thank you to all people who took the floor for their very constructive attitude and approach to this issue. I think we're all very grateful to Mr. Canazza for the work he has done and I think we have a lot of trust and faith in his ability. And I think his proposal is an excellent one. So I will ask him to prepare the new document with the proposed three edits from the USA and the proposal from Korea and bring it back to us. So thank you, once again, Mr. Canazza.

ITU, please.

>> ITU: Yes, thank you, Madam Chair.

I just wanted to inform the meeting that during the last meeting of the RAG, there was a proposal to consider the possibility of adding the word "Timely" to objectives R1 and R2, the two first objectives of the R Sector. So I would pass this on to Mr. Canazza for his consideration. But it is -- objective R1 reads now "Meet in a rational, equitable, efficient and economical way the ITU membership's requirement." And it would read, if we add the word "timely," "meet in a rational, equitable, efficient, economical and timely way." And the same thing for objective R2. So RAG considered the possibility of having the timeliness also as a qualifier for the two objectives.

This is just to inform the meeting. I will pass on the text to Mr. Canazza for him to consider if he wants to include it or not in the DT that he is going to issue.

Thank you.

>> CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much for that. And I think on a related matter, we could also request Mr. Bigi, Chairman on the plan TSAG, and as per the Republic of Korea to include the word "National," so we will seek that.

And I understand that the Secretariat is available to assist Mr. Canazza for this task. So thank you, all.

We will move on to the next item, number 6, which is linking strategic, financial and operational planning in ITU Resolution 72. We have two proposals here. One from Europe and the another from CITEL. So if I could ask Europe to introduce its document, 80A1/20. Thank you.

Switzerland, please.

>> SWITZERLAND: Thank you, Madam Chair.

Before presenting Europe's proposal, I would also like to join others in congratulating Mr. Canazza for the excellent work that has been undertaken as Chair of the Working Group. This was not an easy task, which was proven in coming up with these documents.

We were proposing a modification of the document, changes to Resolution 72 in document 80. It changes the part of the paragraph "instructs the Secretary-General," 5, "to contribute to the transparency of the ITU by publishing details of all costs incurred in the use made of or in the deployment of external human resources in delivering the requirements agreed by the ITU membership."

Thank you, Madam Chair.

>> CHAIRMAN: Thank you. And do we have someone to present for CITEL?

Brazil, thank you.

>> BRAZIL: Thank you, Madam Chair.

The proposal from the CITEL Member States is endorsing without change the outcomes of the Council Working Group on the strategic and financial plan. And the same proposed amendments were endorsed also by Council 2014.

Basically most of them are editorial changes. But they have also a focus on the coordination between all three sectors and on the linkage between the strategic, financial and operational planning.

Thank you very much.

>> CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Brazil, again.

I'd like to now open the floor for comments and we can go up until lunch, which starts at 12:30. And then we will take the list and continue in the afternoon. We start again at 2:30. So if I could invite any requests for comment.

I see no requests, so I may just ask CITEL and the European group to get together in a drafting group and just come together with a joint proposal that they can present to us for consideration in our later session, if that's acceptable.

Thank you.

So I think we may end the session five minutes early. I hope you -- -- I'm taking advice from Mr. Ba, who suggests that we introduce the strategy for the coordination of efforts among the three sectors of the Union, which is another CITEL proposal, 34R1-A1/13. So if someone from CITEL could introduce that document, please.

Switzerland, please.

>> SWITZERLAND: Thank you, Madam Chair.

With your permission, I would like to return to your -- this proposal that CITEL and Europe meet in order to propose a document or a proposal to close the magic link between the ad hoc group to work on Resolution 72 and the current -- and Resolution 71. For issues of transparency, perhaps it would be good for the group to be chaired by Mr. Canazza to also have the task of reviewing Resolution 72.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

>> CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Switzerland. That's a very good proposal. So if we could call once again on Mr. Canazza to take up that challenge.

And now if I could ask CITEL to introduce their document, please.

>> CITEL: Yes, thank you, Madam Chair.

As indicated to us, this is document 34, and this is the InterAmerican Proposal from CITEL, which is number 13 in our proposals. This is linked to the coordination strategy for efforts amongst the three sectors of the Union. It is a proposal regarding a draft new Resolution. It is based on the need to develop a coordination strategy for tasks of mutual interest between the three sectors that we currently have in the Union with topics and objectives and activities that we understand these sectors to share are very important. And therefore we believe that they can work on strategic issues that govern the work in these sectors, so that we avoid duplication of efforts and ensure that we achieve effectively and efficiently the tasks.

We believe that the implementation of a comprehensive strategy would allow us to have a management tool which, with time, would allow us to measure the impact of these actions and allow us to monitor the results.

So we understand that this is going to be of key importance to be able to count on the contributions that the Council will be able to make in this regard and also information on the task which each one of the three sectors were developing up until now.

So this is a draft new Resolution. If we turn to "Resolves" where we "instruct the Secretary-General," we have four paragraphs. The first one regards the need to design a coordination and cooperation strategy for effective and efficient efforts in areas of mutual interests to the three sectors, in order to avoid duplication of effort and to optimize the use of resources. So that is the first paragraph.

We understand that under the second resolve, it covers ensuring the preparation of an updated list containing the areas of mutual interest to the three Sectors pursuant to the mandates of each ITU Assembly and Conference.

And ensure the reporting of the coordination activities carried out amongst the different sectors in each area. That's paragraph 3.

It also instructs the Council to include the coordination of hte work of hte three ITU sectors on the order of business for its meetings so as to follow its evolution and take decisions to ensure its implementation.

And, finally, it instructs the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau, the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau, and the Telecommunication Development Bureau to ensure the reporting to the Council of the coordination carried out amongst the different Sectors as well as the results obtained. Thank you.

>> CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much, Argentina.

Now we will break for lunch and resume. The afternoon session runs from 2:30 until 4, when the second round of voting commences.

So bon appetite.

(End of session 12:30)

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