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APT Preparatory Group for ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 2022

**PRELIMINARY APT COMMON PROPOSAL**

**PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO RESOLUTION 170**

**Admission of Sector Members from developing countries to participate in the work of the ITU Radiocommunication Sector and the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector**

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| **Summary:**  The contribution proposes a few specific edits to the Plenipotentiary conference Resolution 170 to complement the efforts to enhance the membership of LDCs, LLDCs, SIDS and Countries in Special Need (CISN) in ITU sectors to further enable telecommunications / ICT development in the countries by way of incentivized financial contribution and focused engagement and to facilitate necessary support for the admitted members for their effective participation. |

**INTRODUCTION**

The APT membership has been striving to promote enhanced engagement from private sector and academia in ITU activities especially from LDCs, LLDCs, SIDS and Countries in Special Need (CISN) for telecommunications / ICT development. The Regional Initiative ASP1 (WTDC 2022) envisages to address the special needs of least developed countries, small island developing states, including Pacific Island countries, and landlocked developing countries.

United Nations has recognized least developed countries (LDCs) as a category of States since 1971 and it is over 50 years since its then requiring more focused efforts to bridge digital divide in Least Developed Countries and other categories of countries to proliferate telecommunication / ICTs.

To promote enhanced participation from the LDCs, LLDCs, SIDS and Countries in Special Need (CISN) for telecommunications / ICT development, the following measures, inter alia, are proposed to be taken up for the Plenipotentiary conference 2022.

1. Apart from financial incentivization, a proactive support is necessary for the industry and academia from these countries for their sustainable and effective participation;
2. Spreading ITU awareness and support through various communication channels and platforms of respective countries and ITU team as a facilitator.

**PROPOSAL**

APT Member Administrations propose modifications to PP Resolution 170 as provided in the Annexure.

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**RESOLUTION 170 (REV. BUCHAREST, 2022)**

**Admission of Sector Members from developing countries to participate in the work of the ITU Radiocommunication Sector and the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Bucharest, 2022),

*Recalling*

Resolution 74 (Rev.Geneva, 2022) of the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly,

*Considering*

*a)* that participation in the work of the ITU Radiocommunication Sector (ITU-R) and the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T) of Sector Members from the category of developing countries with an annual per capita income of less than USD 2000 according to the United Nations Development Programme classification will benefit the work of both Sectors as well as the countries they represent, helping to close the standardization gap which still exists between the developed and developing countries within the two Sectors, especially in relation to this category of developing countries;

*b)* that allowing them to participate in the work of either of the two Sectors on favourable financial terms in respect of each Sector will encourage them to join these two Sectors, according to their needs;

*c)* that this participation will not require any amendment of Articles 2 and 3 of the ITU Constitution for a trial period to end 2018, when the next plenipotentiary conference will be held;

*d)* that both incentivized financial contribution and focused engagement are necessary for their effective participation,

*resolves*

1 to continue to allow Sector Members from the category of developing countries mentioned above to participate in the work of ITU-R and ITU-T pursuant to the provisions of this resolution;

2 to set the level of financial contribution for such participation at one sixteenth of the value of a contributory unit for Sector Members for defraying Union expenses;

3 that acceptance of applications for participation shall be conditional on the support of the Member State to which the Sector Member belongs, on fulfilment of the criterion in the footnote to this resolution by each applicant for membership, and also on the applicant not currently being listed with the Union as a Sector Member contributing the minimum one-half of the value of a contributory unit for Sector Members or as an Associate in the Sector;

4 to facilitate necessary support for the admitted members for their effective participation which may trigger multiplier effect for enhanced membership and reap benefits of ITU engagement,

*instructs the Council*

1 to add any additional conditions or detailed procedures that may be required;

2 to submit a report on this participation to the next plenipotentiary conference on the basis of an evaluation thereof by the respective Sector advisory groups, so as to enable the Plenipotentiary Conference to make a final decision on such participation in the light of the report and the proposals therein.

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1 Such Sector Members shall not be subsidiaries of a multinational corporation whose executive headquarters is based in a developed country, and shall be limited to Sector Members which are from developing countries classified by the United Nations Development Programme as low-income countries with an annual per capita income not exceeding USD 2 000 and which have not yet joined either or both Sectors.

2 These include the least developed countries, small island developing states, landlocked developing countries and countries with economies in transition.