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Significant developments:

- ITU Secretariat reported on an incident of fraud in a regional office and the remedial actions the Secretariat is taking to minimise the possibility of such incidents happening again. Discussion on the issue in Council is ongoing.
- ITU Telecom World 2018 ran at a loss.

Informal consultations:

1. Working Group on WTPF

- To agree on the timing of, and theme for, the ITU World Telecommunication/ ICT Policy Forum (WTPF) 2021

Meeting 2 scheduled: 6:30-9:30 pm, 13 June

2. Working Group on ITRs

- To develop the Terms of Reference for the Expert Group on International Telecommunication Regulations (EG-ITR), as re-established at ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 2018

Meeting 1 held: 6:30 – 8:00 pm, 12 June

Meeting 2 scheduled: 1:00 – 2:30 pm, 13 June

3. NEW: Informal consultations on CWG-Internet open consultation topics

- To agree on a topic for open consultations to be held prior to the next two CWG-Internet meetings.

No formal meetings scheduled. The coordinator of consultations to report back on consultations to Plenary on 17 June.

4. NEW: Informal consultations on merging Council Resolutions 1336 and 1344

- To address concerns about the potential to accidentally omit parts of the resolutions during the merging process. Both resolutions concern the Council Working Group on international Internet-related public policy issues (CWG-Internet).

No formal meetings scheduled. The author of the proposal to report back on consultations to Plenary on 17 June.

5. NEW: Informal consultations on Council Resolution 1332

- To consult on proposed amendments to the Council resolution on WSIS, based on Plenipotentiary Resolution 140 (Rev Dubai, 2018).

No formal meetings scheduled. The author of the proposal to report back on consultations to Plenary on 13 June.

Decisions made on Day 2

Plenary¹

Noted:

- *Report by the Chairman of the Council Working Group on International Internet-Related Public Policy Issues (CWG-Internet)*
<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0051/en>
- *Chairman, Council Working Group on WSIS&SDG (CWG-WSIS&SDG): Report on the outcomes of the CWG-WSIS&SDG activities since Council 2018*
<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0008/en>

Standing Committee for Administration and Management (ADM)

The Day 3 ADM session was organized so that all documents were presented first, and discussion was deferred on all documents until all presentations had taken place. Given long discussions on one particular agenda item, there was no time for Council to make decisions on any of documents presented.

Other developments on Day 2

- The ITU Secretariat reported on an incident of **fraud at a regional ITU office**. The Secretariat had not been able to provide details of the incident before this Council meeting as the investigations had been ongoing. The Secretariat, and its external auditors, reported on the timeline of the fraud, as well as procedures and policies that are being put into place to prevent it happening again. Member States expressed concern about the case of fraud, appreciated the Secretariat's actions in working to prevent it happening again, but time ran out, and it was agreed the discussion would resume on Day 4.
- An external audit of ITU Telecom World 2018 reported that the event had run at a loss. A Member State noted that it was predictable that a regular event like Telecom World would eventually experience a finance loss, rather than a surplus.
- The Chair of Council requested that **informal consultations** be conducted on the **topic of the next two open consultations of the CWG-Internet**. The delegated lead of those consultations to report back to Plenary on 17 June.
Relevant contributions:

<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0061/en>
<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0062/en>
<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0066/en>
<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0084/en>
<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0092/en>
<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0097/en>

¹ Note: this summary is based on the on-the-floor discussions in ITU Council 2019, where the discussions can be very complex and the proposed form of action by Council restated in many ways as the Chair responds to the direction of discussions. The canonical set of Council actions will be issued by the ITU Secretariat

- The Chair of Council requested that **informal consultations** be conducted on *Proposals for the revision and merging of Resolution 1336 And Resolution 1344*. The Member State author of the proposal to report back on consultations to Plenary on 17 June.
<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0071/en>
- The Chair of Council requested that **informal consultations** be conducted on *Proposals for the revision of Resolution 1332 (modified 2016)*. The Member State author of the proposal to report back on consultations to Plenary on 13 June.
<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0070/en>

For more information about how ITU Council works, as well as brief summaries of issues related to digital policy that will be discussed at ITU Council 2019, 10-20 June 2019, see Nissaba's pre-meeting report on this year's Council session:

<http://nissaba.net/pre-meeting-reports/itu-council-2019>

For official ITU information on ITU Council 2019, see:

<https://www.itu.int/en/council/2019/Pages/default.aspx>