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Significant developments

- Most informal consultations have now concluded.
- Discussions on the ITU headquarters rebuilding project are ongoing.
- ADM caught up with most of the backlog of its documents to be considered and actioned.

Informal consultations

- 1. COMPLETED: Informal consultations on merging Council Resolutions 1336 and 1344**
To address concerns about potentially omitting parts of CWG-Internet resolutions during merge.
Meeting 2: 12.30-1.30 pm, 18 June
- 2. COMPLETED: Informal group on draft Council Decision on a general audit following the case of fraud at a regional office**
To draft Council decision instructing the Secretary-General to conduct a general audit of ITU headquarters and all regional offices and bureaux.
Meeting 4: 8:00-9:30 am, 18 June
- 3. COMPLETED: Informal consultations on Council Resolution 925, Financial conditions for UN & other international organizations participating in ITU meetings**
Questions about revisions resolved.
- 4. COMPLETED: Informal drafting of revised Council Decision 563, "Council Working Group on Financial and Human Resources (CWG-FHR)"**
Amended some proposed revisions. To report to ADM.
- 5. Informal consultations on Union's headquarters premises project**
To consider additional detailed cost documentation to be provide by Secretariat.
Meeting 2: 9:00-9:30 am, 18 June
- 6. COMPLETED: Informal Group on ITU Fellowships**
To incorporate various suggestions raised on the floor.
No formal meeting organised.

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>

Decisions made on Day 7

Plenary¹

No plenary was held on day 7.

Standing Committee for Administration and Management (ADM)

Approved:

- The proposed HR Strategic Plan contained in *Report by the Secretary-General: ITU People Strategy and Human Resources Strategic Plan (HRSP) 2020-2023*
<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0057/en>
- The draft Council resolution regarding the salary scale and the pension remuneration applicable to elected officials attached as an annex to *Report by the Secretary-General: Changes in the conditions of service under the United Nations Common System*
<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0023/en>
- The continuation of the Council Expert Group on Decision 482 based on *Terms of Reference of the Council Expert Group on Decision 482*
<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-190610-TD-GEN-0009/en>

Decision 482 relates to re-examination of cases of complex non-GSO satellite filings in the Radiocommunication Sector. This document was produced as a result of consensus in informal discussions.

- Hiring an independent external management consultancy to perform a comprehensive programmatic, strategic and financial assessment and review of ITU's Regional Presence program, as specified in *Draft decision related to Resolution 25*. Details of the funds to be allotted to this activity to be finalized pending Secretariat input.
- <https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-190610-TD-GEN-0007/en>
- *Draft Revision of Decision 563*, on the Council Working Group on Financial and Human Resources
<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-190610-TD-GEN-0008/en>

This document was produced as a result of consensus in informal discussions, but when brought to the floor, some comments on the proposed text resulted in more informal consultations during a break in the session. The final text that was approved removed "decides c)" from the draft Decision.

- Draft Council Resolution 925, Financial conditions for the participation of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and other international organizations in the conferences, assemblies and meetings of the ITU, as contained in *Informal discussion on Resolution 925*
<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-190610-TD-GEN-0006/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

- Draft Decision: General Audit Following the Case of Fraud at a Regional Office (DT/13 Rev. 1)
<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-190610-TD-GEN-0013/en>
 - *Draft Resolution on the Financial Operating Report for the financial year 2018 (DT/12 Rev. 1)*
<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-190610-TD-GEN-0012/en>
- DT/12 Rev. 1 is an updated document based on C19/42.
<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0042/en>
- *Draft Council Resolution: Biennial Budget of the International Telecommunication Union for 2020-2021 (DT/14 Rev. 1)*
<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-190610-TD-GEN-0014/en>
 - Report by the Secretary-General: Eighth Annual Report of the Independent Management Advisory Committee (IMAC)
<http://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-INF-0022/en>

Recommended to Council:

- To abrogate the basic rules of procurement in light of the publication of an ITU system-wide *Procurement Manual* for all circumstances
<http://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-INF-0018/en>
- That the recommendations in Report by the *Secretary-General: Improving, promoting, and strengthening ITU fellowships (C19/31 Rev. 1)* be referred to the the Council Working Group on Financial and Human Resources (CWG-FHR).
<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0031/en>

Noted:

- *Proposals for the revision of resolution 1299 "Establishment of a Strategic Plan for Human Resources" (C19/75 Rev. 1)*
<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0075/en>

Also, requested the proposed revision be sent to the Council Working Group on Financial and Human Resources (CWG-FHR) for action.

- An oral presentation Membership of the ITU Staff Pension Committee

Other developments on Day 7

- While ADM succeeded in considering and approving a number of documents, including many outputs from informal discussions, discussions on the **ITU headquarters rebuilding project** remain without consensus. At the end of Day 7, the ADM Chair suggested Council members compile a list of the sort of budget and other information they are seeking about the rebuilding project, before Council members can reach consensus on moving forward with the project.