Daily report

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Day 9

In brief

Day 9 was the final day of ITU Council 2019, so was a mostly procedural affair, with the remaining documents being presented and acted on with relatively little debate. Of special note:

- Plenary agreed to hold an **extraordinary one-day Council session** in September to discuss additional detailed information requested about the **ITU headquarters rebuilding project** and then decide how best to move forward with the project.

Plenary[1]

Adopted:

- Four Resolutions and seven Decisions included in the annexes to *Report by the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Administration and Management* https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0107/en

  Resolutions adopted:

  - NEW:
    - Biennial budget of the International Telecommunication Union for 2020-2021
    - Financial operating report for the 2018 financial year
    - Conditions of service of ITU Elected Officials

  - UPDATED:
    - 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

  Decisions adopted:

  - NEW:
    - General Audit Following the Case of Fraud at a Regional Office
    - Auditing of the accounts of the Union
    - Appointment of members to the Independent Management Advisory Committee (IMAC)
    - Regional presence
    - Cancellation of interest on arrears and irrecoverable debts

  - UPDATED:
    - Decision 563: Council Working Group on Financial and Human Resources
    - Decision 482: Implementation of cost recovery for satellite network filings

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[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

Confirmed:

- Nominated candidates identified in the *Report by the Secretary-General: List of candidatures for chairs and vice-chairs of the Council Working Groups and Expert Groups* (C19/21 Rev. 2), as well as some additional candidates named on the floor for regional groups that had needed extra time to nominate their candidates.
https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0021/en

Noted:

- *Report by the Secretary-General: Schedule of future conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union: 2019-2022* (C19/37 Rev. 2)
https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0037/en

  The Secretariat will take into account a comment from the floor that the second set of dates proposed for the first cluster of Council Working Group meetings in 2021 coincides with Chinese New Year, and many countries in Asia consider this an important holiday time.

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