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>> CHAIR: Thank you. Good morning, everyone. Welcome to Committee 6, and our agenda this morning is in ADM/10. ADM/10 Rev. 9. There are a couple of announcements. I have requests, so I would like to take as we are discussing all items in red on our agenda, so I would like to remove two items that are in red there that are still going through informal consultations and not ready for Committee 6 to deal with to take up. So that was a late‑breaking announcement. All of the text under Theme 8, Special Assistance to ITU Member States, consultations are still occurring on those two items.

Otherwise, the agenda is ready for approval. Any objections or additions to the agenda in Viet Nam, you have the floor.

>> VIET NAM: Thank you, Madam Chair. Can you hear me, just to confirm?

>> CHAIR: I can hear you.

>> VIET NAM: ‑‑

>> CHAIR: Can't hear. IT, would you please.

>> VIET NAM: Chair, can you hear me now? I don't have any objection right now; but speaking on behalf of the APT Region, I would like to confirm seeking of the ad hoc informal discussion of Resolution 11. I have, Madam Chair, twice, but I haven't gotten the confirmation on the timing and plan for the resolution, either one. Thank you, Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Viet Nam. Resolution 11, I'm hoping to have a discussion on this ‑‑ today is Thursday, so on Friday. After COM 6, I'm happy to have conversations on Resolution 11, so I'll meet you after. Okay. Thank you.

With that can we move to ‑‑ we've approved our agenda and have no one else asking for the floor. For a status update on Resolution 212 if I could turn to the United States and Saudi Arabia if we could have a status update on 212. Thank you. United States, you have the floor.

>> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Thank you, Madam Chair. Can you hear me? My microphone is on. I'm sorry to do this to you, but we would like a little bit more time. We've been asking questions and we've been consulting with our colleagues from Saudi Arabia and the Arab Group, but we would like a little more time to do a few more consultations informally to discuss where we are and where we could go on this resolution. So, if it's okay with you, we would kindly ask for this to be delayed to another discussion.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, United States. So, we have been asked by the Chair of the Conference to complete our work, and our ad hoc meetings will only last until this week, in Saturday, and then we're required to have our work completed by Tuesday ‑‑ actually Monday night. So, I would, if you could please bring this back to the Committee on Friday, that would be great.

>> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Can you hear me? There we go. I appreciate it, Madam Chair. That's very kind. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much. The next resolution, the next issue on the list has to do with financial management issues, Theme 4, and this is a new resolution, strengthening the ITU's financial resources and mobilization functions. I have the African Regional Proposal in Document 83, and I have the Arab proposals in Document 78. We'll put the African proposal first. Who from the Africa Region will introduce this new resolution?

All right. There is no one in the African Region here to introduce, so the Arab Region, who is available to introduce this document, please?

Okay. We're moving on. Colleagues, this is frustrating. Let's move on.

Resolution 154, DT/33, Federation of Russia as well as I believe this was Brazil and the U.S. and the region. Are we ready to look at DT/33? Who will introduce the edits in DT/33, please?

All right. We're going to have a very short COM 6.

Canada, you have the floor.

>> CANADA: Yes. Thank you, Madam Chair. Good morning to you and to all colleagues. Just for some clarification, we are now on Theme 6 or 7? Is it PP‑22/61 or agenda item or Theme 7? Thank you, Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR: Theme 7, Resolution 154. Yes, I did skip. This is a ‑‑ we already introduced this item for participation and fees for entities. We've introduced this document when we discussed LDCs, so we don't need to discuss it again. This is a mistake, but we can have it reintroduced by the Secretariat if need be. No. Okay.

So, we're on Resolution 154, DT/33 and it's on the screen. I do know that coordination has taken place and this is the document that was submitted to the Secretariat. Who will introduce these edits?

Okay. United States, you have the floor.

>> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Thank you, Madam Chair. I just saw the delegate Professor Minkin from the Russian Federation, and I think he's the best person to introduce it but if he cannot, then we can do that. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. Professor Minkin?

>> RUSSIAN FEDERATION: We held consultations with our colleague from the U.S. and from China as well, and we agreed on this text 154 and also with Christian, and we are submitting it for your attention, so if you have any comments, distinguished colleagues.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much. What I would like to do as we've done in previous meetings is we can go page by page to see if we could send this document to the Editorial Committee and for discussion at Plenary.

And as we've done in the past, we will not look at the editorial changes and we will look to the editorial group of COM 4 to do that. Let's start with Page 2. Any objections to the text on Page 2?

Thank you. Approved. Page 3?

Thank you.

Page 4?

Thank you.

Page 5?

Thank you.

Page 6?

Thank you. Taking that document as a whole? Thank you. It's approved. Thank you very much. We will send this to COM 4 to represent it at the Plenary.

All right. The next document is DT/28 Rev. 1 related to Decision 11. The edits to this document are ‑‑

All right, for this document, this was the U.S. and Russian Federation as well as I understand other delegates have had input into this. I think we're ready to look at the modifications here, so we pretty much went through the entire document and there were a couple of square brackets, and the square brackets are under the considering. It's Considering (e) that is the new text agree that Council creates council working groups in order to prepare recommendations regarding activities. This takes out the previous text. So that's the only edit on this page that was in square brackets. Any objection to the text in the square brackets, please in.

Page 1 as a whole, any objections?

All right. Thank you.

Page 2?

All right. Algeria and United States. I have Algeria, United States, Canada. Are there any other delegates asking for the floor? If so, please do so now or I'm closing the list.

All right. I have Algeria, United States, Canada and the list is closed. Algeria, you have the floor.

>> ALGERIA: Thank you, Madam Chair. Good morning. So, the first square bracket above on the Council Working Group, yes, the Council creates the Council Working Group in order to prepare recommendations regarding its activities. So, the Council is going to prepare recommendations to itself? So, to whom the recommendations are being prepared? So, it's not clear. So, the Council creates working groups in order to prepare recommendations. So, recommends to itself? So can we have more clarifications on the purpose of this paragraph. Thank you, Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, Algeria. So, Council does create working groups and when Council creates a working group, the report and documents coming back into Council or recommendations from the Council Working Group. So essentially, the Council Working Group is making a recommendation to Council to agree or not agree on the recommendation. So Council is not making a recommendation to itself but the Council Working Group is making a recommendation to Council. Thank you. Does that address your question, Algeria? All right.

United States, you have the floor.

>> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Thank you, Madam Chair. I know we've had some conversations about the two‑term‑limit question, and I think we've been working to align some of that language from what I see here with Resolution 208 in terms of confirming a two‑term limit for the Council Working Group Chair and Vice‑chair. I have two questions; one is again to make sure that I understand if right now there are no limits and we're adding two limits? And then the second question is that we still think the language is a little bit ambiguous. I think the place am of the two terms of office between two consecutive Plenipotentiary Conferences to us seems a little unclear of what a term is and how you could serve two terms between two Plenipotentiaries. And we're wondering if we might be able to add a little bit more language to clarify what it means, that you can serve two terms back-to-back kind of across Plenipotentiary Conferences? If that makes sense? But maybe if I could get an answer to the question of whether the language right now with the interval between two consecutive Plenipotentiary Conferences implies that there is one term limit or no limits right now? Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, United States. There are term limits right now, and it's a Chair of Council Working Groups can only have two consecutive terms, and those two consecutive terms ‑‑ but it does not preclude that chair from running for another working group of Council. So, if the language is still not clear, I would ask that if we could resolve it here, that would be great. If not, we will send it back, and I would ask the United States to coordinate this and bring it back to me on to Committee 6 on Friday.

So, Canada? After I close the list, I now have Canada, Iran, and Russian Federation. Is it on the point on this point of the term limits? Okay. Canada, you have the floor and I'll come back. Thanks.

>> CANADA: Thank you, Madam Chair. First, let me tell you that we will do our best to help you if the management of this meeting today. I know we are all under a lot of stress with too many meetings, but rest assured we will do our best to calm the temperature in the room and ensure that you have a very successful meeting.

On that note and following the intervention from the United States, and we will work and be happy to work with the U.S. on the clarification of this issue of the two terms. Because, for example, there are two questions. One, what happens when the term ends before ‑‑ you have one term before the Plenipotentiary and then there is a Plenipotentiary, a new Council, and then there is another term? I'm sorry, I hope that my question is fair enough. We need to clarify that.

Secondly, as it relates to chairs and vice‑chairs, I understand that there is no objection for a non‑council member to participate and be a chair or vice‑chair; although, the practice has always been that it's Member States of Council that can chair or vice‑chair any of the Council Working Groups.

Last but not least, Madam on the first page, on the considering before we go to the second page, it should be our understanding that the brackets are being removed or the brackets will remain until we have further discussions? Thank you, Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, Canada. So, on your question, the first one, I am happy to work to make sure that the term limits are clear to everyone. They were clear to meaning two consecutive terms, and if for instance I took over a term in the middle for Council Working Group FHR, and that does not prevent me from running again for the same chairmanship, and it would be considered my second term. and I'm not term limited out, but in 2026, I would be term‑limited out.

As for your question of chair and vice‑chairs, that question is if you look at the text, the practice has been that Council can decide on its governance structure, and that there in the past since I can remember, and dating back to 1999 that there has been no ‑‑ that non‑Member States of Council were allowed and have been allowed to chair Council Working Groups. That has not been an issue that has come up in the Plenipotentiary Conference since this has been on the table since 2014. I'm in your hands on how to address that question. Thank you.

Now, Iran, you have the floor.

>> ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN: Thank you very much, Madam Chair. Good morning to all colleagues. In the paragraph, (e) in the considering part, may I suggest to add the word "to the Council" after recommendations in the second line and then I think this would take care of the ‑‑ properly address the concerns raised by my distinguished colleague from Algeria and the text will be more clear. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Iran. That is definitely an improvement of the text. I appreciate that. I don't see any ‑‑ I do think that the text that has been proposed by Iran really greatly improves the text. And Canada to your question, yes, we were removing the square brackets and apologies for not stating that. Were there any objections related to the text that was just added and removing the square brackets? I do think that this question is now clear and I think it addresses your question, Algeria, of regarding who the recommendations are addressed to.

Okay. Russian Federation, you have the floor.

>> RUSSIAN FEDERATION: Thank you, Madam Chair. I understand that we have resolved this issue then as proposed by Iran. We support that. Regarding the two terms, I would very much ask the English‑speaking colleagues to write this correctly because it's all very clear to me in Russian. For instance, I apologize for referring to you, Madam Chair, but you became chair between in the intersessional period. This not counted by the Council when the vice‑chairs and chairs are appointed by Plenipotentiary for the working groups where work is to be continued, but before the next Plenipotentiary. Previously this could be done once.

For instance, in PP‑2006, colleagues had to give up their authorities. If they have two term and they have the right to be elected again, and I'm not referring to other positions here, and that's the essence of the proposal. I'm not sure how to say it in English. I hope the colleagues will resolve this and we fully support any solution in English because it's clearly written in Russian and we don't have any doubts or objections. Perhaps it's clear in other languages, too.

Regarding the chairs and vice‑chairs who are not members of the Council, you've already given an example of what was done before and I just draw attention to the fact that it is the Council that takes decisions of who to appoint to these posts, and the Council did decide who to appoint. So, if they don't appoint Council Members, so be it. There are enough members as it is so there could be non‑council members, and it is deemed appropriate to appoint a non‑member, then that is up to the Council as the Council decides that's how it's going to be. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, Russian Federation. So, what I would like to do with this document is, first, Canada did I address your question regarding chairs and vice‑chairs of Council? And I will also look to the U.S. to come back to this COM 6 on Friday to correct item number 8. So, with that, I will put this document aside and we will move on to our next agenda item.

Actually, we completed our agenda. So, let me try this one more time. Let's see if we can come back to the new resolution of strengthening ‑‑ no? The new resolution of strengthening from the African Telecommunications Union on a draft new resolution of strengthening ITU financial resources mobilization functions. Is there anyone in the room from the African Region that can introduce this document? Algeria, you have the floor.

>> ALGERIA: Yes, Madam Chair. Thank you. Good morning. The so, I'm sorry, I was going to intervene on the previous item on the two terms. Maybe defining what is a term would be appropriate in addition to the discussion on two terms. So, what is a term? So, a term could be limited by timeframe. So, to be more accurate, if the decision could consider a definition of at least what is a term so that we can see two terms meaning, you know, two consecutive timeframes between Plenipotentiaries, so it could be half of the interval between Plenipotentiaries. So, in order to avoid misunderstanding, yes. So, I think the discussion on terms needs to be defined something between seven and eight paragraphs. So, the term is defined by let's say a timeframe which is between four years, for example, or something like that. So that the number eight will follow that the terms of office so that the reader can get to know that two terms are indeed eight years. Right. That's my view on this.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, Algeria. I would ask that you please work with the United States on addressing the issues that you just raised regarding terms and bringing this back to Committee 6 on Friday. Thank you.

United States, is it on? Thank you, United States.

>> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Thank you, Madam Chair. Just want to quickly thank Algeria for the intervention, because we were thinking along the same ways to address the language so we'll work with them as well to finalize for the next meeting. Thank you, everyone.

>> CHAIR: Okay. Thank you. Algeria, are you going to introduce the Draft New Resolution on strengthening ITU resource mobilization function as well? Thank you.

>> ALGERIA: Yes, Madam Chair. Thank you very much. On behalf of the Arab Group and the African Group, I'm presenting the Draft New Resolution on strengthening financial resource mobilization functions. So, the proposed Draft New Resolution considered the related sector resolutions, the ITU sector resolutions, the finance‑related reports such as those from GIU, resource mobilization, inter‑agency task force on financing for development report on financing for sustainable development, and also there is a Draft New Resolution considering the outcomes of the Addis Ababa action plan of the third international conference on financing for development.

We also emphasized on the current financial situation of the Union and presented budget deficit and significant rise of UMAX. We propose that the Union‑wide mobilization strategy be implemented and all the necessary coordination matters across the three sectors need to be considered.

The necessary human resources and related trainings need to be envisioned in achieving the purpose of the Draft New Resolution.

The involvement of the Council Working Group FHR, needs to be considered in studying and identifying new revenue streams and report back to Council.

We finally propose that the IT infrastructure in supporting the purposes of this Draft New Resolution, need to be put up to date and upgraded, such as the enterprise resource planning in supporting effective management of resource mobilization function.

I thank you, Madam Chair, for the opportunity.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, Algeria. So, I have a Draft New Resolution here from two regions strengthening ITU's financial resource mobilization function, and is there any objection to this new resolution of strengthening ITU's financial resource mobilization function? The floor is open.

Okay, so I have the United States, Australia, Canada. Are there any other delegates wishing to take the floor? If so, please do so now as I am closing the list.

All right. The list is closed. I have United States, Australia, Canada, and China. China is the last on my list of speakers. The list is closed. United States, you have the floor.

>> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Thank you, Madam Chair and thank you to the Africa Group and Arab group for these proposals. We've been talking a lot in the Council about mobilizing new resources; especially, to address the budget deficit in light of revenues and defining from cost recovery, et cetera. I think for this resolution for us, it has some valuable elements, but it might make more sense to add some of those to Decision 5. I think Decision 5 also has some pointers to ways in which the ITU can address some of these same questions, and so instead of a standalone resolution, we think it might be worthwhile to see where we can place some of the text to really drill down into some of the specific questions that we want to have addressed by the Council or by the Secretariat. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, United States. Australia, you have the floor.

>> AUSTRALIA: Thank you, Chair. Like the United States, we absolutely agree with the need to increase resource mobilization and recognize the constraints on the budget of the Union. We're just not clear how useful having another separate resolution dealing with these kinds of issues are compared to trying to amend or trying to work the concepts in here into the strategic and financial plans or decision or Recommendation 5 as suggested by the United States. Thank you, Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, Australia. Canada, you have the floor.

>> CANADA: Thank you, Madam Chair. And like Australia and the United States, we believe that the issue of resource mobilization is critically important for the Union, but it would be very useful to hear from the Secretariat on what is already in place in terms of resource mobilization because it is our understanding that this is an ongoing exercise and maybe the Secretariat could let us know what has been happening since the last Plenipotentiary Conference, including resource mobilization. We saw for example at the WTDC in P2C, so although we recognize the importance of the additional resources with the ITU, it would be also critically important to find out what is already in place and what might need to be improved, but not necessarily through the adoption of a full resolution. Thank you, Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, Canada. My last speaker is China. You have the floor.

>> CHINA: Thank you, Chair. We support this New Draft Resolution. For the time being the financial is not optimistic and we should improve the situation. We should mobilize more resources. China also supports to increase measures to have more financing. We think this Draft Resolution is necessary and we should also discuss this in specific groups. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, China. We will give the floor to the Secretariat to respond to the questions and then I would throw it back to, give the floor back to Algeria to address any of the remaining questions. Mr. Baah?

>> SECRETARIAT: Thank you very much, Madam Chair. Good morning to everyone. I'm going to try and be brief on this matter, and then if the new Secretary‑General is available, they may respond on the resource mobilization activities undertaken by BDT under their direction.

When it comes to finances, as I said at the Council, we also put into place other mechanisms to try to increase the voluntary contributions directly, but as donations through projects to try and reduce the costs. We've also had support from European Union for support in developing countries which support the regular budget for activities, and that's the Plenipotentiary and Council have set for the management of the ITU. That's what I want to contribute for now, and maybe the new Secretary‑General would be able to add some comments to what I have said. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much. Secretary‑General, you have the floor.

>> SECRETARY-GENERAL: Should I jump in now? Thank you, Madam Chair. Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. To respond to the questions of the Distinguished Delegate of Canada. In the BDT, we do have a resource mobilization strategy, and that strategy was shared with our Advisory Group, the TDAG. We do not have fixed staffing for this. We do have a staff member. We have two staff members that focus on this, but they do not have budgeted positions, which is why we made a request for budgeted positions, and that is contained in the paragraphs‑long list of UMAX that will be considered, so I just wanted to highlight that.

We have increased significantly our project portfolio. From those projects, we do have the benefit of receiving, usually 7% in administrative and support cost, but of course that doesn't go as far as we would like it to go. We also have a number of voluntary contributions. I would encourage each and every Member State to consider voluntary contributions. We have started to show our voluntary contributions in a more transparent way. We have a dashboard and you can consult to see who is contributing on which topics, so I think that's a good space for members to consider.

Of course, as Canada mentioned, we have our Partner 2 Connect effort that we showcased at the WTDC, as of this morning we have now received I think 500 pledges which is extraordinary, but those pledges are not in cash, and I wish they were, but nevertheless, I think it's important that we encourage further pledges because those pledges and those commitments by country, by the private sector, I think will help us as we work with countries in their digital transformation journeys. I hope that that has provided some input to this important discussion. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much. Now, so ‑‑ excuse me. Algeria, you have the floor.

>> ALGERIA: Thank you, Madam Chair. Many thanks for the comments received by U.S. and Canada on the proposed Draft New Resolution. I respectfully do not agree on the reference to Decision 5. Decision 5 is more on the financial plan, the regular budget, and the access contributions which are more for Member States, Sector Members, Associate and so on. So, the Draft Resource Mobilization as proposed is related to the extra budgetary aspect, the voluntary contributions, the donors, and the other side of the revenues of the Union.

I think that we need to discuss between Decision 5 and the Proposed New Draft Resolution. Two different things.

We want to propose this New Draft Resolution to strengthen the extra budgetary, let's say, aspect of the Union and the attractiveness from the donors and also from the private and also UN organizations and donor organizations. We want to commend the role of the BDT Director in the efforts in mobilizing resources, but the proposed Draft Resolution is looking to an ITU‑wide strategy and more high‑level approach and more higher‑level strategy than focusing only on the BDT. And also looking to the HR aspect of this function and more strengthening our aspects related to the IT infrastructure that need to be put in place. This is the purpose of this resolution, and of course, looking to let's say the fill‑in‑the‑gaps and giving higher level to the topic. Thank you, Madam Chair, for the opportunity.

>> CHAIR: So, one second, please.

Thank you very much. So, in reviewing the resolution, I note that there are some areas that are not very clear, and I note the comment from the U.S. and Canada and Australia that there are areas of this resolution that they believe could go into Decision 5, so I see that there is broad support for some of the issues that are identified here, and there is not support for some of them. But as we did not go into a detailed ‑‑ we did not have a detailed conversation here on what those elements are, and after the input from the new Secretary‑General as well as the Secretariat, Mr. Baah, I would like to ask that Algeria please work with the U.S., Canada, Australia, and others that would like to join this group to bring it back to Committee 6 to see where there is agreement and where there isn't agreement. I would like to see that, I want to say Friday, but I know tomorrow is Friday and I can see the daggers in the room if I assign something else that's due tomorrow. So please bring this back by Monday for our next Committee meeting for discussion. Is that an acceptable way forward? Algeria, you have the floor.

>> ALGERIA: Yes, thank you, Madam Chair. Of course, we will try to work this weekend and with all colleagues to bring back consensual document of this. Thank you, Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Algeria. That's great. And I just have one ‑‑ I really think that in doing so, please look at the Instructs to the Council because I don't think the Council Working Group on FHR does what it's being asked here, I don't think that's implementable. All right. Thank you.

All right, it's 10:15 and I would like to get an update on the ad‑hoc group on Resolution 71 and the ad‑hoc group on 25. And then especially on the ad‑hoc group on 25, if you recall yesterday that we couldn't approve Document on resolution 48 because of the text that's being discussed on Res. 25, and I understand that there is a difference between the text so we need to sort that out.

So, if I could have Frederic, please take the floor and give us an update on where we are regarding 71? Thank you.

>> CHAIR OF AD‑HOC GROUP 71: Thank you, Madam Chair. I wanted to come back on the last meeting of the ad‑hoc group of Resolution 71 and update you on what we discussed. We held the second meeting on 1 of October and this allowed us to start the discussions on a TD document which compiled the various proposals. We started with the aspects linked to the strategic framework in Annex 1 of Resolution 71, and we looked in particular at the proposals from the African Group which wanted to complete the strategic framework with a particular emphasis on sectoral matters, and we looked at the targets, the thematic priorities, the products and services, the facilitators, enablers, and a joint proposal from the Africa and Arab Region looking at risk management and we also left aside for now cybersecurity, which will be discussed at our next meeting.

We also reviewed Annexes 2 and 3 of Resolution 71, and there we have another joint proposal from the Africa Region and Arab Group which is a SWOT analysis. And we then held a third meeting on the 4th of October and at that meeting we examined the proposals linked to the main proposals of Resolution 71, and we've made good progress on that.

We also accepted a number of elements which were in square brackets within Annex 1, and the discussion will be continued at the next meeting which is planned for 11:00 a.m. this morning, as soon as this meeting finishes. That will allow us to go back to a number of statistical elements linked to the targets and result indicators. And we will then have a discussion on this role of cybersecurity in the new strategic plan to understand whether cybersecurity should be a thematic priority in itself, in and of itself, or whether it should be included in the other thematic priorities which is our secretary option. We hope we'll finish these essential elements in the coming days and I'd like to thank all participants for their active participation in the discussions. Thank you, Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, Frederic. So, all work in our group would need to be completed by Saturday and be ready to be discussed in plenary on Monday. We are ‑‑ we have strict instructions from the Chair of the Conference that we are not to have any ad‑hoc groups after Saturday. Sunday will be a day of rest for all delegates to prepare for the following week, so please make sure that we have the document after your meeting on Saturday so we can prepare for our Monday COM 6 meeting.

I want to remind all delegates that we agreed that if we could not get agreement on text, that we would go back to the original text of the resolution. And if we cannot agree on text for new resolutions as well or a path forward, then there is the possibility that we would not be able to come to a conclusion in COM of and then it will go up to the Plenary in square brackets. So, I would like not to have any of our documents in the square brackets to the Plenary, because I for one like to have control of my destiny and I would like to make sure that we complete all of our work in our Committee without having any square brackets. So, thank you for that.

With that, I will turn it over to Stella. Could you please give Nigeria the floor to give us an update on Resolution 25. Thank you.

>> NIGERIA: Thank you, Chair. On Resolution 25 we have progressed steadily. Right now, we are on the Instruct Section on Instructing the Council, and we've had good collaboration within Resolution 25. We had a discussion on Resolution 148 yesterday; and we have, I believe, a common agreement. We look forward to finalizing that today and to finish the work on Resolution 25. We have a meeting today at 3:30 and we have another meeting in the evening tomorrow. Thank you for giving us the guidelines on time to finish the ad hoc. I will try to facilitate and make sure that we finish all of our deliberations by Sunday.

Thank you. And on the clarifications in the text.

>> CHAIR: Yes. So, yes, they have to be completed by Saturday night so after your meeting on Saturday. On Sunday it would be problematic. Yes. Go ahead with the clarification. Thank you, Stella.

>> NIGERIA: Thank you, Chair, for that. We will try to finish up by Saturday. It's good to know that most of the people who I am working with are here so we all have been informed.

On the text, the difference of the text contained in Resolution 48, yes, there is a little bit of difference in the text. The text referred to in Resolution 48, it's already accepted in Resolution 25 on that noting and should I read out the text as it is in Resolution 25? Should I send it to the Committee?

On that note, the Resolution 25, the text is that there is a need for ongoing evaluation of the resourcing requirements, including staff for regional and area offices to deliver on their agreed mandate. So, it's a bit different from as it is quoted in Resolution 48 for now. Thank you, Chair.

>> CHAIR: I'll give the floor ‑‑ so, I'm sorry, we're discussing with how to move forward with that. So, there are two different texts in 148 and what is agreed to in Resolution 25. If we could agree to the text that's in Resolution 25 for Resolution 48, we can close out 48 and we could send that to the Editorial Committee. Stella, could you please read that out at dictation speed, please.

>> NIGERIA: Thank you, Chair. What we have in Resolution 25 is that there is the need for ongoing evaluation of the resourcing requirement, including staff for regional and area offices to deliver on their agreed mandates. Thank you, Chair.

>> CHAIR: You have the floor.

>> JORDAN\: Thank you, Madam Chair. Good morning to everyone in the room. If it's possible that the head of the delegation would be able to offer a clarification, please. The head of the ad‑hoc group, please can you offer a clarification about who will be carrying out this ongoing assessment? Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, Jordan. Stella?

>> NIGERIA: Thank you. The ongoing assessment will be carried out, I believe we agreed by the Secretariat.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Stella. Secretariat? Diego, can you address this question? The question is who is going to continue the ongoing assessment?

>> SECRETARIAT: Thank you, Madam Chair. I think we need to probably see in the document because this must be in the Resolution part responding to the Secretary‑General, so that we can clearly respond to the question, so if you could probably ‑‑ I'm throwing it back again to the Head of the ad‑hoc group, so if you could kindly clarify which part of the document it is because we don't have it on the screen at this point in time.

>> CHAIR: We don't have it, so we will need to consult more on Res. 48 and the different between the One ITU Resolution 48 and One ITU in Resolution 25. We cannot close that document out yet. Thank you for your patience.

I believe that we have come to the end of our agenda, but let me give you some updates on where we are. We have Decision 5 that will continue in this room and take the remaining time of COM 6. Resolution 77 is still being worked on, but please remember that all of you, I requested Resolution 77 by Friday. I also requested Resolution 30 by Friday as well, and I also have Resolution 162. We are extremely close there and there is just one issue. I need to see someone from the Africa and Arab Region for that proposal, and I do think that those informal consultations are going well and we'll be able to bring them back to the group tomorrow after working on a clarifying question.

Resolution 11 we'll be writing to informal consultations and ready to discuss that on Monday. With that, are there any questions regarding our remaining work? Algeria, you have the floor.

>> ALGERIA: Yes, Madam Chair. On 162, I couldn't find any announcement of any informal meeting on IMAC Resolution, so maybe it will be preferrable that the scheduling of any informal or ad hoc meetings on 162 should be displayed. This is on 162.

And on Telecom event on Resolution 11, I'm wondering why we didn't start any discussion yet on Resolution 11? And also, same comment, so we need to display the agenda on the scheduling of the discussion or resolution 11. Thank you, Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Algeria. On Resolution 162, if you recall that informal ‑‑ this was the Head of the Regional Group that I asked to send me their names, so we were having that discussion. I will ‑‑ we agreed in one of our meetings, and I'm not sure which one, that the cascading issue is to accept the expansion of IMAC. We did that. And then I went through the edits of all of the regional proposals and I have sent that document out, and there is just one question there and that's going to be back to the group. There was no meeting per se. It was all done virtually. I will make sure that you have that document, so if you're not on it, that's my mistake.

On Resolution 11, that is a similar request, so I've been doing consultations with the different regions and trying to come up with a proposal that would suit everyone. I'm happy to convene a meeting of the Resolution 11 to have that discussion. I will note that meeting slots are very limited.

All right. And then I have one more request for the floor. UAE, you have the floor.

>> UAE: Thank you. Regarding the New Resolution on strengthening side events, what is the status? Are we going to discuss this during the upcoming meeting? Thank you. The next one?

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, UAE. Yes, we will discuss that at our next meeting as well. I've been doing informal consultations with everyone that commented in Plenary, in COM 6 Plenary on that document and we're really trying to find a path forward. I was actually thinking about that this morning, so that picture is still kind of fuzzy right now. I do think that we will most likely need to have a meeting, but I have received additional comments from other delegations, so we will ‑‑ let me find time for that as well. Thank you. Viet Nam, you have the floor.

>> VIET NAM: Thank you, Madam Chair. It's not so clear regarding the Resolution 11. I would like to seek your information on this, please.

>> CHAIR: Resolution 11, I have been making informal consultations with the different regional focal points. I will find time for a meeting to discuss the Resolution is, and suggest a path forward. Okay. Thank you. Algeria? And then I am closing the list and closing the meeting so that Decision 5 can resume. Algeria, you have the floor.

>> ALGERIA: Thank you, Madam Chair. On Resolution 11, I am the focal point of Arab and African Region and not been associated into the discussion, so kindly consider that for our next steps on Res. 11. Thank you, Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. I will do that. So, it's 10:35 and Decision 5 will resume now and continue its discussion on the financial plan. I would also request that if the proponents of DT/11 could get together as well, I think most folks are in the room, to try to sort that text out, that would be great and we can finish that as well. I appreciate all of your help this morning. Just remember that Saturday is really our last day to have work, to get work done and then we're in full Committee 6 on Monday. Thank you. I think our Vice‑chair, Blanca, you have the floor.

>> VICE‑CHAIR: Thank you very much Madam Chair. The paragraph 25 referred to in Resolution 48 is not in the Resolve's part but in the Considering. So, if the Committee is in agreement with the text, we could send it. We could take out the square brackets from the document for Resolution 48 and send it for translation to the Drafting Committee. That would be our proposal, Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, Blanca, for the suggestion. So, the suggestion here is that if we could go back to Resolution 48 to see if we could finalize that document. The proposal is that we remove the square brackets around ‑‑ Blanca, I don't have it.

>> VICE‑CHAIR: Yes, Madam Chair. The document was adopted as a whole and we were waiting for the fact that Ms. Stella's group was working on Resolution 25 because there is a paragraph which mentions this resolution, and Ms. Stella if I fully understood her said that in her group, that paragraph which is mentioned in Resolution 25, has already opinion decided on. And to reflect what's in the current Resolution 48. So, the proposal is to include the paragraph mentioned by Ms. Stella and to put that into Resolution 48 so that means that Resolution 48 is now fully ready to go to the Drafting Committee for translation. So that means that our document would be finalized if everyone in the room is agreed. It's a document that was previously shown on the screen, and this the Resolve part there is a consideration of the need to have these matters that are mentioned, we have to have them considered. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Blanca. So, I believe the issue may be that delegates haven't fully seen the text to agree with it, and it would be difficult to approve. I understand the proposal is to move the text from Resolution 25 to Resolution 48 and send it to Committee 4. Let's see what the room says. Switzerland, United States, Kuwait, Egypt, you have the floor. After Egypt, the floor is closed. Thank you. Switzerland? Jordan, you have the floor as well, last one.

>> SWITZERLAND: Thank you. Good morning, distinguished colleagues. I have a statement regarding the organization of work and not the proposal from the vice‑chair and so I will take the floor again once we have wrapped up this discussion. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Switzerland. United States?

>> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: It was just to ‑‑ I wanted to support the request from the Chair from the Resolution 48. I think that the point raised by Egypt was just to make sure that there was like the reference to Resolution 25 in Resolution 48 was consistent in the discussion of Resolution 25. I think the report that we have heard from Ms. Stella is that they have made some modifications to that language, and I think it should be more of an editorial exercise to just insert that change into Resolution 48 and then we should be able to approve the DT as revised consistent with what we talked about last time. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, United States. Kuwait?

>> KUWAIT: Thank you, Madam Chair. Good morning to all. We would like to talk about Resolution 162 about the Committee. We received some emails from you and there were several amendments that have been added to the resolution without the Committee being updated on this. Could you give us some enlightenment about this, concerning the various proposals made by the African group and the Arab Group and the Americas, and Arab Group. Could you give us further clarity? Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Kuwait. Yes, on Resolution 162, we had a discussion in our COM 6 meeting. In that discussion, the overarching comment was whether we all accepted the new proposal to add a new member to the IMAC, and we all agreed to that.

All of the edits from the regional groups were pretty much in line except for in a couple of places where we had confusion regarding cybersecurity, and the question there, so basically, I submitted a document that included all of the regional edits and all of the regional edits were based on the request from the IMAC Committee at the time, so there were wording differences, but for the most part they mirrored the request from the IMAC. Those were what the changes were.

The one question related to cybersecurity is still under discussion and we have not made any changes, and that document will be coming back into Committee 6. So, I hope that explains where we are there. Thank you.

Egypt, you have the floor.

>> EGYPT: Thank you, Madam Chair. What I understood from Ms. Blanca is that the text in Resolution 48 is in the Considering Section of Resolution 25. I understand that the Preamble has not been discussed yet in the ad‑hoc group on Resolution 25, but perhaps Ms. Stella, the ad hoc chair, if she's still in the room could explain further about this and confirm that the Preamble has not been discussed yet. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, Egypt. Jordan, you have the floor.

>> JORDAN: Thank you, Madam Chair. As I understand, for this group on Resolution 25, the discussion is still ongoing. Therefore, we would prefer for Resolution 48 and Resolution 25 to be approved together once the group has finished its work and we have found an agreement on a definitive label for Resolution 48. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Jordan. China, you have the floor.

>> CHINA: Thank you, Madam President. We have two pieces of information. First, regarding Resolution 48, we agreed with delegates that spoke before. We believe that there are still square brackets, so before we submit this document to the Editing Committee, it should be discussed.

Secondly regarding the work especially in terms with dealing with documents at this Committee. You mentioned that there are some decisions to be discussed at Committee of, and we would like to know if we can finish this work, finish the discussion before Saturday, what's your plan, Madam Chair. Thank you for your clarification.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, China. So, I give the floor to Nigeria, and then I'll come back. Nigeria?

>> NIGERIA: Thank you, Chair. If this will further clarify so that everyone will be on the same page. The paragraph referenced on the noting in Resolution 48, (F) was taken or referring to a paragraph in noting resolution 25 for which there was no change, so this document in Resolution 25, there was no change. This is the paragraph that I read it was as it is and remains as it was from the previous Plenipotentiary. Thank you. It's on both documents under Noting and not under Resolve's section. If that will help. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much. What I plan to do with Resolution 48 and Resolution 25 is as both of those, there is a statement and both of those documents are dealing with the One ITU and both are dealing with the text and I recommend that we keep document in the Committee and on Monday when Resolution 25 comes back, that we can then look at the two texts and then agree on the text relating to the One ITU. That's the proposal on Resolution 48 and 25.

I had a request for China on how we are going to progress the work and get the work done, so if on Resolution 212 the U.S. and Saudi Arabia are going to come back on Friday and we will have a ‑‑ we will see where we are on document.

On the new resolution of strengthening ITU financial resources, Algeria has until Monday to come back to COM 6 on that document. On Decision 11, the U.S. and Canada as well as Algeria will come back to ‑‑ will bring this back into our Committee on Friday.

We have two documents that have not been introduced yet, and we are waiting until they have to be introduced at least by Monday and hopefully those two documents will go rather quickly.

Now, related to the New Resolution from the Arab Group on organizing side events, we will plan to have an informal discussion and I will work with this. These discussions will probably run concurrently for about an hour each, so they will be on the screen and I expect delegates to show up for those meetings. I understand there are a number of ad hoc meetings and informal discussions, so I hope that folks will be able to come and attend and can see the work that has been done offline on these issues.

That is the proposed way forward. Any questions in all right. Thank you. Switzerland, you asked for the floor?

>> SWITZERLAND: Thank you, Madam Chair. If I have understood well, the ad‑hoc group on financial issues will continue its work immediately following the meeting of the Committee, and as I understand it, alongside this, COM 6 will also meet on the Strategic plan, the ITU Strategic Plan, and this will be in parallel, have I understood correctly that these two groups are working in parallel? Thank you, Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. It was not my understanding. Frederic, are you meeting today at 11:00 as well?

So, yes, I did not know that ‑‑ it escaped me that Resolution 71 was meeting today at 11:00. So, what we could do is use the remaining time of Committee 6 then for those informal discussions as well as discussions related to Resolution 77 during this time. We have completed our agenda and we're now waiting for coordination of activities to come back to finish. Does that work, Switzerland?

And I understand from Mr. Baah, that Decision 5 will meet at 2:00 today. Okay. I see you shaking your head. Thank you. I have Algeria and United States and then I would like to close the list and close the meeting. Algeria?

>> ALGERIA: Yes, Madam Chair. Thank you. So, you mentioned, Madam Chair, that there are two documents that weren't being presented. I assume Resolution 11 is one of them because we didn't present Resolution 11 in our Committee, so I'm sorry to get back to this item but given the little time that we had until Monday so we need to be effective and of course associate all coordinators on this resolution, Madam Chair. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Algeria. On Resolution 11 we introduced that, we introduced it last week. I'm not sure if you were in the room at the time but we did introduce Resolution 11. So, we will have an informal discussion on that. Thank you. United States, you have the floor.

>> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Thank you, Madam Chair. It was just to confirm my understanding is that during the next session at 11:00 there are a couple of already‑schedule ad-hocs for Committee 6 and that decision, the financial issues is meeting at 14:00. But my other request is that instead of having the same conversation about the revised resolution 48, if we could just see a revision to the DT with the language that was suggested by the Chair of Resolution 25 ad hoc, think as she said that language is existing text from Resolution 25, so if we can just see it in the document then it might be easier to approve the DT Rev. 1 at your next meeting. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, United States. We will do that. All right. I have no other requests for the floor. The meeting is closed.

Please, I strongly encourage you to work to finalize the ad hoc groups and informal consultations. Thank you. Bye‑bye.

(meeting completed at 2:54 a.m. CST).

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