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>> CHAIR: Distinguished Delegates, good afternoon. Please take your seats. We will start soon.

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>> CHAIR: Good afternoon, Ladies and Gentlemen. I hope you are all well. We have Saturday packed with meetings. But, fortunately, Sunday, that was off. And I hope you had the chance to enjoy half of the weekend at least. And, hopefully, you are getting some rest also, because we have a very intense week, and I am sure that very productive one. And thank you very much for the work you are doing and for the work you did in the previous two weeks, and even today.

We have our agenda for today meeting, which was published as document ADM36. Can we approve it? Approved.

And moving on now, our second point on our agenda, it is my pleasure to invite Mr. Masahiko Metoki, Director General of UPU. Will give us policy statement.

>> MASAHIKO METOKI: Thank you very much, Chair, for kind introduction. Good afternoon, everyone, and Honorable Ministers, your Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates and Participants. It is a great honour to participate in this plenary session of the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference and have this opportunity to speak on behalf of the wonderful city of Bucharest. I wish to express my sense of gratitude for the efforts ITU Secretary-General and the ITU Secretariat, for their preparation as well to the Government of Romania for hosting this wonderful Plenipotentiary.

Have a long history and share strong relationship. Both organizations have played a key role in connecting people and ensuring inclusiveness over the centuries. Both took root in the city capital of Baroon at the inception of 150 years ago, and we remain, through sister organization, in this day with many shared policy objectives and joint initiatives.

The network is crucial to the world social, economic and culture development, especially during the times of crisis and in the face of natural disasters, pandemics and conflicts. Services keep communities connected and functioning. Government brief help this educational surprise and to help business to continue to writing all thanks to ICT.

Digital transformation and sustainability are two main trends that emerged in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the crisis arising from global conflicts. The ITU is encouraging the sector to embrace ICT with the view to achieving sustainable digital inclusion, financial inclusion, the inclusion of small and medium-sized enterprises in e-commerce and cyber protection of the postal network at political national infrastructure, as well as ensuring member countries' contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals.

However, with almost half the world post office not yet connected to the internet, these benefits remain at risk in many member states. A strong partnership between the postal and telecommunication sectors will help countries to achieve full and meaningful internet connectivity. I firmly believe that by working together, we can help to strengthen not only the ITU and the UPU, but also society as a whole to benefit in particular the disadvantaged people in all communities.

In closing, I wish to congratulate Ms. Bogdan-Martin as a new ITU Secretary-General, Mr. Lamanauskas as new Deputy Secretary-General, and directors. To develop a meaningful connectivity and successful digital transformation for all member countries. Thank you very much for your kind attention.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Director General, for your words, and thank you very much for joining us, the Plenipotentiary Conference, and for opening proving regarding the relation with ITU. I think both organizations have a wonderful future together in cooperation. And I am inviting other Secretary-General to address with a few words.

>> SECRETARY-GENERAL: Dear Colleagues, Participants. Good afternoon. I am very pleased of Secretary-General, my dear friend and dear colleague from United Nations systems. As you know, that ITU and UPU, two oldest UN agencies and for quite a long time we worked together, very nicely, and recently we further developed our cooperation with several projects such as our neighbor and some other project we work together and we try to also even further develop some other projects with the chairs, smart villages with common project to support the villages' life by offering platform for them to see products or to learn new technologies. The good cooperation between two sides. And I am very pleased with our friend Mr. Metoki. I just sit down to listen to my speech. We have definitely further strengthened our cooperation, as he just mentioned in his speech, that he's looking for good cooperation between two teams.

We also noted that not only two teams, actually, many of our delegations also working for both sides. Postal Service and ICT, in the same ministry. We are very confident in the future we will have very good cooperation. I thank you very much.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Secretary-General.

Let's move to the next item on our agenda. And I will pass back the floor to Secretary-General to present document 70.

>> SECRETARY-GENERAL: Secretary, Mr. Chairman, Dear Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen, I am very pleased to present Document 70, which provides an update on the activities of ITU with regard to ITU Council Resolution 1408.

First, I offer my sincere thanks to all those member states and stakeholders who responded positively to my call to support ITU's efforts to rebuild Ukraine's telecommunications and broadcasting infrastructure destroyed by the war. Thank you.

As you know, ITU has launched the Partner2Connect initiative and has already received commitments of over 100 million Euro related to Ukraine. Last week, during the policy statements, I was also pleased to note a new preach from the government of Poland increasing their commitment to support the process of rebuilding infrastructure from 1.2 million to 21 million U.S. dollars. So, yeah.

Allow me to express my warm sense to Poland, Lithuania, Spain, Japan, U.S.A., Germany, UK, European Union for their commitments. And all those with commitments are on the way. Thank you very much.

Technical assistance must be evidence based, which is why an ITU team has launched the damage assessment. However, as the conflict continues, this work is not yet completed. The evolution so far, therefore, remains provisional and we are required further coronation before it is issued. ITU will start its internal process on this task as soon as after PP-22. I thank you for your understanding.

The results of this evaluation will be used to design an effective technical assistant programme for the country that will be implemented in close coordination with administration of the republic of Ukraine. ITU's coordination with our UN family at the national, regional and global level has been enhanced. I have personally brought to the issue of Resolution 1408 to the attention of my fellow UN executives calling for their support, and I have held discussions with World Bank on this issue.

Ladies and Gentlemen, rebuilding the telecommunication and broadcasting infrastructure of Ukraine, we are required significant financial and document resources. Therefore, let me reiterate my call for your valuable support to this process. I thank you very much for your attention. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Secretary-General. I now give the floor to Ukraine.

>> UKRAINE: Mr. Chairman, Secretary-General, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen, speaking on behalf of Ukraine, I would like to draw your attention that right now the Russian Federation carry out the -- on the objects of critical infrastructure of Ukraine, including the telecommunication infrastructure, which is a direct latent valuation of the ITU values. Because of this action, our relatives, friends and colleagues are dying right now. To continue, I have the honour to read a statement on behalf of the following member states of the ITU, Ukraine, 27EU member states, Albania, Honduras, Australia, Canada, Ecuador, Georgia, east land, Israel, Japan, Liechtenstein, Republic of -- New Zealand, North Macedonia, Norway, Peru, Republic of Korea, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America. And further request that the statement will be entered into the record of the meeting.

We thank the Secretary-General for his oral update of the implementation of 2022 ITU Council Resolution 1408 on assistance and support to Ukraine for building their telecommunications sector. We look forward to release of the first written report assessing the impact of the war in Ukraine in the field of telecommunications and providing proposals for effective assistance at the earliest opportunity and in any event, no later than the end of the year.

The very first line of the ITU's constitution recognize the importance of telecommunication for peace and in order to foster the economic and social development of all member states. The support for Ukraine provided by the ITU and its member states is uniquely available for rebuilding of Ukraine's telecommunication sector. We are proud that our union has stepped up to support member state in urgent need.

We welcome the establishment of a special task force at the level of the general Secretariat and of a special fund interest in order to provide assistance and support to rebuild Ukraine's telecommunication infrastructure and to provide the necessary support and technical capacity building. We are grateful the ITU member states for the contributions they have made to support this effort, including the projects and pledges announced on the occasion of the ITU Partner2Connect high-level digital development dialects held at the world communication development conference in Kigali in June 2022. We call all member states and the union not to lose this momentum but to continue to provide assistance and financial contributions to Ukraine for rebuilding its telecommunication sector and to support the use of telecommunications ITUs for recovery and sustainable development.

In addition, we call on the ITU to ensure adequate financial and human resources mobilization budget in order to support the effort in line with Council Resolution 1408.

As an important member of the UN family, the ITU cannot ignore the fact that it is Russia which is responsible for the war in Ukraine. As recognized by the United Nations General Assembly resolution of the 2nd of March 2022 on aggression against Ukraine, Russia's unprovoked and unjust invasion of Ukraine, while its international law including the UN charter and chose flagrant disregard for human suffering.

Since Russia's full-scale invasion on the 24th of January, Ukraine suffered on infrastructure, failure of telecom services and outages of the mobile networks. Russia's actions have had a devastating impact over the operation telecommunication facilities and services in Ukraine and on the exercise of Ukraine's right to regulate to communication within its international recognized territory.

These unjustified actions stand in clear contradiction to the ITU's mission to promote digital connectivity for sustainable development worldwide and fails to respect the fundamental principles in trying to implement the ITU constitution.

Russia has lost its status as a credible partner for ITU activities and cannot claim to promote its values. Firmly and unequivocally condemn the attempt at annexation, and regions.

These actions based on shame referendum carried out by the Russian installed officials in temporary assist Ukraine territories are a latent violation of Ukraine's independence, sovereignty and integral of international law.

The results of these illegal wars null and void and these areas will never be recognized by the international community as anything but a part of Ukraine's sovereign territory. We call on the ITU to refrain from any actions or publications that might be interpreted as recognizing or endorsing any alteration of the international recognized borders of Ukraine and to support Ukraine in exercising its sovereign right to regulate to communication within those borders.

The supporters of this statement stand firmly and unwaveringly in solidarity with Ukraine. We strongly condemn the Russian violation of the integrity of Ukraine and deploy the sovereign and loss of life that it has caused. We reiterate the call of the UN General Assembly Resolution of the 2nd of March and urge Russia to immediately cease its use of force against Ukraine and to immediately completely and unconditionally withdraw all of its military forces from the territory of Ukraine within its international recognized borders.

And in doing so, we urge Russia to respect in who the obligations which arise from ITU membership. I thank you. Stand with Ukraine.

In this regard, we would like to request a minute of silence in commemoration of the victims of war in Ukraine.

(Silence)

>> CHAIR: Thank you. Thank you, Ukraine.

(Silence)

>> CHAIR: Thank you for the intervention, your intervention will be included in the summary for this plenary. And, of course, I invite the plenary (?) of the statement that was made.

I see a request for the floor from Russian Federation.

>> RUSSIAN FEDERATION: Thank you very much, Chairman. We are surprised that after the submission of a report by the Secretary-General, you did not announce the opening of the discussion and did not suggest to member states that they could take the floor. However, following our shared attitude of cooperation, we did not raise this particular issue and we decided to take the floor when you gave such right. Maybe please make -- may we please make our statement now?

>> CHAIR: Russian Federation, you are invited to make your statement now.

>> RUSSIAN FEDERATION: Thank you very much, Chairman. We have taken the floor in order to speak on the agenda item relating to Document 70. As you are, the communication administration is the Russian Federation at the Council session in 2022 when Council Resolution 1408 was being discussed, spoke out against acute politicization of any aspect of the work of the union. And relations between member states which fall outside the purview of the rules, regulations and constitution of the ITU.

We are grateful to the Secretary-General on compliance with Resolution 1408, which has been described in Document 70 and will take due note of it. At the same time, we would like to direct your attention to several questions related to compliance with the mandate of the Union and offering support to countries which are in difficult circumstances.

In Document 70, it states that the general Secretariat has taken various types of action to ensure compliance with this resolution. It is mentioned that a special website has been set up. I would like to recall that the Resolution is dedicated to offering support to a country in reestablishing its telecommunications sector. ITU is a specialized agency of the UN system, specializing in telecommunications and therefore it does not have the authority to determine the legal status or the nature of relations between the Union's member states.

The thematic page, however, of the website of the ITU set up in order to ensure support for compliance with the Resolution contains unacceptedly subjective and politicized assertions, falls outside the purview of the union and does not comply with practice as usually followed in circumstances of this kind.

We would also like to find out that the general Secretariat has not insured a translation on the website which is in the telecommunications Development Sector of the ITU website into the six sufficient languages of the union. That is also in contradiction with the provisions of the Resolution 154 adopted by the Plenipotentiary Conference of the Union. We also have the impression there is a selective approach being taken in which the way the resources of the union are being used in order to comply with the mandate on offering technical assistance and support to countries which are in difficult circumstances.

And this seems to be to the advantage of one member state despite the fact that in 2022 increased support and assistance from the union has been required by other member states of the Union and has been provided in accordance with Resolutions of the Plenipotentiary Conference including 34, 125, 126, 127, 159 and 193.

Taking these points into account and following the principle of equal rights for all member states of the International Telecommunications Union, we suggest to the Secretary-General that he prepare a report on all resolutions dealing with the provision of assistance and support to countries in difficult circumstances with a full listing of measures of sources and financing involved and with the specific outcomes which have been achieved under the 12 Plenipotentiary Conference Resolutions to which I just referred.

It is also important that a single page on the website of the ITU be developed covering compliance with all similar resolutions of Plenipotentiary Conference, again, specific measures taken and specific results achieved from the provision of technical assistance need to be reflected.

At the moment approximately 20 states of the ITU from various regions around the world are covered by these resolutions. Taking into account what was said in the statement made immediately after the Secretary-General's submission of Resolution -- Document 70, the Russian Federation's government would like to put down a reservation on that statement and would like to provide that officially to the Secretariat. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Russian Federation on the intervention on Document 70.

I now give the floor to Syria.

>> SYRIA: Syria affirms that the ITU mandate to discuss critical issues. We remind the leadership of this organization and the country members to not use the venue of the ITU to push their political interests and to respect the rules of the ITU. Criticizing or condemning any member of the ITU based on their political agenda will be a precedent in the history of this organization and a recipe for its divide and its failure in implementing the goals it was established to achieve. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. I now give the floor to Czech Republic.

>> CZECH REPUBLIC: Mr. Chair, Mr. Secretary-General, Excellencies. I have a privilege to speak on behalf of the European Union and its member states. The EU and its member states strongly object to the statement made by the Russian Federation. We reiterate our unwavering support to Ukraine and condemn unprovoked and unjustified war aggression against Ukraine. We urge Russia to immediately stop its attacks against civilians and civilian infrastructure and to immediately and unconditionally withdraw all of its troops and military equipment from the entire territory of Ukraine.

We demand that Russia fully respect Ukraine's integrity, sovereignty and independence within its international recognized borders, abide by the United Nations General Assembly Resolution titled "Aggression Against Ukraine" supported by 141 states and stop this disinformation campaign. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. I now give the floor to Poland.

>> POLAND: Thank you, Secretary-General, Deputy Secretary-General, Directors, Elected Officials, Distinguished Delegates to PP. Poland fully aligns with joint statement provided by the delegation of Ukraine. Let me express our full solidarity with Ukraine and the Ukrainian people, especially in the light of today's Russian's attacks on Kyiv and other Ukrainian cities. There should be no room for any who violates the core principle of the UN charter and who demonstrate the viciously lack of respect for human life.

Since 24th of February, Poland takes all necessary steps not only to connect the unconnected, but to connect the temporarily disconnected. Secretary-General, we are grateful for the report on progress in the implementation of ITU Council resolution as you have delivered. Your commitment to this cause is very well recognized.

As the war in Ukraine continues, we are still seeking your support by publishing the assessment report and any other document related to the assistance to Ukraine at the earliest convenience. That shall determine next steps of our agreed measures to unprovoked war that is taking place in Europe. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Poland. I now give the floor to Japan.

>> JAPAN: Good afternoon, everyone. Mr. Chairman, on behalf of Japan I would like to express our appreciation to the general and for their efforts in implementing the Council Resolution and for the comprehensive reports they have provided.

Mr. Chairman, Japan fully supports the adoption of this report at this session. I also urge all participants to read this report carefully and contribute this work. Mr. Chairman, Japan expressed solidarity with the people of Ukraine and we will continue to support Ukraine rebuilding their telecommunications sector. Thank you very much.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, Japan.

I now give the floor to Belarus.

>> BELARUS: Thank you very much, Chairman. Chairman, Secretary-General, Ladies and Gentlemen, the Russian delegation considers the Plenipotentiary Conference of ITU raising questions and assessments in order to put pressure on one side involved in the conflict in Ukraine is not going to lead to a settlement of the crisis situation. We are convinced that such a settlement can be brought about only by the speediest possible political efforts put in by all sides involved. We urge the members of this Plenipotentiary Conference to avoid politicization of issues here within the ITU, which is a very important leading communications-related agency.

We also urge not splitting the membership in a way that will undermine the constructive work otherwise done by the Union. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you Belarus. I now give the floor to U.S.A. U.S.

>> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Thank you, Secretary-General, and for the thorough report and for the ongoing efforts for the Union to assess the damage which has been caused to the telecommunications infrastructure and sector by the war caused by Russia in Ukraine.

We appreciate very much the efforts of so many in this union to support Ukraine as it seeks to rebuild its infrastructure and the Union as it seeks to carry out a thorough assessment, as much as it is able at this time.

We very much agree that this body is not a political body. However, it is very much concerned with the telecommunications infrastructure of this member state, which is actively being destroyed as we speak by the actions of another member state.

We agree that this is not a body that can solve this war. This war can be solved very simply by Russia complying with the UN General Assembly Resolutions and withdrawing totally and fully from the territory of Ukraine. I thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. I would like all the countries to stay with a single quest in this report. But I give the floor now to Russian Federation, after that, Australia and Ukraine and I close the list. Canada. And that's it. Thank you very much, Russian Federation. You have the floor.

>> RUSSIAN FEDERATION: Thank you, Chairman. Could we please have our statement made after the statements of the other delegations whom you just mentioned? Thank you.

>> CHAIR: It's not clear what you asked for. Can you please repeat? If we pass the floor, I give the floor to please make your statement. I said there are three other countries that are going to make the statements and the list is closed. So, if you have a statement, please do it now. Thank you.

>> RUSSIAN FEDERATION: Okay. Thank you, Chairman. In that case, we have already heard various allegations made against us. The Russian Federation has been accused of things which are, basically, a provocation and in this conference, we do not think we should be discussing issues which do not forward in the purview of the organization. Having said that, let me recall briefly that this situation is a consequence of the failure of the Ukraine authorities to follow the provisions of the MIS-C agreement which are endorsed by a UN resolution. We reject the unfounded allegations against our country and urge other countries to refrain from making politically biased allegations against member states of the organization, including us.

This is a technical, impartial organization. It is not here to discuss the relations or status of relations between its member states, issues of territorial integrity and our national sovereignty of member states. The Russian Federation urges the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 2022 to ignore issues which fall outside the purview of this organization and to refrain from exerting pressure on member states for any reason.

We have a very hairy, agenda, Chairman and we urge we continue with it. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you to the Russian Federation. I now give the floor to Australia.

>> AUSTRALIA: We thank the Secretary-General for his update. We make this intervention to show our steadfast support for a member of the ITU family who has come under attack since Russia's unprovoked and illegal invasion of Ukraine and honour Ukraine's request for solidarity. We strongly -- actions to block or degrade access to the internet which show complete disregard for Ukraine's sovereignty and for the very mission of the ITU.

Again, the issues are at the heart of the ITU's mission. We acknowledge the efforts of the ITU to assist Ukraine by the implementation of Council Resolution 1408 and look forward to continued work on this matter. We continue -- we consider the activities of the ITU under Resolution 1408 to be entirely in scope and centered on the ITU's mission and expertise. We thank the Secretary-General for his efforts in promoting the importance of this resolution among the UN family. In closing, we again express our unwavering support for Ukraine. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Australia.

I now invite UK to take the floor.

>> UNITED KINGDOM: Thank you for your report at the beginning of this discussion. The UK aligns itself with interventions by Ukraine, the Czech Republic on behalf of the European Union, Poland, Japan, United States, and Australia, and we stand united with our partners in condemning Russia's illegal war on Ukraine.

As the UN Secretary-General has made clear, Russia's actions are a serious breach of the UN charter and of our shared principles of sovereignty and territorial integrity. These principles are the bedrock upon which the United Nations is built and it is vital that we all come together to uphold them. The ITU is not just a technical organization. We stand on that same bedrock as a wider United Nations and as a member of the UN family, we cannot ignore what is taking place in Ukraine.

The importance of telecommunications for peace and sustainable development is enshrined at the core of the ITU's constitution. Russia's construction of telecommunications infrastructure and its disregard for the lives of those who operate it, fundamentally undermines the values of the ITU as well. The UK is unwavering in our support for the Ukraine and we look forward for the publication of the report called for by Council Resolution 1408 as a basis for ongoing ITU action and support for Ukraine. Thank you very much.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, UK.

I now invite Canada to take the floor.

>> CANADA: Thank you very much, Chairman. I would like to thank the Secretary-General as well for the presentation of this report.

Mr. Chairman, the undeniable suffering of thousands of Ukrainians including children, women and the elderly is being caused by the illegal, unprovoked and immoral attack by the Russian Federation. We are here addressing one particular document which is a Council Resolution on the reconstruction of the telecommunication infrastructure of Ukraine.

We have to work on the reconstruction of the telecommunications infrastructure of Ukraine, not because it has been devastated by a natural disaster, but by the relentless daily attacks by the Russian Federation. Attacks that result in the absence of communications infrastructure, including being able to call an ambulance.

Consequently, Chairman, we fully align ourselves with the intervention of Ukraine and other like-minded countries. We continue to stand firmly with Ukraine and with the fundamental values and principles of civilized behavior. Thank you, Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Canada.

Thank you, all the countries, for the statements. All of them will be included in the summary course of this plenary. And, of course, I invite the plenary take note of the document that was presented by Secretary-General, Document 70.

With this, let's move on to Agenda Item Number 4, which is a series of texts prepared by the Editorial Committee. We have Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth, Thirteenth and Fourteenth series of texts submitted to the Plenary in blue, which are documents 143, 144, 145, 153, 154, and 155. And I will give the floor to the Chair of Committee, who presents the first use. Chair, you have the floor.

>> CHRISTIAN RISSONE: Thank you very much, Chairman, and a good afternoon to everyone. The first document is document 143, in the Ninth series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee. These documents come from the Plenary Working Group, and compile three resolutions. The first one is Resolution 123 entitled Reducing the -- or "Bridging the standardization gap between developing and developed countries."

The second resolution is 198, which is "Empowerment youth through telecommunication/information communication technology."

And, finally, we have Resolution 200 on the "Connect 2030 Agenda for global telecommunication/information and communication technology, including broadband, for sustainable development."

Before I submit these documents for your consideration, I wish to recall one thing, Chairman. I have received many questions. All of the documents from the Working Group of Plenary 25 and Committee 6 are free of square brackets.

However, in the blue documents submitted to you, you may see square brackets, and I wish to reiterate what I said during the first plenary when I took the floor, the square brackets have been put in by the Editorial Committee due to cross references between resolutions and resolutions are not adopted, we cannot put in the new references.

So, this is in the most simple case. Unfortunately, in some cases, there are more than one cross references, and there are, instead, quotes from resolutions that have not yet been approved by the plenary. So, we find more extensive square brackets.

Since we are going to begin to review the documents, in particular on the first resolution, which is Resolution 123, I will ask you if I can take the floor again to talk about page 2 so I can illustrate this problem that we have had in the Editorial Committee. Thank you very much, Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, Chairman. Thank you for your clarification and thank you, all of you, for providing so far only documents without brackets. So, I proceed to the reading in blue of the Document 143 Resolution, resolution, page by page, as we did in the last Plenary meetings. And I will start with Resolution 143, page 1. 123. 123. Sorry for this. Page 1. Page 2. I see a request for the floor from Sudan.

>> SUDAN: Thank you so much, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, the Resolution 123, we have, yes, some reference to the Strategic Plan of the Union. We have discussed the Resolution on the plan A, and in the work group of plenary we have decided to have the old reference on the Strategic Plan of 2020-2023 and I may need refuse Lucian of our Chairman from the group of plenary on this. Do we still have still square brackets. Thank you so much.

>> CHAIR: I will give the floor to the Chair of plenary to clarify this, but as working method that I promoted in the relative communities, if you want, open the floor for any documents that you already agreed or committees of working group of plenary to be very clear on this.

But I invite the Chair of working plenary if it is here to take the floor, if you can clarify this references.

>> Thank you, Chair. Indeed, as requested from our Distinguished Delegate from Sudan. There was the agreement that Working Group of plenary to keep the text tied to the existing Strategic Plan. But as has been explained by con for Chair, the square bracket as we see in the document is not one coming from working group of the plenary, but is something for the Editorial Committee for the cross-referencing. So, if I hope that this clarifies the situation, that it's not a square bracket from working group of the plenary, but to help in the cross-reference. I hope this satisfies the -- your request from Sudan. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. I think it satisfied the request from Sudan. Thank you, Chair.

I will proceed with the reading of document. Page 1. This is a request from Saudi Arabia.

>> SAUDI ARABIA: Thank you, Chair. I would like just to affirm that the square brackets mentions Dubai Resolution 2018 and this should be Bucharest 2022. Therefore, it is between brackets only until we approve the Strategic Plan. Perhaps we should be careful before we actually approve this resolution until the Strategic Plan is approved. And, perhaps, the Secretary-General or the Secretariat can confirm this. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

>> CHAIR: I consider the request for Committee 4. Chair, you have the floor.

>> Thank you, Chairman. Precisely for that reason I wanted to take the floor again on page 2 to explain. Chairman, in this plenary, you have already approved documents that included square brackets because they were cross references to other resolutions. So, this is not new.

Now, in considering A, indeed, Dubai 2018 is in square brackets and editorially that will be changed once Resolution 71 is adopted.

The problem that we have here, it's not a problem, that in considering A1 and A2 that are just below, we quote outcome T2A and T21 from Resolution 71 that was revised in Dubai.

While we still don't know the results of the revisions that will be made here in Bucharest, these two paragraphs, 1 and 2 of considering A are not valid, let's say, for the moment. So, that's why they are in square brackets. They will be corrected editorially once Resolution 71 is adopted. And I confirm what was said by the chair of the Working Group of plenary. The document was given to us without square brackets. All of the square brackets here were put in by the Editorial Committee.

Thank you, Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Chair. I see another request from Jordan. Please, you have the floor.

>> JORDAN: Thank you, Chair. I agree with the proposal from the kingdom of Saudi Arabia, that we should postpone the approval of this resolution until we agree on the contents of the decision number 71. Thank you, Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Jordan. I think the proposal of Saudi Arabia was slightly different. Regarding your proposal, as the Chair of the com 4, already approved such document in this plenary. As it is just square brackets inserted by the Editorial Committee for the reasons that were already explained, I think we can proceed with approving this kind of documents considering there are not square brackets coming from the Working Group of plenary or one of the succession committees if you agree with this. This is my request in case Saudi Arabia, and I think Saudi Arabia agrees with this, if you can agree with this, I proceed to the approval of such documents.

Canada, you have the floor.

>> CANADA: Simply to concur with your way forward. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. Seeing no other requests for the floor, I consider Jordan agrees with the document moving forward and I will proceed with the second page of the resolution.

Third page. Page 4. Page 5. Page 6. Seeing no comments, approved in blue. Thank you.

And now we can I am seeking for your approval of Resolution 143. No comments. Approved. Thank you.

Resolution 198, which is page 7 on our Document 143, so page 7. Page 8. Page 9. Page 10. Page 11. Page 12. No comments. Approved in blue.

I proceed with the second reading of the document in pink. And I seek for your approval on the resolution. 198. No comments. Approved in pink. Thank you.

Resolution 200, page 13 of document 143. So, page 13. Page 14. Page 15. Page 16. Page 17. Any comments? No. Approved in blue.

I proceed with the second reading of the document, document in pink. No comments. Approved. Thank you.

I now invite to take the floor again, the Chairman of Committee 4, to present the next series of documents.

>> CHRISTIAN RISSONE: Thank you, Chairman. The next document is Document 144 which contains the 10th series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee to the plenary. It contains two resolutions from Committee 5. The first one is Resolution 170, entitled admission of sector members from developing countries to participate in the work of the ITU communications sector and the ITU telecommunication standardization sector.

Second Resolution is Resolution 176 entitled "Measurement and assessment concerns related to human exposure to electromagnetic fields." I submit these two resolutions to you for your approval. Thank you, Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Chairman. I read Document 144 page by page, resolution by resolution, starting with Resolution 170 in blue. So page 1. Page 2. Any comments? No.

Approved in blue.

I proceed with the second reading of the document of Resolution 170 in pink. Seeing no comments, approved. Thank you.

The second resolution. You can find it. It starts with Page 3 on Document 144. So, page 3. Page 4. Page 5. Page 6. Any comments?

Seeing none, approved in blue.

And now please put your pink glasses. The second reading of the document in pink. No comments. Approved in pink. Thank you.

Chairman of Committee 4, I invite you to take the floor to present the next series of documents.

>> CHRISTIAN RISSONE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. The next document is document 145. This is the 11th series of texts submitted by Editorial Committee. This is Resolution 154 on the use of the six official languages of the union on an equal footing. And this resolution comes from committee 6. I submit it for your approval. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Chairman. I see a request for the floor from Tunisia.

>> TUNISIA: Thank you, Mr. Chair, with your permission, would it be possible to put the documents on the screen in order for us to be able to follow? Because some cannot have access to it. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Tunisia, for your request. I think you didn't have the chance to listen to some of the explanation I did in the previous meetings of the plenary. So, the way that we manage this process without displaying on the screen the documents. The core documents are published for a second -- and the second reading -- the second reason is that we don't want to have -- or to encourage drafting session during the plenary session. This will take a lot of time.

So, except in some exceptional situation, which is not being the case probably, I would like to ask you for permission to proceed with the way we are, we have done so far, because it's efficient and it's going very well. So, thank you for your understanding.

And I proceed to the reading of Document 1 -- Jordan, you have the floor.

>> JORDAN: Thank you, Chair. An Arabic version reaffirming, we see records concerning Decision 11. Could we have clarification on this, please?

>> CHAIR: Can you please indicate the page? Jordan, please, you have the floor.

>> JORDAN: I will make my comments when we start considering the document. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. And I read the document 145 page by page. Resolution 154, page 1. Okay. It's page 1. Jordan, please, you have the floor.

>> JORDAN: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chair. Here on the first page, referring to under G -- under J, rather, Decision 11, referring J, Decision 11.

>> CHAIR: Chair of Committee 4, you have the floor.

>> CHRISTIAN RISSONE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you for your question. I earlier explained the reason why there are square brackets. We find the same square brackets in referring F, Decision 5. Decision 5 and Decision 11 have not yet been approved by the plenary. For this reason, we are putting rev 2018 in square brackets. If the decision is taken not to change it, of course, we would leave Dubai 2018, but as far as we know, in the Editorial Committee we don't have any information to the contrary for the time being. Thank you, Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Chair. I think this explanation clarifies the question of Jordan.

I proceed with the reading -- first reading of the document, page 2. Page 3. Page 4. Page 5. Page 6.

Seeing no comments, the document in blue, it's approved.

And I proceed to the second reading of the document, the standard document in pink. Any comments? No. Thank you. The document is approved. Thank you.

And I give back the floor to Chair of Committee 4 for the next series of documents.

>> CHRISTIAN RISSONE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. The next documents, Document 153, this is the series of texts -- 12th series of texts submitted by Editorial Committee. Two resolutions. Resolution 30, special measures for the Least Developed Countries, Small Island, Developing States, Landlocked Developing Countries, and Countries with Economies in Transition. The second resolution, Resolution 193, the title is "Support and Assistance for Iraq to continue rebuilding and developing its telecommunication information and communications sector," I submit the resolution for your approval, Chair. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Chair. I will read the document page by page, resolution by resolution. Document 153. In blue, first reading, page 1. Page 2. Page 3. Page 4. And this is the Resolution 30. Any comments? No. Approved in blue.

I proceed with the second reading of the Resolution 30. Any comments in pink first. No? Thank you. Approved.

The second resolution of Document 153, Resolution 193, page 5. Page 6. And page 7. First reading, no comment. I see a request for the floor from Jordan. Please, you have the floor.

>> JORDAN: Thank you, Chair. In the last paragraph encourages -- invites member states in Arabic. It says that technical -- necessary technical assistance should be insured on the following points to the Iraq administration. But we should change the Arabic version to say provide assistance to the administration of Iraq. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you for your request. If it's considered by Committee 4 that this is not changing the substance of the resolution, I invite Chair of the Committee 4 to take the floor.

>> CHRISTIAN RISSONE: Thank you, Chair. No problem. We will do this change in the Arabic language. This does not change the meaning of the resolution. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. Thank you very much. So, I am seeking -- there are no other comments, I am seeking for your approval for the second resolution of document 153, Resolution 193. Approved in blue. Let's both put back our pink glasses again and approve the document if there are no comments in pink. No comments. Approved. Thank you.

Chairman of the Committee 4, I invite you to take the floor back for the next series of documents.

>> CHRISTIAN RISSONE: Thank you, Chair. And the next document is Document 154, which is the 13th series of texts submitted by the Editorial Committee. These resolutions, there are three of them. And drafting of resolution come from the working group of the plenary. The first resolution is Resolution 70, the title is "Mainstreaming agenda perspective in ITU and promoting gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls through telecommunications information and communication technologies."

The second resolution is Resolution 140, ITU's role in implementing the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society, and the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development, as well as in the follow-up and review processes.

The next resolution is the revision of Resolution 179 on the ITU's role in child online protection.

And lastly, draft new resolution, WGPL/1, this title has not been put in French and writing, apologize. So, the title is artificial intelligence technologies and telecommunication information and communication technologies. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will proceed with the floor's reading of the document 154, Resolution 70. Page 1. Page 2. There is a request from Jordan. Please, you have the floor.

>> JORDAN: Simply, chair, with respect to the title of this, we are talking about mainstreaming in English. And we translated this with the term generalization of Arabic, it's an equivalent. Thank you in advance for checking this text and for providing an exact translation.

We need to mention focusing on this principle rather than generalizing. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Jordan. I think this is something that can be proceeded as well by Committee 4. Chair, you have the floor.

>> CHRISTIAN RISSONE: Of course, Mr. Chair. No problem. We will realign the text in Arabic. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Chairman.

So I proceed with the second page. Page 3. Page 4. Page 5. Page 6. Page 7. Page 8. Page 9. Page 10. Page 11. Page 12.

Any comments? No. The document is approved in blue.

And proceeding to the second reading of the document in pink. Any comments to Resolution 70? No. The document is approved in pink. Thank you.

Resolution 140 page by page again first reading of the document in blue. Page 13. Page 14. Page 15. Page 16. Page 17. Page 18. Page 19. Page 20. Page 21. Page 22. Page 23. Page 24. And page 25 of the Resolution 140. No comments. The resolution is approved in blue.

I proceed to the second reading of the Resolution 140. Any comments? No. Thank you. Approved.

And the last resolution from Document 154, Resolution 179, Page 26. Page 27. Page 28. Page 29. Page 30. Page 31. Page 32. Page 33. There's a request from Argentina.

>> ARGENTINA: Thank you very much, Chair. Pertaining to this revised resolution, we would like to say in the Spanish version of the term children, where there's work underway in the ad hoc group with the expression of boy and girl children, but in the Spanish translation we have only used the expression children. But we would like to see if we could respect here the text as we worked upon it in the ad hoc group by replacing children in the Spanish version with ninos school children, and ninas girl children. Thank you very much, Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Argentina.

There's a request from the floor. I will take the request from the countries -- first of all, there's a request from Uruguay. You have the floor, Uruguay.

>> URUGUAY: Thank you, Chair. We support the proposal put forward by Argentina, Chairman. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. I now give the floor to Mexico.

>> MEXICO: Thank you very much, Chairman. We would also like to support the proposal put forward by Argentina which was also supported by Uruguay and the agenda 2030, we do say boys and girls in that document. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. As the Chair of Committee 4, please consider this in Spanish version on the Resolution 179.

No other comments, so the last -- the next page is page 33. And page 34. Any other comments?

No. Thank you. The document is approved in blue.

Now I proceed to the second reading of the document, the document in pink, Resolution 179. Any comments? No. Approved. Thank you.

And I was about to forget missed one of the most important documents of this series, which is draft new resolution working (?) communication information and recommendation technologies. I read it page by page. Page 35. Page 36. Page 37. Page 38. So first reading, the document in blue, any comments? No? Thank you. Approved in blue.

I will proceed to the second reading of document. There is request from Jordan. Please, you have the floor.

>> JORDAN: I apologize for taking the floor, but when we considered the Arabic text and English text, it seems to me that in terms of the title, we are talking about and. We use the word and. But later on we talk about technology linked to artificial intelligence. Is this wording and the other wording similar? Can we ask the working group of the plenary to explain the content of consensus in this regard? Thank you.

>> CHAIR: I invite the Chair of Plenary to take the floor, if you can explain which was the approach in the working group regarding the title. Please, Chair, you have the floor.

>> KWAME BAAH-ACHEAMFUOR: Thank you, Chair. And thank you to Distinguished Delegates for me from Jordan. This question was asked at the Working Group of the Plenary, and the response from the Chair of the Ad Hoc Group on Artificial Intelligence said that was the agreement from the Ad Hoc Group for which we transmitted this agreement to you. Thank you, Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Chair, for clarification. The version provided by the Working Group plenary and we consider it was the one that you agreed on. So, if there are no other comments on this document, this resolution, we consider it approved in blue.

And now please put your pink glasses, second reading, document in pink. Any comments?

(No audio)

>> CHAIR: I can ask the interpreters to provide with us for 10 more minutes and we can finish with all that were provided by the Editorial Committee.

>> Yes, certainly, Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much. And I invite the Chair of Committee 4 to take the floor and proceed with the next series of documents.

>> CHRISTIAN RISSONE: The last document from this plenary from this Editorial Committee is Document 155, Fourteenth series of texts. It's a set of five resolutions from Committee 5. Resolution 21, "Measures concerning alternative calling procedures on international telecommunication networks"; Resolution 119, "Methods to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Radio Regulations Board"; Resolution 177, "Conformance and interoperability"; Resolution 189, "Assisting member states to combat and deter mobile device theft"; and, lastly, Resolution 196, "Protecting telecommunication service users, consumers." I submit these five resolutions for your approval.

Thank you, Chair.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Chair. I proceed to Document 155, the document in plain pink, resolution, resolution, page by page. First resolution is Resolution 21, page 1. Jordan, please, you have the floor. Please give the floor to Jordan.

>> JORDAN: Thank you, Chair. In recognizing A, there is an acronym in English and an AI. We need to delete this in the Arabic version of the text, because this is only an acronym that is only valid and used in English. Thank you, Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. I think that Committee 4 can solve this as well. Thank you, Jordan.

Second page. Page 3. Page 4. And page 5. Any comments? No? The document is approved in blue.

I proceed to the second reading of document in pink and I am seeking your approval. Any comments? None. Thank you. Approved.

Next resolution, Resolution 119. Page 6. First reading, document in blue. So, page 6. Page 7. And page 8.

Seeing no comments, document is approved in blue.

Now with the pink glasses, second reading. No comments. Document approved. Thank you.

The next resolution is Resolution 177. First reading document in blue, page 9. Page 10. Page 11. Page 12. Page 13. Page 14. Page 15. Any comments? No? So Resolution 177 approved in blue. Thank you.

Second reading, document in pink. Any comments? No? Approved. Thank you.

Resolution 189. First reading of the document, resolution. Page 16. Page 17. Page 18. And page 19. Seeing no comments, the document, it's approved in blue.

I proceed to the second reading of the document. The document in pink. Any comments? No? Resolution 189, approved. Thank you.

And the last resolution. Hope this time I'm right. Right, the last one, the last resolution we have for today is Resolution 196, first reading of the document in blue. Page 20. Page 21. Page 2022. Page 23. Any comments? No? Thank you. The document, it's approved in blue.

And I proceed to the second reading of the document, Resolution 196. And seeing no comments, the document, it's approved, resolution is approved. Thank you.

Because we only have five minutes, I propose you to skip the fifth on our agenda which are the minutes and we will have the approval of minutes for a few of our plenaries tomorrow. And I would propose last item on our agenda which is (?) and I will give the floor to Secretary-General ITU.

>> SECRETARY-GENERAL: Thank you very much. You are moving very fast. I supposed to be a little late. It is now my great pleasure to highlight the ITU's gratitude to the editor in chief of the ITU journal and future evolving technologies. My friend professor Ian Akyildiz, the chair professor in telecommunications at the Georgia Institute of Technology. ITU and academia share the commitment to the public interest. This commitment is embodied by the ITU Journal. Our journal has taken a unique position in the research landscape with its publication of papers from researchers of worldwide reputation, at new charge to author and readers.

Professor Akyildiz is one of the most society researchers, not only in communications and networking, but all fields of research. The respect that he has earned and the relationships that he has built are one of the ITU Journal's greatest assets. Professor Akyildiz, I send you for the understanding and support that you have offered ITU on every step of this journey. I am very pleased to present to you the certificate as a token of ITU's appreciation for the vision and dedication that categorize your leadership. Over there.

>> IAN AKYILDIZ: Good afternoon, all. Before I start my speech, which will take, like, two hours -- no, no. I would like to thank you, Mr. Chairman Zhou, and also my friend Lee, and as well as other members in ITU. My deepest thanks. I have been in many academic conferences the last 42 years of my academic career. I ain't seen nothing like this before. It's an incredible feeling that the entire world is here and I am receiving this recognition. And I am extra thankful for this priceless honour.

And, although I am receiving this honour myself, this honour belongs to starting, again, with my friends Mr. Chairman Zhou, and others, they had this a couple years ago. The success belongs to them. And it's a fantastic team. We are producing many interesting issues. I ask you to look at our journal's website, as well as we have very interesting webinar series by the leading professors in the world, one very hot -- on very hot topics, and I hope to hear back from you. And I hope we will cross a bridge between the academic world and ITU world and hopefully we host each other and to have conferences and exchange ideas. Thank you again.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, and congratulations, professor. Thank you for your kind words.

Before closing this meeting, I have two announcements. Immediately after this, Committee 5 meeting will start right away after this plenary meeting. And from 5:30 in Britannia room we have the stream committee. Thank you very much. Thank you very much for your work. With this, I declare the plenary meeting closed. Thank you.

(Session was concluded at 1611 EEST)

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