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| Draft ECP on a decision on Rules for ITU programmes and projects. |
| Proposal:  |
| For adoption. |
| Background:  |
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DECISION XX/X (Busan, 2014)

**Rules for the ITU programmes and projects**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Busan, 2014)

*bearing in mind*

1. That in line with the Article 8 of the ITU Constitution, the Plenipotentiary Conference establishes strategic plan for the Union as the basis for the budget for the Union and determines related financial limits,
2. That Article 4 of the Convention gives the Council the duty to consider the report prepared by the Secretary-General on implementation of the strategic plan adopted by the Plenipotentiary Conference and to take appropriate action,

*recognizing*

1. financial challenges the Union has to cope with,
2. the need to strengthen efforts leading to reduced expenditures;
3. opportunities for improvements throughout the programmes and projects cycles,

*decides*

1 that each programme and each project will be – before submission to the Council – evaluated by the respective sector Director or by the General Secretariat in case of horizontal ones having in mind:

* S – sustainability in terms of self-financing for the period of at least 3 years after the funding from the ITU ends;
* T – transparency throughout the programmes and projects cycles;
* A – accountability to maintain utmost efficiency of the resources involved;
* R – responsibility of the beneficiary to the ITU , including through providing all necessary details on the programme/project finances and results so that the relevant ITU sector is able to thoroughly evaluate them;

2 that each programme exceeding 1 million Swiss Francs and each project exceeding 100.000 Swiss Francs will be approved by the Council based on the evaluation, including targeted concrete results and cost analysis, and recommendations by the respective sector Director or General Secretariat in case of horizontal ones.

3 that a concise report is to be submitted to the Council upon the programme/project’s completion, including concrete results achieved and cost analysis;

*instructs the Secretary-General and the Directors of the Bureaux*

1 to implement this decision to its full extent,

2 to review the existing programmes and projects and indicate those that do not meet the above mentioned criteria so the Council may decide about their further status,

3 to publish information, through an on-line database, on the programmes and projects throughout their cycles, including submission, evaluation and reporting,

*invites the Council*

to provide the Directors of the Bureaux and the General secretariat all necessary assistance to implement this Decision.