



## **Rules for the participation of observers to the meetings of Com-ITU and its project teams and correspondence groups**

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### **Participation in Com-ITU Plenary**

Observers and Counsellors who have the right to participate in Com-ITU plenary meeting:

*On the basis of their right to participate in the Assembly:*

- a) the regional telecommunication organisations i.e. ATU, APT, Arab League, CITEEL and RCC, on the basis of existing LoU's / MoU's
- b) the Counsellors from the EC and EFTA
- c) Representatives of the ITU
- d) Other intergovernmental organisations may be invited when questions of interest for these organisations are discussed

*On the basis of the Com-ITU Rules of Procedures:*

- e) *Representatives of the ECO (the Office)*

*On the basis of decisions taken by Com-ITU:*

- f) Representatives of organisations who have entered in an LoU / MoU with CEPT or Com-ITU,
- g) Representatives of other organisations recognised as observers by the Com-ITU;
- h) Other organisations may be invited when questions related to these organisations are discussed

### **Criteria to admit organisations as observers:**

- admission by the Com-ITU shall be on a non exclusive and non-discriminatory manner

- candidate observer organisations shall normally be genuine European Organisations, with the objective to promote European interests, laid down in their statutes, and represent the views of their European members.
- They shall have a legitimate interest in the work of the Com-ITU
- Candidate organisations shall normally be an ITU member
- Admission shall normally be based on a LoU; such a LoU shall contain the principle of reciprocity: representatives of the Com-ITU should have access to meetings of the LOU partner, when matters of interest for the Com-ITU are discussed.

**Participation in Com-ITU Project Teams and Correspondence Groups**

Meetings of Com-ITU Project Teams and Correspondence Groups are, unless otherwise decided, only open to the CEPT members, the Office and the Counsellors from EC and EFTA.

**Restricted participation**

Meetings of the Com-ITU and its Project Teams and Correspondence Groups have the right to restrict participation to CEPT Members, the Office and Counsellors only; this right should be used in a limited way, but may be relevant when discussing specific politically sensitive issues.”

## **Documents**

### PT and CG

- Restricted access [and in the future separate for members/office/counsellors and observers] for input documents

### Com-ITU

- restricted access [and in the future separate for members/office/counsellors and observers] for input documents unless no protection requested by the source
- restricted access of certain output documents (eg CEPT Brief)