

Note to the ITU Secretariat:

In commenting on this third draft, we have only included those paragraphs in which APC is making a recommendation for an edit. This comment is based on the 29 July draft contribution by Brazil

Thank you,

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Proposed alternative text for new draft opinions as submitted by Brazil

Draft Opinion 1

- Under *considering*

Add a sentence

that the Actions of the Report of the Fourteenth Meeting of the Council working Group on International Internet Related Public Policy Issues included “*What are the challenges and opportunities for expanding Internet connectivity, particularly to remote and under-served areas? What are the roles of governments and non-government actors in overcoming these challenges?*” and “*How can complementary access solutions such as local small/community/non-profit and special purpose operators help in promoting the increase of Internet connectivity?*”

- Under *invites Member States*

Modify 1

[to consider policies and regulations that are conducive for mobilizing new

and emerging technologies[, as well as complementary access solutions] for development, to maximize their benefits, and minimize their risks;]

- Under *invites Member States, Sector Members and other stakeholders to work collaboratively*

Modify 1

1. to consider policies that enable the mobilization of new and emerging [digital technologies [that support] pertaining to [relevant to] telecommunications/ICTs] such as AI, Big Data, IoT, OTTs, TVWS, mesh wifi networks and 5G to support sustainable development

Modify 8

8. to seek to encourage innovation and entrepreneurship in local populations, including by encouraging community support for entrepreneurship and locally based programmes [including those for complementary solutions [and networks]];

- Under *invites the Secretary-General*

Grammatical correction

[to ensure that ITU is used as a platform for cooperation between [among] Member States, the private sector, international funding agencies and other stakeholders to implement an enabling policy environment to foster investment in new and emerging telecommunications/ICTs.]

Draft Opinion 2

- Under *is of the view*

- Modify 8

ensuring that access to network connectivity, including for new and emerging telecommunications/ICTs [and complementary access solutions], are fully incorporated into country economic and social development plans and strategies, and is seen as central to a country's ongoing economic and social development;

- Under *invites states*

- Modify 4
[to consider adopting policy and regulatory measures that facilitate infrastructure deployment in rural and isolated areas, including the sharing of infrastructure[, on commercial terms], interconnection[,] and effective use of spectrum [including sharing of unoccupied spectrum for use in complementary access solutions.];

Draft Opinion 4

- Under *recognising*

Modify g

g) the ongoing work in ITU and particularly in ITU study groups related to [new and emerging digital technologies [that support] [pertaining to] [relevant to] telecommunications/ICTs], including inter alia AI and machine learning, Internet of things (IoT), Big Data, quantum computing, OTT, [TVWS, mesh wifi networks,] 5G/IMT-2020, and distributed ledger technologies;

Draft Opinion 6

- Under Recognizing
 - Add the following bullet:
 - The work of the ITU [#REG4Covid](#) platform and the initiatives from states, industry, Internet service providers, and community networks, which include producing health information in local languages, efforts to fight misinformation, the creation of affordable physical telecommunications infrastructure, and digital services that provide relevant content to local communities, such as financial services and community notice boards.