**REGIONAL COMMONWEALTH IN THE FIELD OF COMMUNICATIONS**

**(RCC)**

**BOARD OF THE COMMUNICATIONS ADMINISTRATIONS HEADS**

## Decision № 54-2

3 December 2018 Protocol № 54

**On the International Telecommunication Regulations**

Having heard and discussed the report on this issue,

noting that the International Telecommunication Regulations (ITRs) are one of the two administrative regulations of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), binding (Articles 4 and 54 of the ITU Charter) for the ITU Member-States;

emphasizing the importance that the ITRs establish general principles regarding the provision and provision of international telecommunication services, as well as the basic means of international telecommunication, thus being the main international legal document governing international relations in the field of the use of telecommunications, information and communication technologies (ICT);

considering that the ITRs are partially or, in exceptional cases, fully revised by the ITU World Conference on International Telecommunications (WCIT) (Article 25 of the ITU Charter) and ratified by the ITU Member-States (Article 54 of the ITU Charter);

recalling that 2012 WCIT (Dubai, UAE) revised the 1988 ITRs;

whereas in accordance with Resolution 146 (Rev. Busan, 2014) “Regular review and revision of the International Telecommunication Regulations” and Resolution 1379 adopted at the 2016 session of the Board, an Expert Group on International Telecommunication Regulations (EG-ITRs) was established to consider important issues related to the content and application of ITRs 1988 and 2012;

considering also that the Plenipotentiary Conference of 2018 revised Resolution 146 and decided that the EG-ITRs will continue their work until the Plenipotentiary Conference of 2022 with a focus on the adoption of a unified ITRs in the future;

noting also that the RCC CAs have begun preparations for the 2020 World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly and the Plenipotentiary Conference 2022;

aware of the need to coordinate the positions of RCC CAs and regional operators, strengthen the role of the RCC at the international level, and protect the national interests of the countries of the RCC members;

in accordance with the Decisions of the RCC Board of the CAs Heads and the Coordination Council №52/32-12 of April 18, 2017 and №53/24-2.2 of October 9-10, 2018,

**The Board decided:**

1. Continue to consider the application of the ITRs and prepare proposals on the possible revision of the ITRs, in whole or in part, both within the relevant ITU working bodies and the RCC, in accordance with the new mandate of the EG-ITRs for the period from 2019 to 2022.
2. To ask the CA of the Azerbaijan Republic and the CA of the Russian Federation to represent the position of the RCC CAs at the ITU Council meetings from 2019 to 2022 when discussing the terms of reference of the EG-ITRs, setting the schedule for the EG-ITRs, considering the interim reports of the EG-ITRs and questions about the next steps of its work.
3. To encourage the RCC CAs and operators of the RCC Member-States to develop and make joint-contributions to upcoming meetings of the EG-ITRs in accordance with its terms of reference.
4. To instruct the Vice-Chairperson of the EG-ITRs for the region of the RCC/CIS to present an agreed position of the region, based on the prepared contributions, within the framework of the work of the Steering Committee of the EG-ITRs and during the meetings of the EG-ITRs.
5. Invite regional operators to actively participate in the discussion of issues related to the use of ITRs, both within the framework of the RCC TIOB and within the relevant ITU working bodies, including operators that are not members of the RCC and ITU.
6. To instruct the RCC Executive Committee to ensure coordination of the prepared RCC CAs and the operators of the RCC Member-States that are submitted at the session of the ITU Council and the EG-ITR contributions.

Baku Chairman

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