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, not to identify any definition of ICTs during this Conference, but rather to continue putting this to thought.
I don't know if you would like to add anything at this time to the discussion that were held in the corridors, that ensued in the corridors and involved several Delegations. We can leave this matter open still if you wish to discuss the future of this definition further going forward. But we will not be adopting any definition of ICTs during this Plenipot, Plenipot 2014. So if you're not asking for the floor, I'll just put it on the record that Com 5 did not wish for this term ICTs to be defined during the present Plenipotentiary Conference, and that the work will continue in the appropriate body. Iran, you have the floor.
>> ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN: Thank you, Chairman. If I remember correctly, you have given this task to APT to prepare something. I am not against or in favor of anything, but at least it is better to request the President of APT responsible for this to report whether there was anything that should be added to this statement, first one that, yes, we don't want that this Conference define working definition of "ICT," but what happens we should a little bit go further to see how the process should be continued. Maybe you can request APT President to report on the matter. Thank you.
>> CHAIRMAN: I thank the delegate of Iran. Yes indeed, yes, you're right. I would turn to the colleague representing the interests of APT to give us an update on that, please. Can we give the floor to the Vice-Chair, please?
>> Vice-Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As this Document by the Council was discussed at the same time that the APT Common Proposal was discussed, as Mr. Arasteh mentioned, this task was given to APT in order to try to come to some conclusion in this regard.
On behalf of APT, I had the honor and opportunity to talk to Delegates from different regions, and the conclusion is in the same line as you mentioned, Mr. Chairman, that the different regions did not want to see a Resolution or a decision as an outcome of this meeting, just simply to report to the Plenary that it was not possible to reach the consensus definition in this Plenipotentiary Conference, and the work should continue. However, Mr. Chairman, there is just one point that needs to be clarified, because there were different opinions expressed.
One area of decision is whether this Plenipotentiary wants to instruct any particular body of the Union or the Council to continue the work, or if it is the wish of this Committee to simply refer to the future fora and meetings of the Union in between from this Plenipotentiary Conference until the next.
In any case, it is agreed, or it is the consensus, that the next Plenipotentiary should look into the work done in between the two Plenipotentiary Conferences, and make the final decision at that time. It was not the wish of those countries that are consulted on different regions that they want either the Council or any of the sectors to make the final decision in this regard.
The final decision would be made in the next Plenipotentiary if it is possible, and then the addition of the footnote will be implemented at that time, Mr. Chairman. Thank you very much.
Here I would like also to thank those countries who consulted, including Saudi Arabia, the United States, Canada, Brazil, Kenya, and Russia on that matter. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
>> CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Sir. A number of countries have requested the floor. Iran, you have the floor.
>> ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN: Thank you, Chairman, we are grateful to APT representatives, person in this matter. However, in the light of what was said, perhaps you need to slightly add something that you have indicated after this Council did not have any definition of -- have any working definition of ICT, adding that the matter is thus or then referred to the Council, or Council wants to pursue the matter and report to the Plenipotentiary Conference as appropriate. At least it should be mentioned that the work will be continued by Council. Whether Council it itself address the matter or whether Council give it to other sectors that's the prerogative of the Council. At least we should have that clear. Thank you.
>> CHAIRMAN: Thank you for that information. I give the floor now to the United States of America.
>> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Thank you, Chairman. We'd like to thank our APT colleague for working with the regions on next steps with respect to this issue. We agree with your conclusion that this Committee has agreed we do not have a consensus on the working definition and we also do not have a consensus to continue the work in any particular manner. And with respect to that last issue, the process issue, we would note that Resolution 140, the current draft contained in DT/48, has two texts in square brackets which refer to this issue, and we would recommend that this Committee send a note concerning this Resolution, and recommend that those two references be struck from the draft.
They are the "noting," and then "requests the Council" 4. Thank you, Chairman.
>> CHAIRMAN: Thank you for that information, Madam delegate of the U.S. Yes, we must draft a note for the Working Group of the Plenary that still has some square brackets in the text. I don't want for this discussion to be too extended, but I will give the floor to the Netherlands and then Saudi Arabia, and then I would like for us to be able to conclude on this item. The Netherlands, you have the floor briefly, and then Saudi Arabia.
>> NETHERLANDS: Yes, thank you, Chairman. I will be very brief just to indicate that we can support your conclusions. Thank you.
>> CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Saudi Arabia now.
>> SAUDI ARABIA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good afternoon to you all. We would like to endorse the comments put forward by the representative of the United States of America. Madam delegate said that we need to recognize the work that has been done so far, but without continuing now to work on definition of ICTs.
>> CHAIRMAN: Having entertained this discussion, I propose that I will state in my report that we don't wish for the Conference -- current PP-2014 to arrive at a definition of ICTs, and the matter may be addressed at the next PP, and if need be, the Council, if they deem necessary, can draft a report.
I will also mention in my report the fact that we should draw the attention of the Working Group of the Plenary to the square brackets that still remain in one of the texts. Russian Federation, do you wish to take the floor? Do you wish to add something? Russian Federation.
>> RUSSIAN FEDERATION: Thank you very much, Chair. No, I just wanted to agree with the 148 Resolution, which perhaps should be struck from the text as has been proposed by the United States of America. In order to have the proposal which was just voiced by the representative of the PT, included in your report, so that our work can continue and that the definitions can be considered at the next Plenipotentiary Conference. We don't necessarily have to strike 148. We could just note it in your report, in your minutes. Thank you very much.
>> CHAIRMAN: Thank you. I think we are in agreement with these conclusions. I don't see any further requests to speak, and so I will put this into my minutes.
The United States, you're asking for the floor, I believe.
>> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Yes, in the Working Group of the Plenary, we approved that temporary Document with the square brackets, and I believe it's been sent to Committee 4 with the square brackets, and a note beside each one, "pending decision of Com 5." We just had our last meeting of Working Group of the Plenary this morning, so in terms of process, it will be important to communicate the conclusions here that we decided to delete the text in the square brackets. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
>> CHAIRMAN: Very well. I will bring this to the knowledge of Com 4, and also to the Plenary, and that will be it for these amendments to the Resolution.
I would like for us to put an end to the discussion on this item, and then my report will be as I have outlined.
I would like to move on to the next item now, terminology and definitions. This pertains to Resolutions decisions, recommendations. I think there were some discussions in recent days, and if I'm not mistaken, a number of Delegations have worked on the text they would like to submit. I'm not sure which Delegations would like to submit this text. Is there a Delegation that would like to submit? Russian Federation, please.
>> RUSSIAN FEDERATION: Thank you very much, Chair. It would probably be logical since we were the ones who first tabled this Document, and as was agreed with other Delegates who participated in the agreement of that Document, probably we should present that. The text which we would like to have represented in the report which will be then submitted to the Plenary.
This text should be up at the top Table. I think you have a copy of it. I will try to read it, although maybe it won't be very clearly understandable if I read it, but it's just a very short proposal, just a couple of lines. I hope you have it up there:
The fifth Committee, Com 5, having considered the proposal in the Addendum to 14/73, 14/73 in parentheses RCC73A1/8, in parentheses, addressing the decisions on terminology and the definitions for the names of text being adopted in ITU. So this is just the name of our proposal.
With regard to Resolutions, decisions and recommendations. There has been a general agreement reached on the fact that this is an important issue. There was also agreement on the fact that the proposal is complex in nature. Therefore -- that it can also affect the activities of the ITU, and bearing in mind the fact that there was not a sufficient amount of time at this current Plenipotentiary Conference to thoroughly consider this Document, the type of thorough consideration which is required by this issue. Bearing in mind all of these things, Committee 5 may recommend that the importance of this Document be noted, the importance of this issue be noted, can report back to the Plenary, and can recommend that this question be considered in the preparations for the next Plenipotentiary Conference in 2018.
Forgive me, I was sight translating into Russian from the English text. Therefore it was a little difficult for me. I'm prepared to answer any questions you have.
>> CHAIRMAN: I thank the delegate of the Russian Federation for this presentation, so it is a text which could be included in the report of Chair of Com 5. It underscores the importance of this issue, and requests everybody to reflect on it and to consider this subject at PP-2018. Iran, you have the floor.
>> ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN: Thank you, Chairman. Yes, we were consulted when we discuss how to formulate that, but we need to add something when we say "preparation" to Member States. We don't want to go elsewhere and so on and so forth, so for Member States in the preparation for the PP-18. So we leave it to Member States to consider these documents, and take necessary action in preparation to the documents, so we have to make reference to the Member States. Thank you.
>> CHAIRMAN: I thank the delegate of Iran. Yes, indeed, in this informal language that I have received, mention is made of encouraging Member States, encouraging Member States to continue focusing on this theme in the preparation for Plenipotentiary 2018 so it is within this mind set, in this spirit, that we can add this reference that was just presented to us.
Can we all agree with this proposal that will go into my report? I see no requests to speak. It is so decided. Thank you very much, indeed.
I'd like to give special thanks to the Russian Federation for their cooperative spirit, and for having carried out these consultations.
I'd like to move on to the next item, item 9 on the agenda. I think you'll recall that we already had the opportunity to address this matter. This is DT/53. DT/53. I'll be giving the floor to Brazil looking at these matters. The theft of mobile phones. Brazil, you have the floor.
>> BRAZIL: Thank you, Chairman. As you requested in yesterday's session, we had an informal meeting today at 8:00 to try to collect the concerns raised during Com 5's meeting. I believe we have a very good discussion and arrived at consensus text that's presented in Document DT/53, Revision 1. I would like to thank all of those that were present in that informal discussion and the Secretariat Mr. Klaus for the support and with that I put Document DT/53, Revision 1, to your consideration. Thank you, Chairman.
>> CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Yes, I see there have been some further consultations that were carried out to arrive at agreement on this text. Can we adopt the text as is now? I don't see any requests to speak. It's adopted as is. Thank you very much, indeed.
[ Applause ]
Once again, I'd like to express my thanks to our Brazilian Coordinator for all of the consultations that he organised and held for his hard work. And I'd like to thank all the people, furthermore, who took part in this endeavor.
Now, there's another item that we have to focus on. I will be giving the floor to Brazil once again on this item. This has already given rise to copious discussion. This pertains to a report, a new Draft Resolution on electoral procedures. We don't have any Document on this one. No Document to adopt for the time being.
And so perhaps some problems were encountered on this, or perhaps we can at least arrive at a de minimis agreement. Brazil, you have the floor.
>> BRAZIL: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Thank you also for your words. We had a very good meeting during this lunchtime. After long discussions on the principles and the format of this new proposed Resolution, there was an agreement that a new Resolution would not be the most appropriate way to go forward. And besides, we are running out of time to engage in more wording exercise what would be needed to get this Resolution approved.
Therefore, the conclusion was to bring a statement to the consideration of this Committee 5 in order to be included in your report to the Plenary. Having kept your main concerns of the room, I was designated to write this statement. Colleagues also asked me that it be issued and we meat again for a final reading of this statement before submitting this final statement to you, Mr. Chair.
This meeting can be during coffee break or any other time. In this regard, I'm in your hands, Mr. Chairman, on the way that we should proceed at this time. Thank you.
>> CHAIRMAN: I thank the Brazilian delegate, Sir. Do you have a text that's ready? Do you have some language, some wording? Or do you still need a bit more time to work on a text?
>> BRAZIL: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Actually, I do have a text but it was not issued yet as a DL, or as my colleagues asked for, so it's two paragraphs, but the paragraphs are a bit long, so it wouldn't be maybe appropriate to read here. If we had a coffee break it would be nice to present it to everyone that was in the room or as a DL, would be more appropriate. Thank you.
>> CHAIRMAN: Well, you can choose either you read the text. These two paragraphs, if you could read them and they can be translated by the interpreters, or we can break now, break now for 15 minutes, and then we could resume in 15 minutes from now.
Can we disseminate a text, pass out a text at this state of play?
Perhaps you could read the text. Then we decide whether or not we need a break. All right? So I would kindly request that you read the text at dictation speed, Mr. Delegate of Brazil, please.
>> BRAZIL: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I apologize for reading this text. It may be quite difficult to get all the ideas, but I'll try. And of course, if we can have this coffee break, it would be very nice so that we can join together.
It would read, "the informal group to discuss the proposed Draft New Resolution on procedures for the election of the Secretary-General, Deputy Secretary-General, and Directors of the Bureaux met and concluded that the best way to convey the concept would be to provide the following statement to be included in the minutes of the Plenary.
It is desirable to improve transparency and accountability for the elections of the elected officials in the Union. In this regard, Council should study the issue and recommend to Member States the most appropriate format in which to implement new procedures to enhance the electoral process of Secretary-General, Deputy Secretary-General, and Directors of the Bureaux.
Due consideration should be given to similar process within other United Nations nations and other international organisations. This could include among several options: Presentations, directive sessions, interviews, submission of questions, Webcasting and remote participation, as well as further enhancing the election portal in the ITU web site.
In order to implement these possible improvements, Council is invited to initiate these studies in its 2015 session."
And this concludes the statement. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
>> CHAIRMAN: Thank you for that reading. Yes, it is more than several words in length. Therefore, I think it may be proper that we hold a break, a break may be warranted so that we can have a look at this text, actually see it in writing.
Now, I've understood the thrust of this text, calling upon the Council to explore ways and means to making the campaign more transparent and perhaps drawing inspiration what's done in other organisations and what can be done to enforce this transparency, so I would lake to call for a break for us to break until 15:50, until 10 minutes to 4:00, 15:50. Then when we come back the text will be distributed, will be passed out, and everybody will be able to look at the wording and have an idea.
Do you wish to say something, Mr. Delegate of Iran, before break? Yes, Iran, you have the floor.
>> ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN: Yes, Chairman, could you switch up to 4:00? We have to have that, because some of the elements was not discussed as all and just mentioned that we don't want to say transparency. It means that currently is no transparency. Perhaps we should talk about improving but not saying that "transparency." So thank you.
>> CHAIRMAN: Very well. I'll give you until 4:00, 4:00 p.m. So that we can have a text that will be a consensus text, I hope. Kenya, do you wish to take the floor?
>> KENYA: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman, and I certainly want to thank Mr. Nacif for taking leadership of a difficult issue.
Chairman, the process that we had agreed is one that we would congregate again as an informal team and look at what has been done in text so that if it's not too much, we could possibly have this break and ask that informal group to convene wherever they were meeting or some other room, 15 or so minutes, I think we should be able to agree and then we come back to you with a text that we will not necessarily need to debate here.
I think that is the essence of what we had agreed in the informal group that you agreed that we could have. So I would suggest that we have that informal group, having, say, 20, 25 minutes, come up with a text that we just Table before you for adoption. Thank you.
>> CHAIRMAN: Yes, I thank the delegate of Kenya. This is totally in keeping with what I had planned to, when I foreshadowed, so let's break now until 4:00, until 16:0000 and all those of you who wish to take part in this text and draw close to the where sail Yan Delegation, Brazilian Delegation seated in the third row, third row in the middle of the room, and we recess until 4:00. Thank you.
[ Coffee break ]
>> For the small group now concerning this point that we have just discussed now, Room G, just there, G.

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