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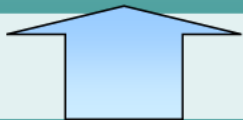


PREPARATION OF RCC ADMINISTRATIONS FOR WCIT-12

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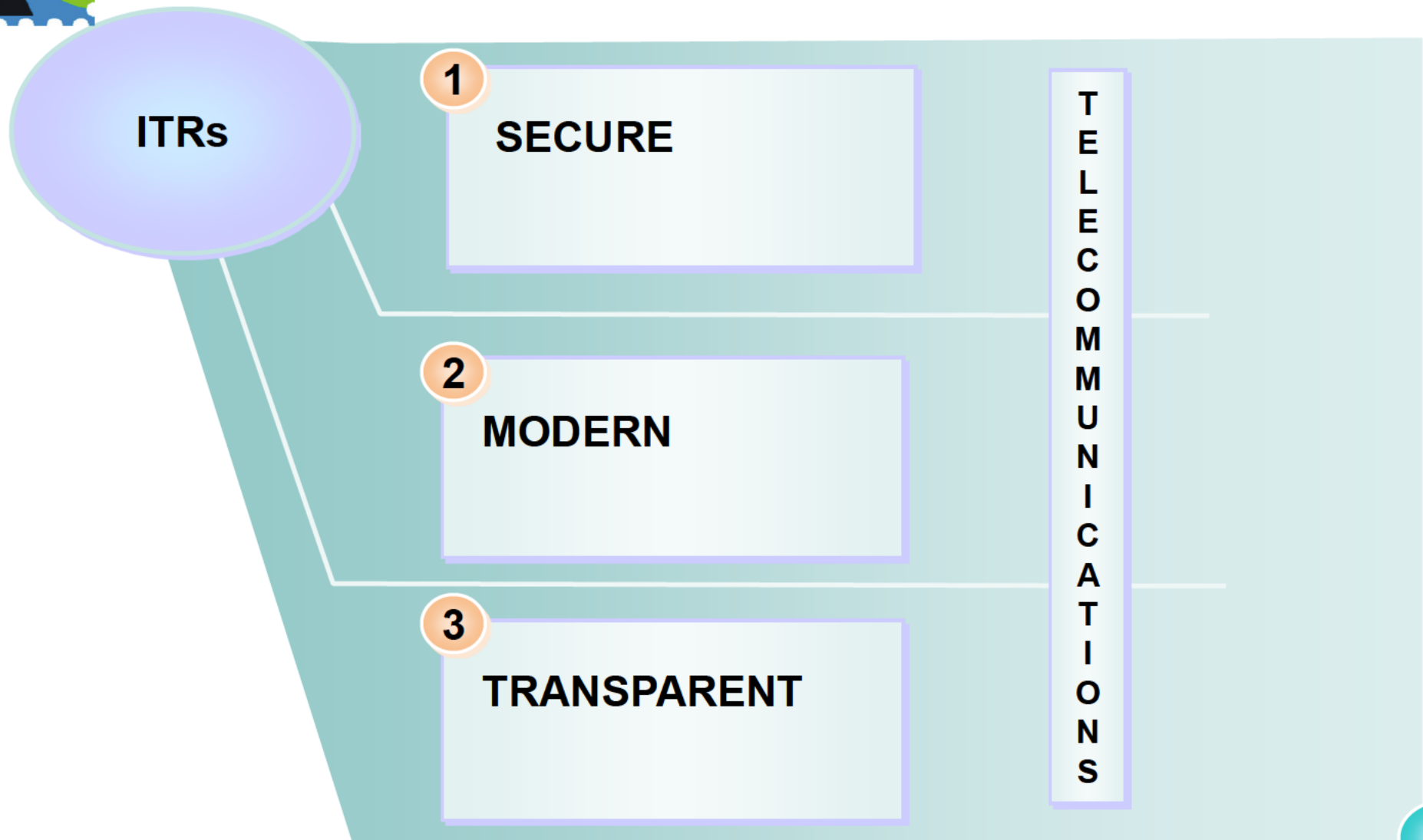
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MOST IMPORTANT DIRECTIONS OF THE RCC COMMON PROPOSALS FOR THE FUTURE ITRs





ARTICLE 1. PROPOSE AND SCOPE OF THE REGULATIONS

- Regulatory obligations on **MEMBER STATES**
- Retain the term **ADMINISTRATION**
In a number of developing countries, including some RCC members, administrations cooperate for the provision of international telecommunication services, it is proposed to retain the concept of “administration”
- Use the term **OPERATING AGENCY**
The term “operating agency” includes “recognized operating agency” and is used in that sense throughout these Regulations
- Use the term **ADMINISTRATION / OPERATING AGENCY** in ITRs where applicable
- Use the term **RECOMMENDATION OF THE ITU** (in ITRs where applicable) and **INSTRUCTION**



ARTICLE 1. PROPOSE AND SCOPE OF THE REGULATIONS

**GENERAL PROVISIONS SHOULD BE PLACED IN ARTICLE 1
(most in ITEM 1.1.)**

1. ADD:

- **New 1.1 C** Specifies Member States' regulatory obligations in ensuring that their operating agencies do not cause harm to the agencies of other Member States (see § 5 of Article 38 of the ITU Constitution).
 - **New 1.1.D** Specifies Member States' obligations to guarantee absolute priority for telecommunications in emergency situations (see Article 40 of the Constitution) .
 - **New 1.1 E** Transferring this provision to ITR 1.1 from the old 1.7c) gives it greater force and extends it unequivocally to the whole of the ITRs.
2. Include in Article 1 (item 1.3) a general provision on **security of international telecommunication services**, which is covered in detail in new Article 5A “Confidence and security in the provision of international telecommunications and services”.



ARTICLE 2. DEFINITIONS

NOC EXISTING DEFINITIONS

Keep existing definitions in ITRs, which applied for the purpose of these Regulations

ADD NEW DEFINITIONS:

- Administration
- Operating Agency
- International Roaming
- Emergency/distress telecommunications
- Global telecommunication service
- Spam
- Fraud
- Personal data
- Integrity of the international telecommunication network
- Stability of the international telecommunication network
- Security of the international telecommunication network
- Calling party (number) delivered
- Traffic
- Tariff
- User of telecommunication services
- Subscriber



ARTICLE 3. INTERNATIONAL NETWORK

MODERN TELECOMMUNICATIONS

ADD:

- Correct transmission of the calling party numbering/addressing/naming/identification (**item 3.5**);
- Competing (including at global level) mechanisms for allocation of numbering, naming, addressing and identification resources (**item 3.6**);
- IP-networks.

TRANSPARENT TELECOMMUNICATIONS

ADD:

- Caller ID transparency (**item 3.6**)



ARTICLE 4. INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES

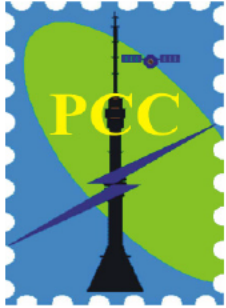
MODERN TELECOMMUNICATIONS

- **Modern international telecommunication services:**
 - voice telecommunication services;
 - broadband services, including Internet;
- **Mobile networks/roaming**

TRANSPARENT TELECOMMUNICATIONS

- **Services transparency;**
- **Tariffs transparency (especially for roaming);**
- **Charging and accounting transparency**

It is essential to list specific basic international telecommunication services in the ITRs (**item 4.2**) in order to avoid confusion in taxation of international telecommunication services so that **item 6.1.3** is applied to a number of “new” services that have become ubiquitous and traditional.



ARTICLE 5. SAFETY OF LIFE AND PRIORITY TELECOMMUNICATIONS

MODERN TELECOMMUNICATIONS

MOD:

- Absolute priority of Emergency Telecommunications (**item 5.1**)

Provision underscores the **absolute priority** of distress telecommunications and gives operating agencies the right to make mass announcements in exceptional situations using their subscriber base.

TRANSPARENT TELECOMMUNICATIONS

ADD:

- Emergency services calling transparency (**items 5.4 and 5.5**)



New ARTICLE 5A.

Confidence and security in the provision of international telecommunications and services

NEW ARTICLE 5A

- Confidentiality of information;
- Personal data protection;
- Combating spam;
- Combating fraud;
- Correct use of numbering, naming, addressing and identification resources

Taking into account that international networks and operating agencies may be located in different jurisdictions, then strengthening confidence and ensuring security in the provision of international telecommunication services by administrations and operating agencies calls for efforts and concerted action by Member States within the framework of an international agreement, namely these ITRs. This should in turn lead to harmonization of national legislations.

The proposals are based on the provisions of WSIS Plan of Action and Agenda for the Information Society (Action line C5)



ARTICLE 6. CHARGING AND ACCOUNTING

- Basic charging and accounting principles **are still relevant** and stood the test of time. They are widely used when special arrangements have not been concluded between administrations/operating agencies;
- Charging and accounting provisions are integrated by indirect reference into large numbers of agreements. ITRs support a stable platform for negotiations;
- Charging and accounting provisions (**Article 6, Appendices 1 and 2**) should be modified and maintained in the international treaty as they are widely used to ensure financial discipline of the parties.



ARTICLE 7. SUSPENSION OF SERVICES

NOC Article 7:

principles are still relevant and stood the test of time

ARTICLE 8. DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION

MOD Article 8:

Complement the text as follows:

“... Member States should transmit such information to the Secretary General in timely manner”

ARTICLE 9. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS

MOD item 9.1 a:

Complement the text as follows:

“...and requirements for strengthening confidence and ensuring security”



ARTICLE 10. FINAL PROVISIONS

MOD

10.1. The revised Regulations, of which Appendices 1, 2 and 3 form integral parts, shall enter into force on [1 of January, 2015].

10.3. If a Member State makes reservations with regard to the application of one or more of the provisions of these Regulations, other Members States and their administrations/operating agencies shall be free to disregard the said provision or provisions in their relations with the Member State which has made such reservations and its administrations/operating agencies.

ADD

10.3A The total or partial revision of ITR shall be undertaken by a competent World Conference on International Telecommunications.



APPENDIX 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS CONCERNING ACCOUNTING

APPENDIX 1 SHOULD BE RETAINED

Operating agencies interact not only on the basis of bilateral arrangements, but also without them. In cases where there is no bilateral arrangement (e.g. on the basis of an “acceptance” agreement: “request for service - delivery - submission of an account - payment”) the ITRs play the role of such arrangement in terms of accounting, including rules and time-frames for the settlement of accounts, questioning of accounts, etc.

Article 6 and Appendices 1 and 2 are inextricably linked and contain cross-references.



APPENDIX 2 ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO MARITIME TELECOMMUNICATIONS

APPENDIX 2 SHOULD BE RETAINED

Appendix 2 provides the necessary legal basis and instrument to be used by an accounting authority in cases where a ship owner does not settle its account for operation in international waters, whereby a user (or a ship owner) may at its own discretion modify the ship's ownership structure, its location or its country of registration.

Appendix 2 is also necessary for operating agencies which, in the absence of an accounting authority, encounter problems related to the provision of telecommunication services to ship owners and to the receipt of payment for services rendered.

Therefore, deleting Appendix 2 will have a negative impact on the financial situation of around 100 accounting authorities and on the provision of international telecommunication services for ships worldwide.



APPENDIX 3. SERVICE AND PRIVILEGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS

APPENDIX 3 SHOULD BE RETAINED

(with some editorial changes)



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Thank you for your attention!