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## OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

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Subject: ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 2026 (Doha, 9-27 November 2026)  
EU lines to take  
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Delegations will find in the Annex the EU lines to take in view of the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference taking place in Doha, Qatar, from 9 to 27 November 2026, as approved by the Council (Transport, Telecommunications and Energy) in its 4180th meeting on 8 June 2026.

**EU Lines to Take in view of the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 2026  
(Doha, 9-27 November 2026)**

**Defending the multistakeholder, human centric and human rights-based governance model**

1. The EU acknowledges ITU's strategic importance within the UN system, being the specialized agency for telecommunication and ICTs, for advancing global meaningful connectivity and contributing to inclusive and sustainable development, standardization and deployment of digital technologies.
2. The EU remains firmly committed to an open, free, global, interoperable, secure, stable and resilient internet, which enables innovation and is governed through a multistakeholder model anchored in a human-centric and human rights-based approach. We will defend the outcomes of the WSIS+20 and Global Digital Compact (GDC) and remain firmly committed to the smooth implementation of both UN frameworks. We will promote coordination among like-minded partners, including in developing countries, to preserve a single, inclusive digital space and advance meaningful connectivity for all, while respecting the respective mandates of the relevant international organisations.

**Ensuring ITU action remains within mandate and aligned with UN principles**

3. The EU supports an ITU that is fit for purpose, future-proof, efficient and focused on its mandate, and avoids duplication with other relevant fora and international organisations, in line with the ongoing UN80 reform, with all activities remaining consistent with the UN Charter and the Sustainable Development Goals.
4. We support the ITU's role, within its mandate, while ensuring complementarity and coherence with the distinct roles and responsibilities of relevant international bodies and processes.

5. The EU does not support the convening of the World Conference on International Telecommunications (WCIT) or a substantive revision of the International Telecommunications Regulations (ITRs). We continue to prioritise the effective implementation of existing instruments and processes.
6. We promote efficient and transparent management of the ITU and responsible financial management, including budget discipline and zero nominal growth in the contributory unit.

### **Secure and resilient global connectivity**

7. The EU stresses the need to protect and promote the resilience of critical communications infrastructure, including satellite and avionics systems and submarine cables, as a global priority, and to strengthen cyber resilience in telecom networks, in cooperation with relevant international organisations. The EU welcomes all efforts in this field through awareness raising, technical assistance, and capacity building.
8. We are concerned by harmful interference affecting Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS), which endangers, in particular aviation and maritime safety, and we support strengthening the ITU's capacity to provide technical expertise and assistance to Member States in preventing, detecting, and resolving such interference in line with the ITU Constitution and the Radio Regulations.

### **Promoting sustainable and equitable access to space resources**

9. The EU supports equitable access to spectrum and orbital resources for all administrations, as reflected in the ITU Constitution (Art. 44) and the Preamble of the Radio Regulations (Art. 0.3). To this end, the EU stresses the importance of compliance with the provisions of the Radio Regulations by all parties.
10. We underline the need to ensure the long-term sustainability of space activities, noting the development of large non-GSO constellations.

## **Advancing trustworthy and innovation-friendly digital technologies**

11. The EU promotes trustworthy, human-centric technologies and will work to ensure ITU outcomes are consistent with relevant regulatory and governance frameworks. Building on the objectives of regional frameworks such as the EU AI Act, we support the ITU's role, within its mandate, in continuing to work with other UN agencies to realize the benefits of trustworthy and human-centric AI use for sustainable development as showcased, for example, in the AI for Good Summits.
12. We support a global, standards-based and interoperable IMT-2030 (6G) framework, developed in close collaboration with relevant standards development organisations, including 3GPP, and reflecting principles of sustainability, security and resilience.

## **Promoting rights-based and user-centric digital standards**

13. We support the development of inclusive and accessible ICT standards, based on a human-centric and human rights-based approach, in line with the ITU mandate and in cooperation with relevant standardisation bodies.
14. We encourage the development of interoperable and privacy-preserving technical standards and tools that can support secure and reliable telecommunications, in accordance with applicable national and international law, including human rights law.

## **Reinforcing partnerships and diplomatic alignment**

15. We will continue to engage in the PP-26 preparation process openly and constructively, with a Team Europe approach, with all partners, including key stakeholders from the private sector, civil society, and academia, to foster shared understanding, identify areas of convergence and advance common objectives, in close collaboration with CEPT as the primary regional coordination framework.

16. We reiterate our strong commitment to the agreed “Principles Regarding Russia and Belarus in Multilateral Fora Following the Russian Aggression Against Ukraine”<sup>1</sup> and will continue to work on enhancing broad, cross-regional support among ITU Member States to maintain a unified message from the international community and ensure consistency in positions across ITU processes.
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<sup>1</sup> ST 7261/22