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| Report by the Secretary-General | |
| REVIEW OF THE LIST OF EXEMPTED ORGANIZATIONS | |

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| Summary  The secretariat has reviewed the entire list of 132 organizations of an international character that have been exempted from membership fees to assess whether they fully meet the criteria revised by the Council in 2017.  This report summarizes the outcomes of this review and includes a recommendation for each organization.  Action required  The Council is invited **to approve** the recommendations of the Secretary-General.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  References  [*C2000/28(Rev.1)*](http://www.itu.int/itudoc/gs/council/c00/docs/28rev1.html),[*Council Resolution 925*](https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0141/en)*,* [*Council Criteria for Exemptions (Rev 2017)*](https://www.itu.int/hub/membership/our-members/exempted-entities/exemption-criteria/) |

## 1 Background

1.1 Currently, there are 132 exempted organizations of an international character. A full list is available [here](https://www.itu.int/hub/membership/itu-family/organizations/exempted-entities/).

1.2 In Resolution 187 (Busan, 2014), the Plenipotentiary Conference instructed the Council to “review the practice and criteria for exempting entities from membership fees and, if necessary, make changes to tighten the criteria to help bring greater clarity, consistency and fairness between paying and non-paying members and to reduce the total of exempted entities.”

1.3 Council-17 approved revised criteria for fee exemptions. The full criteria are available [here.](https://www.itu.int/hub/membership/itu-family/organizations/exempted-entities/exemption-criteria/) A summary of these criteria is available in Annex 1.

1.4 At its 2019 session, the Council decided to apply the revised criteria to new applications while maintaining (i.e., “grandfathering”) the existing list for a four-year period as a transitionary measure.

1.5 The secretariat has reviewed the entire list of exempted organizations to assess whether they meet the revised criteria. This report summarizes the outcomes of this review, including the status of each organization and a recommendation by the Secretary-General for each, regarding their potential extension of exemption, based on their conformity to the criteria, and their commitment to reciprocity.

## 2 Review Process

2.1 On 11 October 2021, the Secretary-General wrote to all 132 organizations of an international character ([DM 21/1023](https://www.itu.int/md/S21-DM-CIR-01023/en)) that currently benefit from fee exemption requesting that they confirm if they wish to extend their exemption status for the 2024-27 period, subject to reciprocity, and to provide updated information. These organizations were informed that Council revised the criteria in 2017 and were further asked to provide information demonstrating that they meet the revised criteria. A reminder email was sent by the secretariat on 3 November 2021.

2.2 On 4 March 2022, the Secretary-General sent a final follow up letter to each of those who did not reply, indicating that if the secretariat did not receive a response by 4 April 2022, ITU would take their non-reply to mean that they do not wish to request an extension of their exemption status.

## 3 Analysis

3.1 Following the above exercise, of the 132 organizations exempted from fees:

* 84 are considered to meet the criteria established by the Council. The list of these organizations is available in Annex 2.
* 19 organizations have requested the extension of their exemption status and provided the required information; however, they are not considered to meet one or more criteria. This list is available in Annex 3.
* 29 organizations did not submit a formal request for an extension of their exemption status. This list is available in Annex 4

3.2 Organizations approved by the Council for extension of their exemption will be informed that they will continue with their current status at least until the end of 2027.

3.3 Organizations not approved for extension of their exemption by the Council will be contacted by the secretariat and given the opportunity to continue their membership on a fee-paying basis. Organizations that do not confirm their interest to continue on a fee-paying basis by 31 December 2022 will be removed from the list of ITU members.

3.4 The exemption status of all entities would remain active unless otherwise decided by the Council.

## 4 Recommendation

The Secretary-General recommends:

1. Approval of the list of 84 organizations in Annex 2 for fee exemption for the 2024-27 period.
2. Refer the 19 organizations listed in Annex 3 to the Council Working Group on Finance and Human Resources to review at its 2023 session, with a view to making a recommendation to the 2023 Session of the Council for final approval.
3. Not to renew fee exemption status of the 29 organizations listed in Annex 4.

Annex 1. Revised criteria approved by Council-17

Organizations requesting fees exemption shall meet all the following criteria:

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| **Criteria 1** | Be an organization of international character dealing with telecommunications; |
| **Criteria 2** | Be a legally recognized non-profit organization, representing members which also have non-profit status; |
| **Criteria 3** | Have a significant membership, presence, and activities in multiple Member States whose participation in ITU activities would be beneficial to the aims of the Union; |
| **Criteria 4** | Allow ITU to be represented at, and participate in, the organization’s meetings free of charge and with the rights and benefits available to their members; |
| **Criteria 5** | Allow ITU access to relevant documentation, including information available only to their members |

Annex 2. List of Organizations Recommended for Exempted Status  
 for the 2024-27 Period

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| **N.** | **Entity Name** | **Main Category** | **Sectors** |
| 1 | African Civil Society for the Information Society (ACSIS) | REGINTORG | D |
| 2 | African Network Information Centre Ltd. (AFRNIC) | REGINTORG | D |
| 3 | African Organization for Standardisation | REGINTORG | T |
| 4 | African Telecommunications Union | REGORG | RTD |
| 5 | African Union | REGINTORG | RTD |
| 6 | American Registry for Internet Numbers (ARIN) | REGINTORG | TD |
| 7 | Arab Information and Communication Technology Organization (AICTO) | REGINTORG | RTD |
| 8 | Arab Regulators Network | REGINTORG | RTD |
| 9 | Arab States Research and Education Network - ASREN | REGINTORG | Academia |
| 10 | ASECNA | REGINTORG | R |
| 11 | Asia Pacific Network Information Centre (APNIC) | REGINTORG | T |
| 12 | Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union | REGINTORG | RTD |
| 13 | Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development | REGINTORG | D |
| 14 | Asia-Pacific Telecommunity | REGORG | RTD |
| 15 | Asociación de Reguladores Administrador del Foro Latinoamericano de Entes Reguladores de Telecomunicaciones | REGINTORG | RTD |
| 16 | Associação de Reguladores de Comunicações e Telecomunicações da Comunidade dos Países de Língua Portuguesa (ARCTEL-CPLP) | REGINTORG | D |
| 17 | Association for Progressive Communications | REGINTORG | RD |
| 18 | Caribbean Association of National Telecommunication Organizations (CANTO) | REGORG | D |
| 19 | Caribbean Broadcasting Union | REGINTORG | RD |
| 20 | Caribbean Telecommunications Union | REGORG | RTD |
| 21 | Child Helpline International | REGINTORG | TD |
| 22 | Committee on Radio Astronomy Frequencies | REGINTORG | R |
| 23 | Committee on Space Research (COSPAR) | REGINTORG | R |
| 24 | Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa | REGINTORG | RTD |
| 25 | Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation | REGINTORG | RTD |
| 26 | Consumers International | REGINTORG | TD |
| 27 | Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf | REGINTORG | RTD |
| 28 | Digital Cooperation Organization | REGINTORG | D |
| 29 | Digital Radio Mondiale | REGINTORG | RD |
| 30 | East African Community | REGINTORG | D |
| 31 | Ecole Supérieure Multinationale des Télécommunications | REGINTORG | RTD |
| 32 | Economic Community for West African States | REGINTORG | RTD |
| 33 | ECPAT International | REGINTORG | D |
| 34 | European Broadcasting Union | REGINTORG | RTD |
| 35 | European Communications Office | REGINTORG | RTD |
| 36 | European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations | REGORG | RTD |
| 37 | European Radio Amateurs' Organization | REGINTORG | R |
| 38 | European Telecommunications Satellite Organisation | SATORG | RTD |
| 39 | European Telecommunications Standards Institute | REGINTORG | RTD |
| 40 | Forum of Incident Response and Security Teams (FIRST) | REGINTORG | TD |
| 41 | G3ict - Global Initiative for Inclusive Information and Communication Technologies | REGINTORG | RTD |
| 42 | GCC Standardization Organization (GSO) | REGINTORG | T |
| 43 | HFCC-International Broadcasting Delivery | REGINTORG | R |
| 44 | IJMA3-The Arab ICT Organization | REGINTORG | TD |
| 45 | Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc. (IEEE) | REGINTORG | RTD |
| 46 | Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL) | REGORG | RTD |
| 47 | International Amateur Radio Union | REGINTORG | RD |
| 48 | International Association of Broadcasting | REGINTORG | R |
| 49 | International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities | REGINTORG | R |
| 50 | International Astronautical Federation IAF Secretariat | REGINTORG | R |
| 51 | International Astronomical Union | REGINTORG | R |
| 52 | International Bureau of Weights and Measures | REGINTORG | R |
| 53 | International Center for Promotion of Enterprises | REGINTORG | D |
| 54 | International Committee of the Red Cross | REGINTORG | RTD |
| 55 | International Council for Science | REGINTORG | R |
| 56 | International Electrotechnical Commission | REGINTORG | RTD |
| 57 | International Federation for Information Processing (IFIP) | REGINTORG | TD |
| 58 | International Mobile Satellite Organization (IMSO) | REGINTORG | RTD |
| 59 | International Organization for Standardization | REGINTORG | RTD |
| 60 | International Satellite System for Search and Rescue | SATORG | R |
| 61 | International Telecommunication Academy | REGINTORG | TD |
| 62 | International Telecommunications Satellite Organization | REGINTORG | RTD |
| 63 | International Union of Radio Science | REGINTORG | RTD |
| 64 | Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) | REGINTORG | D |
| 65 | Internet Society | REGINTORG | TD |
| 66 | League of Arab States | REGORG | RTD |
| 67 | NetHope Inc | REGINTORG | D |
| 68 | Open Geospatial Consortium | REGINTORG | RTD |
| 69 | Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie | REGINTORG | RTD |
| 70 | Pacific Islands Telecommunications Association | REGINTORG | RTD |
| 71 | Personal Connected Health Alliance | REGINTORG | RTD |
| 72 | Regional African Satellite Communications Organization | SATORG | RD |
| 73 | Regional Commonwealth in the Field of Communications | REGORG | RTD |
| 74 | Registro de Direcciones de Internet para América Latina y Caribe - LACNIC | REGINTORG | TD |
| 75 | Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers | REGINTORG | R |
| 76 | Southern Africa Telecentre Networks | REGINTORG | RTD |
| 77 | Southern African Development Community | REGINTORG | RTD |
| 78 | Telecommunications Regional Technical Commission | REGORG | RTD |
| 79 | The Asia-Pacific Satellite Communications Council | REGINTORG | R |
| 80 | Union Economique et Monétaire Ouest Africaine | REGINTORG | TD |
| 81 | West Africa Telecommunications Regulators Assembly | REGINTORG | RTD |
| 82 | Wireless World Research Forum | REGINTORG | RTD |
| 83 | World Broadcasting Unions - Technical Committee | REGINTORG | R |
| 84 | WorldDAB Forum | REGINTORG | R |

Annex 3: List of Organizations that requested the extension of their exemption and provided the required information, but are not considered to meet one or more criteria

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| **N.** | **Entity Name** | **Main**  **Category** | **Sectors** | **Criteria not met** | **Additional Comments** |
| 1 | Asociación Interamericana de Empresas de Telecomunicaciones | REGINTORG | RTD | 2 | Business Association |
| 2 | Associação Empresarial de Comunicações de Portugal | REGINTORG | D | 2 | Business Association |
| 3 | Associação Internacional das Comunicações de Expressão Portuguesa | REGINTORG | TD | 2,3 | Business Association |
| 4 | Broadcast Networks Europe | REGINTORG | R | 2 | Business Association |
| 5 | Consortium d'Appui aux Actions pour la Promotion et le Développement de l'Afrique (CAPDA) | REGINTORG | D | 2,3 | Not a member organization |
| 6 | Digital Opportunity Trust | REGINTORG | D | 2,3 | Not a member organization |
| 7 | European Competitive Telecommunications Association | REGINTORG | RTD | 2 | Business Association |
| 8 | European Telecommunications Network Operators' Association | REGINTORG | RTD | 2 | Business Association |
| 9 | Fiber Connect Council MENA Region | REGINTORG | D | 2 | Business Association |
| 10 | Global VSAT Forum Limited | REGINTORG | D | 2 | Business Association |
| 11 | International Maritime Radio Association | REGINTORG | RT | 2 | Business Association |
| 12 | Internet Systems Consortium | REGINTORG | TD | 2,3 | Not a member organization |
| 13 | ITU-APT Foundation of India | REGINTORG | RTD | 1,3 | National body, insufficient international membership |
| 14 | Mandat International | REGINTORG | T | 2,3 | Not a member organization |
| 15 | North American Broadcasters Association (NABA) | REGINTORG | R | 2 | Business Association |
| 16 | Scientific Committee on Frequency Allocations for Radio Astronomy and Space Science (IUCAF) | REGINTORG | R | 2 | Not a legal entity. Affiliated body of ISC |
| 17 | Sintesio Foundation | REGINTORG | D | 3 | Insufficient international membership |
| 18 | Techfugees Foundation | REGINTORG | D | 2,3 | Not a member organization |
| 19 | World Wide Web Foundation | REGINTORG | D | 2,3 | Not a member organization |

Annex 4: List of Organizations that did not submit a formal request for an extension of their exemption status

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| **N.** | **Entity Name** | **Main Category** | **Sectors** |
| 1 | African ICT Consumers Network (AICN) | REGINTORG | TD |
| 2 | African Union of Broadcasting | REGINTORG | RTD |
| 3 | Arab Business Forum for Information and Communication Technology | REGINTORG | D |
| 4 | Arab Private Broadcasting Union | REGINTORG | RTD |
| 5 | Arab States Broadcasting Union | REGINTORG | RD |
| 6 | Association of Andean Community Telecommunications Enterprises | REGINTORG | RTD |
| 7 | Centre for Environment and Development for the Arab Region and Europe | REGINTORG | TD |
| 8 | Commonwealth ITU Group | REGINTORG | RTD |
| 9 | Communauté économique des Etats de l'Afrique centrale | REGINTORG | RTD |
| 10 | Diaspora africaine pour la société de l'information | REGINTORG | D |
| 11 | Dominic Foundation | REGINTORG | TD |
| 12 | East African Communications Organization | REGINTORG | RTD |
| 13 | EIDQ Association -The Association for the Directory Information and Related Search Industry | REGINTORG | T |
| 14 | FTTH Council Asia-Pacific | REGINTORG | D |
| 15 | Global ICT Standardization Forum for India (GISFI) | REGINTORG | T |
| 16 | Global Knowledge Partnership Foundation | REGINTORG | D |
| 17 | Indigenous Peoples ICT Task Force | REGINTORG | D |
| 18 | International Air Transport Association | REGINTORG | RTD |
| 19 | International Association of IT Lawyers (IAITL) | REGINTORG | T |
| 20 | International Center for Disability Resources on the Internet (ICDRI) | REGINTORG | T |
| 21 | International Council on Large Electric Systems | REGINTORG | R |
| 22 | International Multilateral Partnership Against Cyber Threats (IMPACT) | REGINTORG | T |
| 23 | International Special Committee on Radio Interference | REGINTORG | R |
| 24 | International Telecommunications Users Group | REGINTORG | TD |
| 25 | Telecentre.org Foundation | REGINTORG | D |
| 26 | The Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics | REGINTORG | D |
| 27 | United Kingdom Telecommunications Academy (UKTA) | REGINTORG | TD |
| 28 | WebForce International Federation | REGINTORG | D |
| 29 | World Association of Community Radio Broadcasters | REGINTORG | RD |

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