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RESOLUTION 159 (REV. DOHA, 2026)

Assistance and support to Lebanon for rebuilding its telecommunication networks (fixed and mobile)

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Doha, 2026),

recalling

a) the noble principles, purpose and objectives enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

b) the efforts of the United Nations to promote sustainable development and the relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions concerning the situation;

c) the purposes of the Union as enshrined in Article 1 of the ITU Constitution;

d) § 16 of the Geneva Declaration of Principles adopted by the World Summit on the Information Society;

e) Resolution 34 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on assistance and support to countries in special need for rebuilding their telecommunication sector, the annex to which includes Lebanon;

f) Resolution 136 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) of the Plenipotentiary Conference,

recognizing

a) that a reliable telecommunication network is indispensable for promoting the socio-economic development of countries, in particular those having suffered from natural disasters, domestic conflicts or war;

b) that Lebanon's telecommunication facilities have been severely damaged due to wars in that country;

c) that the damage caused to Lebanon's telecommunications should be a matter of concern for the entire international community, particularly ITU, as the United Nations specialized agency for telecommunications;

d) Resolution 159 (Antalya, 2006) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, which resolved that action should be initiated to provide for and support Lebanon in rebuilding its telecommunication network;

e) that action taken under Resolution 159 (Antalya, 2006) consisted of the exploratory mission of an ITU expert in 2007, which concluded with an assessment report evaluating damage and revenue losses at an amount of USD 547.3 million;

f) that action taken under Resolution 159 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010) consisted of the appointment of experts to develop a plan for the migration from analogue to digital television in accordance with the GE06 Plan;

g) that the hostilities in Lebanon since 2024 have caused damage to fixed and mobile telecommunication networks and infrastructure as well as service disruptions;

h) that changing patterns of demand for telecommunication services, in particular in areas hosting displaced persons, place additional strain on network capacity and service continuity,

noting

a) that Lebanon has completed a national assessment of the damage to its fixed and mobile telecommunication networks and has prepared a national telecommunication recovery programme, for which international financing is being sought;

b) that Lebanon has put forward a national telecommunication policy for 2026-2030 and, in 2025, appointed the board of its independent regulatory authority;

c) that Lebanon has requested ITU to establish a country programme for the period 2027-2030,

taking into consideration

a) that such efforts will help rebuild and upgrade Lebanon's telecommunication infrastructure;

b) that such efforts will also enhance the resilience and security of its networks and their management, to meet the country's economic and telecommunication service needs,

resolves

1 that special action should continue to be taken within the framework and available budgetary resources of the activities of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D), with specialized assistance from the ITU Radiocommunication and Telecommunication Standardization Sectors, in order to provide appropriate assistance and support to Lebanon in rebuilding, restoring and modernizing its telecommunication networks and infrastructure (fixed and mobile);

2 that ITU, in close coordination with the Government of Lebanon, should establish and implement an ITU country programme for Lebanon for the period 2027-2030 within existing budgetary resources to support assistance in various areas determined to be high priority in order to strengthen Lebanon’s telecommunications network security, recovery and resilience, telecommunication/ICT regulatory capacity, human capacity building and digital skills;

3 that ITU should provide technical support to Lebanon, upon request, in identifying telecommunications infrastructure and restoration needs and priorities and a plan for implementation;

4 that ITU should assist Lebanon in mobilizing partners and resources, whether bilateral, multilateral or from the private sector, for its national telecommunication recovery programme;

5 that these actions should be implemented within the available resources of the Union and through voluntary contributions and partnerships,

instructs the Secretary-General

1 to coordinate the activities carried out by the three Sectors in accordance with *resolves* 1 to 4 above, to ensure that the Union's action in favour of Lebanon is as effective as possible;

2 to report annually to the Council and to the next plenipotentiary conference on the implementation of this resolution, including the assistance provided, the resources mobilized and measurable results, and the remaining priorities,

instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau

1 to include the implementation of this resolution within the framework of the ITU-D operational plan and take immediate measures to assist Lebanon to the extent possible within the framework and available budgetary resources of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector;

2 to mobilize resources for the implementation of this resolution, including through the Information and Communication Technology Development Fund and voluntary contributions;

3 to take this resolution into account in implementing the regional initiatives for the Arab States region,

calls upon Member States, Sector Members and international and regional organizations

to provide all possible assistance and support to the Government of Lebanon, either bilaterally or through, and in any case in coordination with, the special action of the Union referred to above,

invites Member States

to facilitate international connectivity for Lebanon, including regional connectivity among the Arab States, that contributes to the resilience of its telecommunication networks.