

**Dissenting opinion on “Note to the International Telecommunications Unit from the review of quality, effectiveness, efficiency, and sustainability of health insurance schemes in the United Nations system organizations” (JIU/NOTE/2024/2)**

**Prepared by Inspector Mohanad Al-Musawi**

I would like to dissociate myself from JIU/NOTE/2024/2 for the following reasons:

1. Amendments to ITU Staff Regulations are not within the prerogative of the ITU Secretary-General (to whom this note is addressed), but under the authority of the ITU Council according to article 4.11.1 ter of the Convention of the International Telecommunication Union. Staff Regulation 12.1 provides that Staff Regulations may be supplemented or amended by the ITU Council.
2. Based on the above-mentioned facts, I believe that this Note as addressed to the ITU Secretary-General is in contradiction of rule No. 8 of the JIU Standards and guidelines<sup>1</sup>. In addition, I understand that the proposal still under the ITU Council’s consideration, and I trust that the ITU Secretary-General will work on promoting this proposal to get the support of Member States. The last decision on this issue is within the prerogative of the ITU Council, which is why I view the issuance of this note as not necessary.

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<sup>1</sup>. Notes are issued and addressed to the executive heads of the participating organizations when decisions on recommendations can be made by the executive heads concerned, without governing body authorization.

**Dissenting opinion on “Note to the International Telecommunications Unit from the review of quality, effectiveness, efficiency, and sustainability of health insurance schemes in the United Nations system organizations” (JIU/NOTE/2024/2)**

**Prepared by Inspector Pavel Chernikov**

I would like to dissociate myself from JIU/NOTE/2024/2 for the following reasons:

1. The body of the note, in my view, has a limited added value. On the one hand, the text doesn't contain any pertinent information which has not been previously available to ITU from a number of sources.<sup>1</sup> On the other hand, some useful data seems to be missing (such as a reference to the fact that the bulletin of the Secretary General of the United Nations ST/SGB/2004/13/Rev.1 after its issuance was challenged and voted on in the Fifth Committee of the United Nations General Assembly<sup>2</sup>).
2. The recommendation, which represents a kind of a reminder to ITU on an issue the latter is aware of, will, in my opinion, most probably lead to a vote by the membership of the Union and thus may affect a practice of consensus-based decision-making by the governing bodies of ITU.

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<sup>1</sup> Including CWG-FHR-15/7, C22/47, C22/50, C22/93, ILOAT Judgement No. 2643, JIU/REP/2023/9, etc.

<sup>2</sup> See, for example, A/69/858.