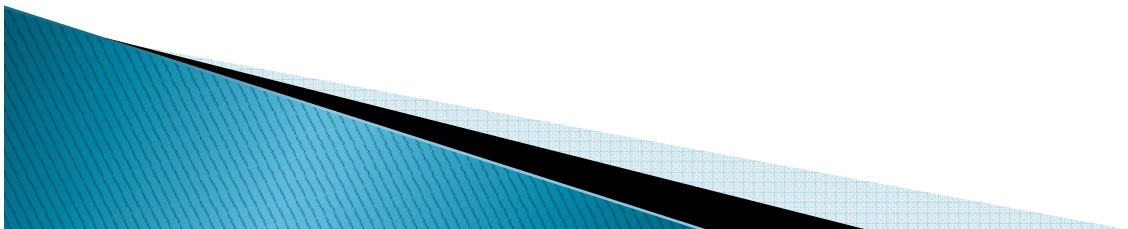


**REPORT OF THE
EACO TASK FORCE
ON THE MOU**

Tuesday 29th May 2012

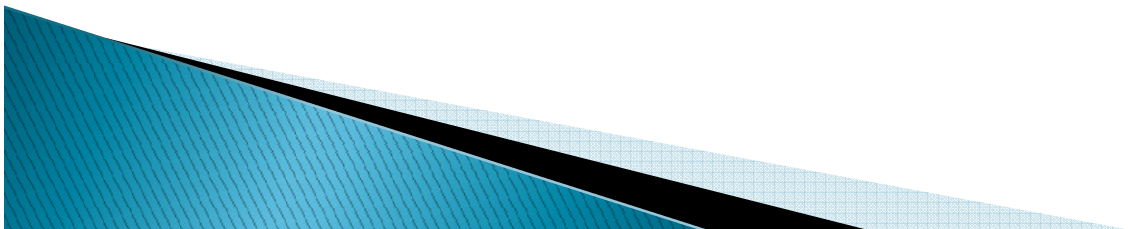
Introduction

- ▶ Meeting 7th - 8th November 2011 review the proposed PARENET Constitution & develop an EACO position on the same.
- ▶ 5th - 6th March 2012 to consider various legal matters affecting EACO and the Constitution.
- ▶ Developments in EACO meetings – report evolving.



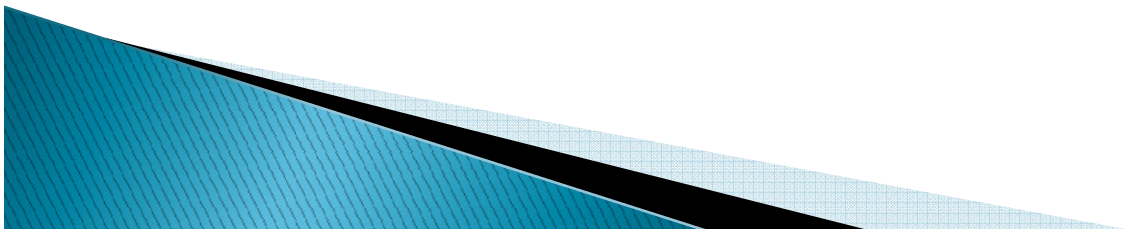
PARENET

- ▶ 1. Value in joining PARENET
 - Even despite the existence of ATU
 - Institutionally weak
 - Political (governments)
 - Focus on telecoms
 - [OBJECTIVES OF PARENET.doc](#)
- ▶ 2. Join as a bloc (EACO)
 - optimize contributions - avoid duplication
 - Common voice
- ▶ Need to restructure membership?



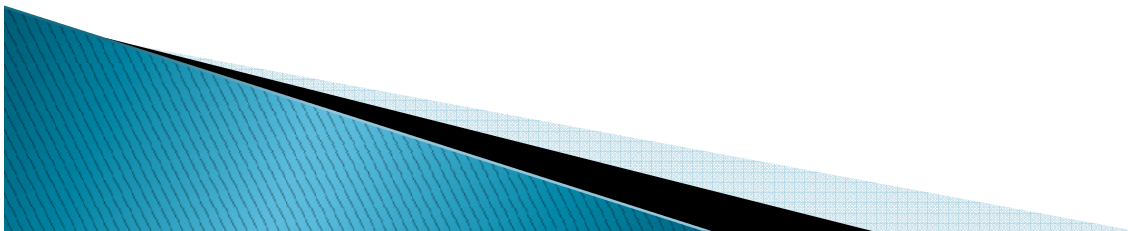
EAC-EACO

- ▶ EACO to make a formal application to the EAC for observer status. It is envisaged that by being an observer of the EAC, EACO shall enjoy the following:
 - Participate in relevant policy and technical meetings of the EAC
 - Present its decisions for deliberation at EAC meetings
- ▶ Pursue the outstanding meeting with the EAC Secretariat.



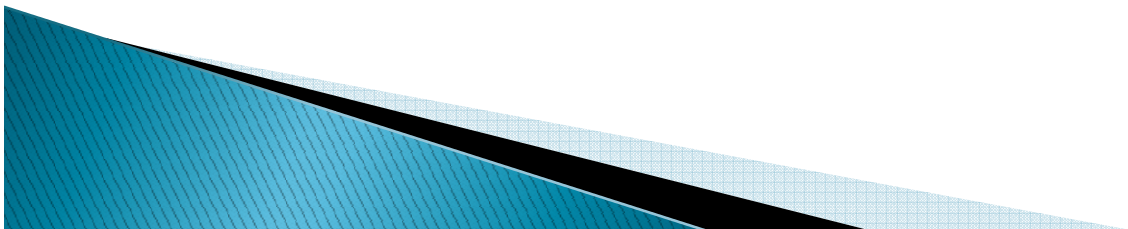
MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS

- ▶ An obligation-Art.17(ii)
- ▶ For ownership-all to contribute
- ▶ Regulator have core responsibility-contribute more-differentiated contribution
- ▶ Not lose any members because of payments
- ▶ Restructure membership to reflect differentiated responsibilities. **TF to develop rights & responsibilities**



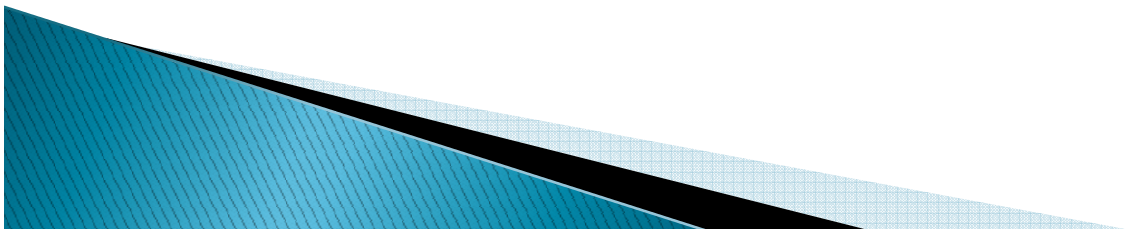
Contributions Cont'd

- ▶ Members - National Regulatory Authorities of the EAC member states. US \$ 60, 000p.a
- ▶ Sector Members - ICT operators. Upto \$10, 000
- ▶ Associate Members - associates academic and research institutions. Upto \$3,000



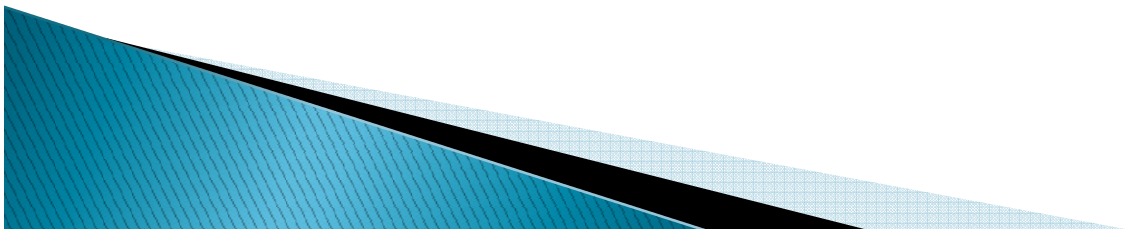
AMENDMENT OF ROP

- ▶ In anticipation of establishment of a Secretariat
- ▶ [Rules of procedure.docx](#)



POST RECRUITMENT PREPARATION

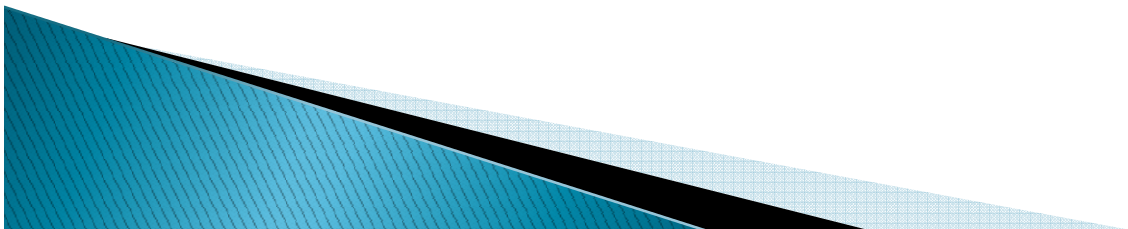
- ▶ Finalize and present to the DGs proposed Hosting Agreement for EACO
- ▶ Advise on pertinent/requisite documentation to be executed to facilitate setting up of the secretariat.
- ▶ Staff Regulations developed by the HRDT be shared with the Task force to review and ensure compliance with the Constitution and general employment law.



RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Assembly recommends to Congress to approve that:

- ▶ EACO joins PARENET as a bloc.
- ▶ Applies as an observer of the EAC.
- ▶ Membership of EACO is re-organised into the proposed three categories.
- ▶ Membership contributions proposed is adopted and immediately implemented.



RECOMMENDATIONS

- ▶ Revised Rules of Procedure are approved and adopted.
- ▶ Proposed amendments to the Constitution are approved.
- ▶ Renaming of Taskforce as EACO Task force on Legal and Constitutional Affairs.

