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Cabinet endorses NBTC meeting resolution

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The cabinet approved the National Broadcasting and Telecommunications Commission's (NBTC) resolution yesterday to send a Thai delegation to attend the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Plenipotentiary Conference, scheduled for Nov 9-27 in Doha, Qatar.

The resolution was passed by an NBTC board meeting held by six commissioners without the chairman's participation.

The move means the cabinet will recognise resolutions passed by such "special" meetings amid the ongoing conflict between chairman Dr Sarana Boonbaichaiyapruck and the six other commissioners over the chairman's qualifications, said an NBTC source who requested anonymity.

Deputy Prime Minister Pakorn Nilprapunt proposed the NBTC meeting resolution details to the cabinet.

Trairat Viriyasirikul, acting secretary-general of the regulator, told the *Bangkok Post* the NBTC office performs administrative functions to support the work of the commissioners.

The NBTC office proposed the resolution to the cabinet as this matter requires urgent consideration so the Foreign Affairs Ministry can prepare the related processes and documents within the prescribed time frame.

The NBTC office also needs to submit the credentials to the ITU before the opening ceremony.

The ITU conference is significant for Thailand as the country prepares to seek re-election to the ITU Council, representing the Asia and Australasia region, for another term covering 2027-2030.

The special meeting on Oct 21 unanimously agreed that NBTC commissioner Pol Gen Nathathorn Prousoontorn should head the Thai delegation to the ITU meeting in place of Dr Sarana, whom the majority considers no longer eligible to perform the role.

The six commissioners have held a series of meetings without the chairman since July after the NBTC selection panel ruled that Dr Sarana lacks the qualifications to hold the office.

The six commissioners affirmed that their meeting without the chairman on Oct 21 was held under the authority of the related NBTC Act.

Mr Trairat said it is not within the authority of the NBTC office to determine whether an NBTC meeting or the resolutions adopted at one are lawful.

Submitting the resolution to the cabinet is part of the NBTC office's duties and responsibilities, enabling the relevant government agencies to consider and take action on the motion, he noted.

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