



ITU-T SG2 & Misuse of E.164 Numbers

Phil Rushton

Numbering and Standards Strategist

Introduction

- Resolutions and Recommendations
- Global vs. National Numbering Resources
- Assessment of Current Misuse Types
- Possible future ITU SG2 Actions and Requirements?

Resolutions and Recommendations

- Resolution 61
“Misappropriation of international telecommunication numbering resources”
 - Member State Focussed
 - SG2 to study misappropriation of international country codes
- Recommendation ITU-T E.156
“Guidelines for ITU T action on reported misuse of E.164 Numbers”
 - Global Number Focussed
 - Defines (some) misuse

Global vs. National Numbering Allocation

- ITU Recommendations
- Simple Rules
- ITU TSB Director Control
- Country Code Focus
- Ease of Resolution

- National Numbering Rules
- Complex Rules
- CS/CV & National Sovereignty Control
- All elements of E.164 Number
- Complex Resolution

Assessment of Current Misuse Types

- National Number Focus
- 15 of the 21 reports (2005-2012)
 - Artificial Inflation of Traffic 3
 - Use of an unassigned Number 4
 - Rogue Web Diallers 2
 - Subscription Fraud 2
 - Short Stopping 4
- 9 of the 15 reports had the following action taken
 - Numbers were Blocked 4
 - Insufficient information for Action 1
 - No action Possible/resolved 3
 - ITU-TSB to investigate further 1

Possible future ITU SG2 Actions and Requirements - questions to be answered

- Is ITU-T Rec. E.156 “Guidelines for ITU T action on reported misuse of E.164 Numbers” up to date?
- Should ITU-T Rec. E.156 “Guidelines for ITU T action on reported misuse of E.164 Numbers” cover more than the original web dialler that it was originally conceived for?
- If Yes then what?
- Is misuse really a problem given 21 cases against millions of numbers that exist and calls that are made? or
- Is there sufficient promotion and awareness of the reporting process to potential reporters of misuse?