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**Resolution 18 – Principles and procedures for  
the allocation of work to, and coordination  
between, ITU-R and ITU-T**

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## FOREWORD

The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is the United Nations specialized agency in the field of telecommunications. The ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T) is a permanent organ of ITU. ITU-T is responsible for studying technical, operating and tariff questions and issuing Recommendations on them with a view to standardizing telecommunications on a worldwide basis.

The World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA), which meets every four years, establishes the topics for study by the ITU-T study groups which, in turn, produce Recommendations on these topics.

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## RESOLUTION 18

### **Principles and procedures for the allocation of work to, and coordination between, ITU-R and ITU-T**

*(Helsinki, 1993; Geneva, 1996; Montreal, 2000; Florianópolis, 2004)*

The World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (Florianópolis, 2004),

*considering*

a) the responsibilities of the Radiocommunication Sector (ITU-R) and the Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T) according to the principles laid down in the ITU Constitution and Convention, i.e.:

- that the ITU-R study groups are charged (Nos. 151 to 154 of the Convention) to focus on the following in the study of Questions assigned to them:
  - i) use of the radio-frequency spectrum in terrestrial and space radiocommunication (and of the geostationary-satellite orbit);
  - ii) characteristics and performance of radio systems;
  - iii) operation of radio stations;
  - iv) radiocommunication aspects of distress and safety matters;
- that the ITU-T study groups are charged (No. 193 of the Convention) to study technical, operating and tariff questions and prepare Recommendations on them with a view to standardizing telecommunications on a worldwide basis, including Recommendations on interconnection of radio systems in public telecommunication networks and on the performance required for these interconnections;

b) that joint meetings of the Radiocommunication (RAG) and Telecommunication Standardization (TSAG) Advisory Groups shall review the distribution of new and existing work between the Sectors, subject to confirmation by the applicable procedures of each Sector, the objective being to:

- minimize the duplication of activities of the Sectors;
- group the standardization activities in order to foster cooperation and coordination of the work of ITU-T with regional standardization bodies,

*resolves*

1 that TSAG and RAG, meeting jointly as necessary, shall continue the review of new and existing work and its distribution between ITU-T and ITU-R, for approval in accordance with the procedures laid down for the approval of new and/or revised Questions;

2 that, if considerable responsibilities in both Sectors in a particular subject are identified:

- a) the procedure as given in Annex A should be applied; or
- b) a joint group should be established; or
- c) the matter should be studied by relevant study groups of both Sectors with appropriate coordination (see Annex B).

**Annex A**  
(to Resolution 18)

**Procedural method of cooperation**

With respect to *resolves* 2 a), the following procedure should be applied:

- a) The joint meeting, as indicated in *resolves* 1, will nominate the Sector which will lead the work and will finally approve the deliverable.
- b) The lead Sector will request the other Sector to indicate those requirements which it considers essential for integration in the deliverable.
- c) The lead Sector will base its work on these essential requirements and integrate them in its draft deliverable.
- d) During the process of development of the required deliverable the lead Sector shall consult with the other Sector in case it has difficulties with these essential requirements. In case of agreement on revised essential requirements the revised requirements shall be the basis for further work.
- e) When the deliverable concerned comes to maturity, the lead Sector shall once more seek the views of the other Sector.

**Annex B**  
(to Resolution 18)

**Coordination of radiocommunication and standardization activities  
through intersector coordination groups**

With respect to *resolves* 2 c), the following procedure shall be applied:

- a) The joint meeting of the advisory groups as indicated in *resolves* 1, may, in exceptional cases, establish an intersector coordination group (ICG) to coordinate the work of both Sectors and to assist the advisory groups in coordinating the related activity of their respective study groups.
- b) The joint meeting shall, at the same time, nominate the Sector which will lead the work.
- c) The mandate of each ICG shall be clearly defined by the joint meeting, based on the particular circumstances and issues at the time the group is established; the joint meeting shall also establish a target date for termination of the ICG.
- d) The ICG shall designate a chairman and a vice-chairman, one representing each Sector.
- e) The ICG shall be open to members of both Sectors in accordance with Nos. 86 and 110 of the Constitution.
- f) The ICG shall not develop Recommendations.
- g) The ICG shall prepare reports on its coordinating activities to be presented to each Sector's advisory group; these reports shall be submitted by the Directors to the two Sectors.
- h) An ICG may also be established by the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly or by the Radiocommunication Assembly following a recommendation by the advisory group of the other Sector.
- i) The cost of an ICG shall be supported by the two Sectors on an equal basis and each Director shall include budgetary provisions for such meetings in the budget of their Sector.