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Resolution 33 – Guidelines for ITU-T strategic activities

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 33

Guidelines for ITU-T strategic activities

(Montreal, 2000; Florianópolis, 2004)

The World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (Montreal, 2000; Florianópolis, 2004),

noting

- a) that, in accordance with No. 197C of the ITU Convention, the duties of the Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group (TSAG) shall include, *inter alia*, to review strategies and priorities for activities in the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T);
- b) that, in accordance with Resolutions 71 and 72 (Rev. Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference concerning strategic issues, TSAG will provide advice on the strategic plan and the goals, strategies and priorities for the Sector, including recommendations to adjust the plan in light of changes in the telecommunication environment,

recognizing

that the Union, and ITU-T in particular, is faced with the challenge to remain an active and effective international forum where Member States, Sector Members and Associates work together to encourage the development of global telecommunications and to facilitate universal access to telecommunication and information services in order to provide to people everywhere the opportunity to participate in and benefit from the global information society and economy,

considering

- a) the relevant outputs of the World Summit on the Information Society regarding ITU-T;
- b) the relevant implications of results-based budgeting and its impact on ITU-T planning activities, in accordance with Resolution 42 of this assembly,

resolves to invite Member States and Sector Members

to continue to contribute their insights on the strategic plan and priorities of ITU-T to the TSAG strategic planning process,

instructs the Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group

1 to monitor the Sector's work during the current study period in light of the current strategic plan set out in Resolution 71 (Rev. Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference and the evolution of the telecommunication environment, including:

- setting appropriate priorities during the course of the study period against which the performance of the Sector can be measured;
- obtaining regular reports from study group chairmen and other responsible entities as to the achievement of such priorities;
- implementing appropriate action to enable priorities and strategic objectives to be amended in light of changes in the telecommunication environment, or non-achievement of anticipated events;
- evaluating the continuing relevance and applicability of the plan, and proposing changes as needed;

2 to prepare proposals to assist in preparation of the Union's draft strategic plan for the coming study period that duly reflect:

- clauses of the current strategic plan that continue to be relevant;
- new and converging technologies and the need to develop, rapidly and reliably, appropriate global standards;
- changes in the telecommunication environment, both continuing and new, including:
 - a) the increasing number of standardization bodies, multilateral meetings and forums that are actively developing global standards;
 - b) the impact of the the World Trade Organization (WTO) agreement on basic telecommunications, increasing competition, liberalization, globalization and convergence;
 - c) the ongoing transformation of telecommunications into a globally competitive business;
 - d) the entry of new entities into telecommunications from areas with very different cultures and traditions (including convergent industries, user needs and financial institutions);
- pursuant to Resolution 72 (Rev. Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, the establishment and maintenance of linkage between the strategic, financial and operational planning of the Sector;
- the need to define clearly, and establish broadly, formal relationships with the broadest practicable population of regional and other standardization bodies, based on guidelines already agreed in relevant A-series Recommendations;
- the consideration of an evolution in the role of ITU-T to an increasingly inclusive and market-oriented organization that coordinates and cooperates with, and draws upon the work of, other relevant entities, in the rapid and efficient development of internationally useful standards.