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Resolution 59 – Enhancing participation of telecommunication operators from developing countries

FOREWORD

The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is the United Nations specialized agency in the field of telecommunications, information and communication technologies (ICTs). 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 59

Enhancing participation of telecommunication operators from developing countries¹

(Johannesburg, 2008)

The World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (Johannesburg, 2008),

recognizing

- a) that the participation by operators from developing countries in standardization activities is weak;
- b) that the majority of these operators are subsidiaries of developed countries' telecommunication companies which are Sector Members;
- c) that the strategic objectives of Sector Members from developed countries participating in activities of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T) do not necessarily include the participation of their subsidiary entities;
- d) that those developing countries' telecommunication operators are placing particular emphasis on information and communication technology (ICT) operation and infrastructure deployment, to the disadvantage of standardization activities;
- e) the impact of ITU Recommendations on the activities of Sector Members,

taking into account

the strategic plan of the Union adopted in both Resolution 71 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) and Resolution 123 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) of the Plenipotentiary Conference,

considering

- a) that developing countries would benefit from effective participation by their operators in ITU-T activities;
- b) that this participation by the operators would contribute to enhancing capacity building in the developing countries, increase their competitiveness, and support innovation in the markets of developing countries,

resolves to invite the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau

- 1 to encourage Sector Members from the developed countries to promote the participation in ITU-T activities of their subsidiaries installed in developing countries;
- 2 to develop mechanisms to support the effective participation by telecommunication operators from developing countries in standardization activities,

invites Member States

to encourage their Sector Members to participate in ITU-T activities.

¹ These include the least developed countries, small island developing states and countries with economies in transition.