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Resolution 71 – Admission of academia, universities and their associated research establishments to participate in the work of ITU-T

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 71

Admission of academia, universities and their associated research establishments to participate in the work of ITU-T

(Johannesburg, 2008)

The World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (Johannesburg, 2008),

considering

- a) that academia, universities and their associated research establishments have significant roles in research and development of emerging technologies, and that their participation in the work of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T) is essential for ITU-T to remain at the cutting edge of technology standardization;
- b) that the application of this resolution is limited to those research establishments which do not receive substantial funding from major corporations,

recognizing

- a) Goal 3 of Resolution 71 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) of the Plenipotentiary Conference on the strategic plan for the Union for 2008-2011;
- b) that ITU-T held a consultation meeting on cooperation between ITU-T and universities, Geneva, 18-19 January 2007, to explore ways to improve cooperation between ITU-T and academia, universities and associated research establishments;
- c) that, as part of an initiative to encourage greater participation of universities and academia in the work of ITU-T, a Kaleidoscope Event was organized in Geneva on 12-13 May, 2008;
- d) that the decision has been taken by the ITU-T management to continue such events on a yearly basis, in order for ITU-T to remain the leader in standardization for emerging technologies;
- e) that the subject of "innovations in next generation networks" was the first in a series of academic conferences that aim at increasing the dialogue between academia and experts addressing standardization issues,

resolves to instruct the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau

1 to explore and recommend, based in part on advice from the Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group, various mechanisms, such as the use of voluntary financial and in-kind contributions, to encourage cooperation between ITU-T and academia, universities and their associated research establishments, as well as any possible additional modalities to facilitate their greater participation in the work of the Sector, including the study groups, that are not addressed by Resolution 1 of this assembly and relevant Recommendations; and

2 to invite the ITU Council to consider the admission of academic institutions, universities and their associated research establishments in the work of ITU-T as Sector Members or Associates, at a reduced level of financial contribution, particularly academic institutions of developing countries¹.

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