

# WTSA-08 Preparatory Meeting for the Americas' Region

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## Implementation status of WTSA-04 Resolutions adopted in Florianópolis

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# What is a “Resolution”?

- Resolutions are adopted at a Conference, Assembly, or Council and reflect the decision of Member States (MS)
- Resolution is not an instrument of the Union but contains guiding principles → Recommendations
- Resolution invites MS & SM\* to react, instruct SG and Bureau to implement the decisions of MS

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\* Sector Members

# WTSA-04 Resolutions

- WTSA-04 adopted 31 Resolutions (14 New Resolutions, 11 revised and 6 without changes)
- WTSA-04 deleted 4 obsolete Resolutions
- New Resolutions include Internet related issues (ENUM, spam, international domain names, country code top level domain names) and Cybersecurity
- Adopted measures aimed at enhancing a greater involvement of developing countries
- Added gender perspective in the work of ITU-T

# Adoption of Resolutions

- **Consensus building through TSAG**
  - Individual country's proposal
  - SG proposals
- **TSAG submits agreed proposals to WTSA**
  - In Florianópolis, 2 new & 12 revised Resolutions
- **Regional Proposals**
  - CEPT, APT, ARB, ATU, CITELE in total 21 proposals
- **Group of countries**
  - From all continents, (Resolution on Gender issue)
- **Individual country**
  - Kenya, Uzbekistan, Syria in total 6 proposals

# WTSA-04 Resolutions (1)

## (Revised Resolutions)

- Res. 1** Rules of procedure of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T)
- Res. 2** ITU-T study group responsibility and mandates
- Res. 7** Collaboration with the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)
- Res. 11** Collaboration with the Postal Operations Council (POC) of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) in the study of services concerning both the postal and the telecommunication sectors
- Res. 17** Telecommunication standardization in relation to the interests of developing countries
- Res. 18** Principles and procedures for the allocation of work to, and coordination between, ITU-R and ITU-T
- Res. 20** Procedures for allocation and management of international telecommunication numbering, naming, addressing and identification resources
- Res. 22** Authorization for TSAG to act between WTSA's
- Res. 26** Assistance to the regional tariff groups
- Res. 29** Alternative calling procedures on international telecommunication networks
- Res. 31** Admission of entities or organizations to participate as Associates in the work of ITU-T
- Res. 32** Strengthening electronic working methods for the work of ITU-T
- Res. 33** Guidelines for ITU-T strategic activities
- Res. 34** Voluntary contributions
- Res. 35** Appointment and maximum term of office for chairmen and vice-chairmen of ITU-T study groups and of TSAG
- Res. 38** Coordination among ITU-T, ITU-R and ITU-D for activities relating to IMT-2000 and systems beyond IMT-2000
- Res. 40** Regulatory aspects of ITU-T work

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# WTSA-04 Resolutions (2)

(New Resolutions)

- Res. 42** Implementation of results-based budgeting – Impact on planning in ITU-T
- Res. 43** Regional preparations for WSAs
- Res. 44** Bridging the standardization gap between developing and developed countries
- Res. 45** Effective coordination of standardization work across study groups in ITU-T and the role of TSAG
- Res. 46** ITU-T contribution to Council Working Group on the World Summit on the Information Society
- Res. 47** Country code top-level domain names
- Res. 48** Internationalized domain names
- Res. 49** ENUM
- Res. 50** Cybersecurity
- Res. 51** Combating spam
- Res. 52** Countering spam by technical means
- Res. 53** Establishment of a seminar and workshop coordination committee
- Res. 54** Creation of regional groups
- Res. 55** Mainstreaming gender in ITU-T activities

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# Classification by category

<b>Resolutions on</b>	<b>Resolution No.</b>
Finance	Res. 34, 42
Working Methods	Res. 1, 22, 31, 32, 35, 40, 45, 53
Working Programme	Res. 2
External Cooperation	Res. 7, 11, 18, 38
Developing countries' issues	Res. 17, 26, 43, 44, 54
Internet issues	Res. 47, 48, 49, 51, 52
ITU-T Activities issues	Res. 20, 29, 33, 46, 50, 55

# Finance (Res. 34, 42)

## Resolution 34: Voluntary contributions:

### Resolves

- to encourage the financing of specific projects, focus groups or other initiatives by voluntary contributions
- to invite MS, SM and Associates...to submit to the Director of TSB projects and other initiatives of interest for ITU-T to be financed under voluntary contribution

### Achievement

- 23 voluntary contributions received between 2005-2008, see <http://itu.int/ITU-T/tsb-director/voluntary-contrib/vctable.html>
- List of project proposed by TSB
- Many projects implemented

### Points at issue & remarks

- No project proposal coming from developing countries !
- How about objectives quoted in “bridging the standardization gap”?

# Working Methods

(Res. 1, 22, 31, 32, 35, 40, 53)

## Achievements

- Most of Resolutions related to the Working Methods are now stable
- They produced good results, allowing work to progress quickly
- Developed web-based tools facilitating the work of delegates, improved Electronic Working Methods
- Created good working environment where MS and SM can cooperate
- Meetings are efficient and cost effective

## Points at issue & remarks

- Coordination between Study Groups and with other SDOs can be further improved
- Procedures and rules for electronic meetings are missing
- Some confusion on the term “consensus”

# Work Programme

(Res. 2 and 45)

## **WTSA-04 adopted the organizational structure and allocated the work to study groups**

- 13 Study Groups + TSAG with clear mandates
- Defined the general area of responsibility for each SG
- Encouraged SGs to consider collocation
- Nominated Lead SGs in specific areas of study

## **Achievements**

- Adopted some 850 Recommendations (new, revised, amendments & corrigenda)
- Supplements, guides & technical papers also produced
- Organized some 80 Workshops

## **Points at issue & remarks**

- Some inter-relationships between SGs activities (GSI, JCA, TSR)
- Some competition between SGs
- Difficulty for developing countries to attend several SGs
- Report of Workshop does not contain issues for developing countries
- Is reducing the number of SG a solution (More visibility, cost savings)?
- Interest of developing countries are taken into account?

# External cooperation

(Res. 7, 11, 18, 38)

## Achievements

- WSC and GSC\*: good cooperation
- MoU signed with several organizations
- Recommendations A.4, A.5, A.6 complete the procedures for cooperation
- Cooperation between ITU-T and Universities
  - [ITU-T Kaleidoscope event](#)

## Points at issue & remarks

- Strong competition exists with some SDOs/Forums/Consortia
- Cooperation is important to exchange information, to gain synergy and to reduce duplication. Substantial technical work is done outside. However, ITU-T needs to keep its preeminent position.

Global Standards → need cooperation of developing countries

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\* WSC – World Standards Collaboration (ITU/ISO/IEC)

GSC – Global Standards Collaboration (Regional Telecom SDOs)

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# Developing countries' issues

(Res. 17, 26, 43, 44, 54)

## Achievements

- Organized SG meetings and workshops in the regions
- Close cooperation with different regional organizations
- Regional groups created
- seminars organized before regional meeting
- Five regional WTSA-08 preparatory meetings organized
- Developed materials facilitating the understanding of ITU-T activities
- Standardization gap fund created (TSB Circular 166)
- Each year a Forum on “Bridging the ICT standardization gap” is organized in five regions
- Free access to ITU-T Recommendations
- Each SG has a group on bridging the standardization gap
- Questionnaire on Bridging the standardization gap (TSB Circular 213)

## Points at issue & remarks

- Still missing useful information from developing countries
- Global Standardization Symposium is a good opportunity

# Internet issues

( Res. 47, 48, 49, 51, 52 )

## Achievements

- ITU called to play a key role in implementation of WSIS Action Line C5
- Cybersecurity portal created
  - <http://itu.int/cybersecurity/>
- ITU-T manual on telecoms and IT security
- Several Recommendations on security adopted
- Several workshops organized
- Reports to each Council session ([Document CO7/42](#))

## Points at issue & remarks

- Regional initiative to establish Internet exchange points
- Collaboration of all MSs is essential

# ITU-T Activities

(Res. 20, 29, 33, 46, 50, 55)

## Achievements

- Res. 20, 29, 46 and 50
  - Ongoing activities of SG 2, 3, and 17
  - Call back Recommendation adopted on the initiative of developing countries.
- Res. 33 (strategic activities)
  - TSAG monitor ITU-T activities and assist developing strategic plan
- Res.55 on “Gender issues in ITU-T”
  - Three women in high SG leadership positions: one chair, three vice-chairs
  - In TSB, three out of nine SG Counsellors are women (30%)

## Point at issue & remarks

- In SG 3, more than 30% of women participating but less in other SG
- How to improve gender balance in the SG management teams?

# Conclusion

- Resolutions guide activities in ITU-T
- Good progress has been achieved in many areas during this study period
- At WTSA-04 preparatory meetings, main discussions were on Resolutions
  - In 2004, about 30 input documents were on Resolutions, mainly from regional organizations
- It is expected to receive same number of good inputs from WTSA-08 preparatory meetings!