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Resolution 60 – Responding to the challenges of the evolution of the identification/numbering system and its convergence with IP-based systems/networks

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#### 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 60**

# Responding to the challenges of the evolution of the identification/numbering system and its convergence with IP-based systems/networks

(Johannesburg, 2008; Dubai, 2012)

The World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (Dubai, 2012),

#### recognizing

*a)* Resolution 133 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, with regard to the continuing progress towards integration of telecommunications and the Internet;

b) Resolutions 101 and 102 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010) of the Plenipotentiary Conference,

*c)* the evolving role of the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly, as reflected in Resolution 122 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010) of the Plenipotentiary Conference,

#### noting

*a)* the work in Study Group 2, on investigating the evolutionary aspect of the numbering system, including the "future of numbering", considering next generation networks (NGN) and future networks (FN) as the working environment of the numbering system in the future;

*b)* that the transition from traditional networks to IP-based networks is taking place at a fast pace, while there is a transition to NGN and FN;

*c)* the emerging issues concerning administrative control for international telecommunication service-based numbers;

*d)* the forthcoming issues on the convergence of numbering, naming, addressing and identification systems along with the development of NGN and FNs, and associated issues on security, signalling, portability and migration;

*e)* the growing demand for numbering/identification resources for communications referred to as machine-to-machine (M2M);

*f)* the need for principles and roadmap for the evolution of international telecommunication resources, which would be expected to help the timely, predictable deployment of advanced identification technologies,

### resolves to instruct Study Group 2, within the mandate of ITU-T

1 to continue studying, in liaison with the other relevant study groups, the necessary requirements for the structure and maintenance of telecommunication identification/numbering resources in relation to the deployment of IP-based networks and the transition to NGN and FNs;

2 to ensure the development of the administrative requirements for identification/numbering resource management systems in NGNs and FNs;

3 to continue developing guidelines, as well as a framework, for the evolution of the international telecommunication numbering system and its convergence with IP-based systems, in coordination with related study groups and associated regional groups, so that a basis for any new application can be provided,

#### instructs relevant study groups, and in particular Study Group 13

to support the work of Study Group 2, to ensure that such applications are based on appropriate guidelines, as well as a framework, for the evolution of the international telecommunication numbering/identification system, and to help investigate their impact on the numbering/identification system,

#### instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau

to take appropriate action to facilitate the foregoing work regarding the evolution of the numbering/identification system or its converged applications,

#### invites Member States and Sector Members

to contribute to these activities, taking into consideration their national concerns and experiences.