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| DRAFT REVISION OF RESOLUTION 20 (Rev. Dubai, 2014)  Non‑discriminatory access to modern telecommunication/information and communication technology facilities, services and related applications | | |

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| **Priority area:**  Streamlining WTDC Resolutions  **Summary:**  The contribution reflects Sudan modifications to RESOLUTION 20 (Rev. Dubai, 2014) on "Non‑discriminatory access to modern telecommunication/information and communication technology facilities, services and related applications".  **Expected results:**  Revised text to RESOLUTION 20 (Rev. Dubai, 2014) on "Non‑discriminatory access to modern telecommunication/information and communication technology facilities, services and related applications".  **References:**  Resolution 69 (Rev. Dubai, 2012) of the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA) |

**Proposal**

Resolution 20 (Rev. Buenes Aires, 2017)

Non‑discriminatory access to modern telecommunication/information and communication technology facilities, services and related applicationsThe World Telecommunication Development Conference (Buenos Aires, 2017),

*considering*

The United Nations Human Rights Council resolution on the promotion, protection and enjoyment of human rights on the Internet (A/HRC/20/L.13),

recalling

Resolution 20 (Rev. Dubai, 2014) of the World Telecommunication Development Conference,

recalling also

*a)* Resolution 64 (Rev.Busan, 2014) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, and the importance of telecommunications/information and communication technologies (ICTs) for political, economic, social and cultural progress;

*b)* Resolution 69 (Rev. Dubai, 2012) of the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA), on non-discriminatory access and use of Internet resources, inviting Member States to refrain from taking any unilateral and/or discriminatory actions that could impede another Member State from accessing public Internet sites and using the resources, within the spirit of Article 1 of the ITU Constitution and the principles of the World Summit on the Information Society;

*c)* United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) Resolution 70/125, on the outcome document of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the overall review of the implementation of the WSIS outcomes;

*d)* the decisions of the two phases of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) concerning non-discriminatory access, in particular §§ 15, 18 and 19 of the Tunis Commitment and §§ 90 and 107 of the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society,

taking into account

*a)* *that ITU plays an important role in the promotion of global telecommunication/ICT standardization and development;*

*b)that, to this end, the Union coordinates efforts aimed at securing harmonious development of telecommunication/ICT facilities in all its Member States;*

*c) that discrimination in accessing the Internet could greatly affect the developing countries*

*d) that the Plenipotentiary Conference (Busan, 2014) entrusted the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T) with a range of activities aimed at implementing the WSIS (Tunis, 2005) outcomes, a number of those activities having to do with Internet related issues,*

taking into account further

that this conference, like its predecessors, is required to formulate a viewpoint and draw up proposals on issues determining a worldwide strategy for the development of telecommunication/ICT facilities, services and applications, and facilitate mobilization of the necessary resources to that end,

noting

*a)* that modern telecommunication/ICT facilities, services and applications are established, in the main, on the basis of ITU‑R and ITU‑T Recommendations;

*b)* that ITU‑R and ITU‑T Recommendations are the result of the collective efforts of all those taking part in the standardization process within ITU and are adopted by consensus by the members of the Union;

*c)* that limitations on the access to telecommunication/ICT facilities, services and applications on which national telecommunication/ICT development depends and which are established on the basis of ITU‑R and ITU‑T Recommendations constitute an obstacle to the harmonious development and compatibility oftelecommunications/ICTs worldwide,

recognizing

that full harmonization of telecommunication/ICT networks is impossible unless all countries participating in the work of the Union without exception enjoy non-discriminatory access to new telecommunication/ICT technologies and modern telecommunication/ICT facilities, services and applications, without prejudice to national regulations and international commitments within the competence of other international organizations,

resolves

that there should be non-discriminatory access to telecommunication/ICT, facilities, services and applications established on the basis of ITU‑R and ITU‑T Recommendations,

encourages the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau

to engage in partnerships or strategic cooperation with parties which respect access to telecommunication/ICT facilities, services and applications without discrimination,

requests the Secretary-General

to transmit this resolution to the forthcoming plenipotentiary conference (Guadalajara, 2010) for consideration,

*instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau*

to report to the next WTDC on any discriminatory cases reported by member states

invites the Plenipotentiary Conference

to consider this resolution with a view to taking measures to foster global access to modern telecommunication/ICT, facilities, services and applications,

invites Member states and sector members

1 to help telecommunication/ICT equipment manufacturersand service providers in ensuring that telecommunication/ICT, facilities, services and applications established on the basis of ITU‑R and ITU‑T Recommendations are made available to the use of the public without any discrimination, in accordance with the decisions of the two phases of WSIS in this regard,2 to refrain from taking any unilateral and/or discriminatory actions that could impede another Member State from accessing public Internet sites and using any internet resources.

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