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| PLENARY MEETING | | **Addendum 12 to Document WTDC-17/21-E** |
|  | | **8 September 2017** |
|  | | **Original: Arabic** |
| Arab States | | |
| Revision to Resolution 31 | | |
| Regional preparations for world telecommunication  development conferences | | |
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| **Priority area:**  –Resolutions and Recommendations  **Summary:**  Amendment to Resolution 31 - Regional preparations for world telecommunication development conferences.  **Expected results:**  –  **References:**  – | | |

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RESOLUTION 31 (Rev. Buenos aires, 2017)

Regional preparations for world telecommunication   
development conferences

(Istanbul, 2002; Doha, 2006; Hyderabad, 2010; Buenos Aires, 2017)

The World Telecommunication Development Conference (Buenos Aires, 2017),

considering

*a)* that the six[[1]](#footnote-1)1 regions have coordinated their preparations for this conference through preparatory meetings;

*b)* that the six principal regional telecommunication organizations[[2]](#footnote-2)2, namely the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT), the European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations (CEPT), the Inter-American Telecommunications Commission (CITEL), the African Telecommunications Union (ATU), the Council of Arab Ministers of Telecommunication and Information represented by the Secretariat-General of the League of Arab States (LAS) and the Regional Commonwealth in the field of Communications (RCC), seek close cooperation with the Union;

*c)* that many common proposals have been submitted to this conference from administrations which have participated in the preparations, thereby facilitating the work of this conference;

*d)* that this consolidation of views at regional level, together with the opportunity for interregional discussions prior to the conference, has eased the task of reaching a consensus at the last meeting of the Telecommunication Development Advisory Group (TDAG) of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D) and during the conference;

*e)* that preparation for future conferences is likely to increase;

*f)* the firm convictionthat the coordination of preparations at regional level for the six regions has been of great benefit to the Member States;

*g)* that the continued success of future conferences will depend on greater efficiency of regional coordination and interaction at interregional level prior to such conferences, and in particular at the last TDAG meeting before the conference, as well as during the conference;

*h)* that there is a continuing need for overall coordination of the interregional consultations,

recognizing

the benefits of regional coordination for the six regions as already experienced in the preparation of all ITU conferences and assemblies,

taking into account

the continued belief in the benefits that a WTDC could gain in terms of efficiency from an increased amount and level of preparation by the six regions for the ITU Member States prior to the conference,

noting

*a)* that many regional telecommunication organizations have expressed the need for the Union to cooperate more closely with regional telecommunication organizations (see Resolution 21 (Rev. Hyderabad, 2010) of this conference, on coordination and collaboration with regional organizations);

*b)* that, consequently, the Plenipotentiary Conference (Kyoto, 1994) and the other subsequent plenipotentiary conferences have stressed the need for the Union to develop stronger relations with regional telecommunication organizations,

further noting

*a)* that relations between ITU regional offices and regional telecommunication organizations have proved to be of great benefit, and that regional offices should continue to be used to facilitate the preparation of WTDCs;

*b)* that some ITU Member States are not members of these regional telecommunication organizations mentioned in *considering b)* above,

resolves to instruct the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau

1 to organize, within the financial limitations, one regional preparatory meeting per region for each of the six regions, in partnership with all Member States in the region, even if they do not belong to any of the regional telecommunication organizations, as soon as possible before the last meeting of TDAG before the next WTDC, avoiding overlap with other relevant ITU-D meetings and making full use of ITU regional offices to facilitate such conferences or meetings;

2 to organize a coordination meeting of the six regions before or during the last meeting of TDAG, with the participation of ITU-D members;

3 to help the less developed countries to participate in regional preparatory meetings;

4 to prepare, in close consultation with the chairmen and vice-chairmen of the regional preparatory meetings, a report consolidating the results of such meetings, to be submitted to the TDAG meeting immediately preceding WTDC;

5 to convene the last TDAG meeting not less than two months and not more than four months before WTDC, in order to study, discuss and adopt the consolidated report presenting the outputs of the six regional preparatory meetings in final form, as a basic document to be included, once approved by TDAG, in the report on the application of this resolution for submission to WTDC, as well as to accomplish whatever else is desirable prior to WTDC (such as consideration of Questions proposed for study by the study groups), including also a review and revision of all resolutions, recommendations and programmes with the aim of proposing the necessary updates to some or all of them if possible and their submission as reports from TDAG to WTDC,

requests the Secretary-General, in cooperation with the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau

1 to continue to consult with Member States and regional telecommunication organizations in the six regions on the means by which assistance can be provided in support of their preparations for future WTDCs;

2 to continue, on the basis of such consultations, to assist Member States and regional telecommunication organizations in such areas as:

i) organization of informal and formal regional and interregional preparatory meetings;

ii) organization of information sessions;

iii) identification of mutual coordination methods;

iv) identification of major matters to be resolved by the future WTDC;

3 to continue to submit to the next WTDC a report on the application of this resolution,

invites Member States

to participate actively in the implementation of this resolution.

**Reasons:** To update the resolution in order to emphasize the importance of regional preparations for WTDCs.

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1. 1 Africa, Americas, Arab States, Asia-Pacific, Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. 2 There are eleven regional telecommunication organizations as referred to in Article 43 of the Constitution. The list can be found in Council Resolution 925. The five regional organizations other than the six principal ones may choose to participate in regional preparatory meetings and other activities of the Union. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)