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| REVISION TO WTDC RESOLUTION 2 - ESTABLISHMENT OF STUDY GROUPS |
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| **Priority area:** - Resolutions and recommendations**Summary:**This proposal includes modifications of the titles and the mandates of ITU-D Study Groups and the titles of ITU-D Study Group Questions.**Expected results:**According to this proposal, Resolution 2 will be modified.**References:**WTDC Resolution 2 (Rev. Dubai, 2014), Study Group 2 Output Report [2/REP/43(Rev.1)-E](http://www.itu.int/md/D14-SG02-R-0043/en) |

**PROPOSAL**

This document proposes modifications to Resolution 2 “Establishment of study groups” including its Annex 1 “Scope of ITU D study groups” and Annex 2 “Questions assigned by the World Telecommunication Development Conference to ITU D study groups”.

This document also proposes modifications to the scope of the study groups (SGs) and the title of existing questions with a view to simplifying the language, providing clarity, and emphasizing the need to focus on policy and regulatory issues in SG 1 and on technical issues in SG2. In doing so, we have respected the need for balance between the two SGs that was emphasized in WTDC 2014. Considering the above, the proposed scopes are as follows:

SG1: **Enabling directions in setting telecommunication/ICT policy and regulations for sustainable development**,

SG2: **Enabling technologies and applications in telecommunications/ICTs for sustainable development**

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RESOLUTION 2 (REV.BUENOS AIRES, 2017)

Establishment of study groups

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

considering

*a)* that the mandate for each study group needs to be clearly defined, in order to avoid duplication between study groups and other groups of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU‑D) established pursuant to No. 209A of the ITU Convention and to ensure the coherence of the overall work programme of the Sector as provided for in Article 16 of the Convention;

*b)* that, for carrying out the studies entrusted to ITU‑D, it is appropriate to set up study groups, as provided for in Article 17 of the Convention, to deal with specific task-oriented telecommunication questions of priority to developing countries, taking into consideration the ITU strategic plan and goals for 2016-2019, and prepare relevant outputs in the form of reports, guidelines and/or Recommendations for the development of telecommunications/information and communication technologies (ICTs);

*c)* the need as far as possible to avoid duplication between studies undertaken by ITU‑D and those carried out by the other two Sectors of the Union;

*d)* the successful results of the studies under the Questions adopted by the World Telecommunication Development Conference (Dubai, 2014) and assigned to the two study groups,

resolves

1 to create within the Sector two study groups, with a clear responsibility and mandates as set out in Annex 1 to this resolution;

2 that each study group and their relevant groups will study the Questions adopted by this conference and assigned to it as shown in Annex 2 to this resolution, and those adopted between two world telecommunication development conferences in accordance with the provisions of Resolution 1 (Rev. Dubai, 2014) of this conference;

3 that the study group Questions and BDT programmes should be directly linked in order to enhance awareness and use of the BDT programmes and the study group output documents, so that the study groups and the BDT programmes benefit from each other's activities, resources and expertise;

4 that the study groups should make use of the relevant outputs of the other two Sectors and the General Secretariat;

5 that the study groups may also consider other ITU materials relevant to their mandates, as appropriate;

6 that each Question will consider all aspects related to the topic, objectives and expected output in line with the related programme;

7 that the study groups will be managed by the chairmen and vice-chairmen as shown in Annex 3 to this resolution.

Annex 1 to Resolution 2 (Rev. Buenos Aires, 2017)

Scope of ITU‑D study groups

# 1 Study Group 1

**Enabling directions in setting telecommunication/ICT policy and regulations for sustainable development**

– Future directions in setting national telecommunication/ICT policies and regulations for sustainable development, including those for broadband infrastructure and services

– Policies and methods for determining the cost of telecommunication/ICT services to facilitate the implementation of digital economy– Policies, regulations, and strategies for providing access to telecommunications/ICTs in rural and remote areas

– Policies, regulations and strategies for providing access to telecommunication/ICT services to persons with disabilities and specific needs

– The needs of developing countries in spectrum management, including the ongoing transition from analogue to digital terrestrial television broadcasting and the use of the digital dividend, in addition to any future digital switchover.

# 2 Study Group 2

**Enabling technologies and applications in telecommunications/ICTs for sustainable development**

– Enabling technologies, applications, and services in telecommunications/ICTs for sustainable development, digital economy and job creation in developing countries

– Enabling technologies for building confidence and security in the use of ICTs, and technical issues pertaining to conformance and interoperability

– Enabling technologies and applications in telecommunications/ICTs for mitigating the impact of climate change on developing countries, and safe disposal of electronic waste

– Enabling technologies and applications in telecommunications/ICTs for natural disaster preparedness, mitigation and relief, as well as technical issues pertaining to the measurement and assessment of human exposure to electromagnetic fields

– Key topics and issues on the future of telecommunications/ICTs, taking into account the results of the studies carried out by ITU‑T and ITU‑R, and the priorities of developing countries.

Annex 2 to Resolution 2 (Rev. Buenos Aires, 2017)

Questions assigned by the World Telecommunication
Development Conference to ITU‑D study groups

# Study Group 1

– **Question 1/1:** Best practices and guidelines for setting policies and regulations for migration from existing networks to broadband networks in developing countries

– **Question 2/1:** Best practices and guidelines for setting policies and regulations for broadband access

– **Question 3/1:** Best practices and guidelines for setting policies and regulations to access cloud computing

– **Question 4/1:** Best practices and guidelines for determining the costs of telecommunication/ICT services

– **Question 5/1:** Best practices and guidelines for setting policies and regulations for providing telecommunication/ICT services in rural and remote areas

– **Question 6/1:** Best practices and guidelines for protecting consumers and enhancing their rights

– **Question 7/1:** Best practices and guidelines for facilitating access to telecommunication/ICT services by persons with disabilities and specific needs

– **Question 8/1:** Best practices and guidelines for setting policies and regulations for migration from analogue to digital terrestrial broadcasting and provision of new services

**Resolution 9:** Participation of countries, particularly developing countries, in spectrum management

# Study Group 2

Questions related to ICT applications and cybersecurity

– **Question 1/2:** Best practices and guidelines for developing smart sustainable societies through ICTs

– **Question 2/2:** Best practices and guidelines for rapid implementation of ehealth

– **Question 3/2:** Best practices and guidelines for addressing emerging and evolving threats to cybersecurity

– **Question 4/2:** Best practices and guidelines for implementing conformance and interoperability (C&I) programmes and combating counterfeit ICT equipment and theft of mobile devices

Questions related to climate change, environment and emergency telecommunications

– **Question 5/2:** Best practices and guidelines for utilizing telecommunications/ICTs for disaster management

– **Question 6/2:** Best practices and guidelines for ICT-enabled climate action

– **Question 7/2:** Best practices and guidelines for measurement and assessment of human exposure to electromagnetic fields

– **Question 8/2:**  Best practices and guidelines for managing e-waste and protecting the environment in a cost-effective manner

– **Question 9/2:** Key topics and issues that shapethe future of telecommunications/ICTs, taking into account the results of the study in ITU‑T and ITU‑R, and the priorities of developing countries

NOTE – The full definition of Questions can be found in Section 5 of the Buenos Aires Action Plan.

Annex 3 to Resolution 2 (Rev. Dubai, 2014)

List of chairmen and vice-chairmen

# Study Group 1

**Chairman**: Ms Roxanne McElvane (United States of America)

**Vice-chairmen**:

Ms Regina Fleur Assoumou-Bessou (Republic of Côte d’Ivoire)

Mr Peter Ngwan Mbengie (Republic of Cameroon)

Mr Victor Martinez (Republic of Paraguay)

Ms Claymir Carozza Rodriguez (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela)

Mr Wesam Al-Ramadeen (Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan)

Mr Ahmed Abdel Aziz Gad (Arab Republic of Egypt)

Mr Nguyen Quy Quyen (Socialist Republic of Viet Nam)

Mr Yasuhiko Kawasumi (Japan)

Mr Vadym Kaptur (Ukraine)

Mr Almaz Tilenbaev (Kyrgyz Republic)

Ms Blanca González (Spain)

# Study Group 2

**Chairman**: Mr Ahmad Reza Sharafat (Islamic Republic of Iran)

**Vice-chairmen**:

Ms Aminata Kaba-Camara (Republic of Guinea)

Mr Christopher Kemei (Republic of Kenya)

Ms Celina Delgado (Nicaragua)

Mr Nasser Al Marzouqi (United Arab Emirates)

Mr Nadir Ahmed Gaylani (Republic of the Sudan)

Ms Ke Wang (People’s Republic of China)

Mr Ananda Raj Khanal (Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal)

Mr Evgeny Bondarenko (Russian Federation)

Mr Henadz Asipovich (Republic of Belarus)

Mr Petko Kantchev (Republic of Bulgaria)

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