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| PLENARY MEETING | **Addendum 3 toDocument WTDC-17/22-E** |
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| Asia-Pacific Telecommunity Member Administrations |
| Revision to WTDC Resolution 8 - Collection and dissemination of information and statistics |
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| **Priority area:** - Resolutions and recommendations**Summary:**ICT data measurement and analysis are important policy tools in developing effective enabling environment and strengthen respective processes in the member states. Currently the expert groups provide a platform for discussion and deliberation on new parameters and challenges in ICT measurement and benchmarking. There is a need to take into account different levels of ICT development, trends and ICT penetration in international benchmarking. Contributions from member states on WTIS platform play an important role in this important activity.**Expected results:**Currently, the WTIS platform provides different sessions to deliberate on the issues and challenges but does not seek contributions from Member states in benchmarking and developing the ICT indices. Through the proposal, it is envisaged that the WTIS will invite member contributions in the development of ICT indices.**References:**WTDC Resolution 8 Dubai 2014 |

**PROPOSAL**

The WSIS+10 high level review has called for evidence-based decision-making, and inclusion of information and communications technology statistics in national strategies for the development of statistics and in regional statistical work programmes. Enhanced engagement of member states in the ICT data benchmarking and measurement process is critical to take note of different levels of development and different points of view on ICT measurement and benchmarking. In this context, a few revisions to WTDC Resolution 8 are proposed as enclosed. It is proposed that the WTIS platform should seek contributions from Member States in the development of ICT indicators and benchmarking indices, and member states are exhorted to submit contributions on WTIS platform sharing national experiences and case studies to strengthen global ICT measurement process. Support of APT Member states is kindly requested for the proposal.

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RESOLUTION 8 (Rev. Buenos Aires, 2017)

Collection and dissemination of information and statistics

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

recalling

*a)* Resolution 8 (Rev. Dubai, 2014) of the World Telecommunication Development Conference;

*b)* Resolution 131 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on the information and communication technology (ICT) index and community connectivity indicators,

considering

*a)* that the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU‑D), as the main source of international information and statistics on telecommunications/ICTs, performs a key role in the collection, coordination, exchange and analysis of information;

*b)* the importance of the existing Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) databases, in particular the World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators (WTI) database and the regulatory database;

*c)* the usefulness of analytical reports published by ITU‑D, such as the World Telecommunication/ICT Development Report, the Measuring the Information Society report and the Trends in Telecommunication Reform report,

considering further

*a)* that the ICT sector at the national level is reforming at an incredible pace;

*b)* that policy approaches vary and countries can benefit from the experiences of others,

recognizing

*a)* that, by acting as a clearing house for the exchange of information and statistics, BDT will be able to assist Member States in making informed national policy choices;

*b)* that the countries must participate actively in this endeavour in order to make it successful;

*c)* that § 116 of the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society stresses that all indices and indicators must take into account different levels of development and national circumstances, bearing in mind that statistics need to be improved in a collaborative, cost-effective and non-duplicative fashion;

*d)* that § 70 of the Outcome document of the high-level meeting of the UN General Assembly (UNGA) on the overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the WSIS (A/Res/70/125) of UNGA has called for further quantitative data to support evidence-based decision-making, as well as for the inclusion of information and communications technology statistics in national strategies for the development of statistics and in regional statistical work programmes,

recognizing further

*a)* that ICT statistics are extremely useful for the work of the study groups and in assisting ITU to monitor and evaluate ICT developments and measure the digital divide;

*b)* the new responsibilities to be held by ITU‑D in relation to this subject, pursuant to the Tunis Agenda, in particular §§ 112 to 120 thereof,

resolves to instruct the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau

1 to continue to support this activity by providing adequate resources and according it the necessary priority;

2 to continue to work closely with Member States for the sharing of best practices concerning policy and national ICT strategies;

3 to continue to survey countries and produce world and regional analytical reports which highlight country lessons and experiences, in particular on:

- trends in telecommunication sector, such as adapting to new technologies, digital economy, etc.;

- world telecommunication developments at regional and international level;

- trends on tariff policies, in collaboration with the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector;

4 to rely primarily on official data provided by Member States based on internationally recognized methodologies; only in the absence of such information, other sources could be used but the concerned Member States need to be informed in advance accordingly;

5 to establish and collect community connectivity indicators and to participate in the development of core indicators to measure efforts to build the information society and, by doing so, to illustrate the scale of the digital divide and the efforts of developing countries to close the gap;

6 to monitor the development and improvement of methodologies relevant to indicators and methods of data collection, through consultation and inviting contributions from Member States and experts, particularly by means of World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators Symposium (WTIS);

7 to review, revise and further develop benchmarking, including through consultation and inviting contributions from Member States and experts, to ensure that ICT indicators and the single ICT Development Index (IDI) and the ICT Price Basket reflect the real development of the ICT sector, taking into consideration different levels of development and national circumstances as well as ICT trends, in application of the WSIS outcomes;

8 to encourage countries to collect statistical indicators and information illustrating national digital divides as well as the efforts made through various programmes to close the gap, showing, as much as possible, the impact on gender issues, persons with disabilities and different social sectors;

9 to strengthen ITU‑D's role in the Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development by acting as a member of the steering committee and through active participation in discussions and activities geared to achieving the partnership's main objectives;

10 to provide statistics and regulatory information on the ITU‑D website, and to establish appropriate mechanisms and modalities for countries which do not have electronic access to obtain this information;

11 to encourage Member States to bring together different stakeholders in government, academia and civil society in raising national awareness about the importance of the production and dissemination of high-quality data for policy purposes;

12 to provide technical assistance to the Member States for the collection of ICT statistics, in particular by means of national surveys, and for the development of national databases containing statistics and regulatory policy information;

13 to develop training material and conduct specialized training courses on information society statistics for developing countries, favouring collaboration with members of the Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development when necessary, including the statistical department of the United Nations and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD);

14 to unify all BDT information and statistical databases on the BDT website so as to respond to the objectives stated in §§ 113, 114, 115, 116, 117 and 118 of the Tunis Agenda, and to play a primary role in relation to §§ 119 and 120;

15 to assist countries with indigenous populations in developing indicators to evaluate the impact of ICTs on indigenous peoples that enable the achievement of the objectives set forth in § C8 of the Geneva Plan of Action;

16 to continue to cooperate with the relevant international bodies, in particular the United Nations Statistics Division, and other international and regional organizations, such as OECD, involved in the collection and dissemination of ICT-related information and statistics;

17 to consult regularly and seek contributions from Member States as to the definition of indicators and methodologies for data collection;

18 to encourage and support Member States in the setting up of national centres for statistics on the information society and in the advancement of existing centres;

19 to begin putting this resolution into practice immediately after the conclusion of this conference by holding a meeting of experts within three months, with the purpose of setting the roadmap for the revision process, and to ensure that the results are taken into account as soon as possible, within the existing budget of BDT,

invites Member States and Sector Members

1 to participate actively in this endeavour by providing the statistics and information solicited, and by engaging actively in discussions with BDT on ICT indicators and data-collection methodologies, including through contributions;

2 to establish national systems or strategies for strengthening the consolidation of statistical information related to telecommunications/ICTs;

3 to contribute with experiences of policies that have a positive impact on ICT indicators;

4 to strive to harmonize their domestic statistical data-collection systems with the methods used at the international level;

5. to make contributions for the review, revision and further development of benchmarking of ICT indicators and the ICT Development Index (IDI) and the ICT Price Basket at WTIS,

encourages

donor agencies and relevant United Nations agencies to cooperate in providing relevant support and information on their activities.

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