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| PLENARY MEETING | | **Addendum 11 to Document WTDC-17/23-E** |
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| ITU Member States, members of the Regional Commonwealth  in the field of Communications (RCC) | | |
| DRAFT Revision to WTDC Resolution 20 − Non-discriminatory access to modern telecommunication/information and communication technology facilities, services and related applications | | |
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| **Priority area:**  Resolutions and Recommendations  **Summary:**  These proposals are intended to promote non-discriminatory access to modern telecommunication/ICT facilities, services and related applications. In order to achieve non-discriminatory access it is important to understand that modern telecommunication/ICT facilities, services and applications are potential tools for resolving new and complex problems facing the telecommunication/ICT sector, especially in developing countries, and that their timely adoption depends largely on activities to develop and adopt international standards.  Discrimination in international standardization with regard to modern telecommunication/ICT facilities, services and applications, as one element in unfair competition, may be a factor hindering efforts to bridge the "digital divide" and the standards gap globally, the worst effects of this being felt mainly by the developing countries.  **Expected results:**  WTDC-17 is invited to consider and approve the revision to Resolution 20 (Rev. Hyderabad, 2010) in the form set out in the annex hereto.  **References:**  Resolution 20 (Rev. Hyderabad, 2010) | | |

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RESOLUTION 20 (REV. BUENOS AIRES, 2017)

Non‑discriminatory access to modern telecommunication/information and communication technology facilities, services and related applications

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

recalling

*a)* Resolution 64 (Rev. Busan, 2014) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on non-discriminatory access to modern telecommunication/information and communication technology facilities, services and applications, including applied research and transfer of technology, and e‑meetings, on mutually agreed terms;

*b)*Resolution 11 (Rev. Buenos Aires, 2017) of the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC), on telecommunication/information and communication technology services in rural, isolated and poorly served areas and indigenous communities;

*c)* Resolution 15 (Rev. Buenos Aires, 2017) of WTDC, on applied research and transfer of technology;

*d)*Resolution 69 (Rev. Dubai, 2012) of the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly, on non-discriminatory access and use of Internet resources and telecommunications/information and communication technologies;

*e)* 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,

taking into account further

*a)* 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;

*b)* that this conference, like its predecessors, may adopt Recommendations to the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly, the World Radiocommunication Conference and their advisory groups, regarding the inclusion of new telecommunication/ICT facilities, services and applications in ITU-T and ITU-R work plans for their standardization in subsequent study periods with a view to their timely adoption,

noting

*a)* that modern telecommunication/ICT facilities, services and applications are potential tools for solving new and complex problems facing the telecommunication/ICT sector, especially in developing countries, and that their timely adoption largely depends on activities to develop and adopt international standards;

*b)* that discrimination in international standardization with regard to modern telecommunication/ICT facilities, services and applications is one factor hindering efforts to bridge the "digital divide" and the standards gap globally, the worst effects of this being felt mainly by the developing countries;

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

*d)* 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;

*e)* 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 of telecommunications/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

1 that non-discriminatory access to standards facilitating the introduction of new telecommunication/ICT facilities, services and applications must be ensured in ITU-R and ITU-T;

2 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

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

2 to assist Member States and Sector Members in introducing standardized modern telecommunication/ICT facilities, services and applications in ITU-T and ITU-R with a view to ensuring non-discriminatory access;

3 to submit reports to the ITU Council on the implementation of this Resolution,

requests the Secretary-General

to strengthen collaboration with industry standards organizations with a view to their greater involvement in joint ITU-based work to create a non-discriminatory environment for the application of modern telecommunication/ICT facilities, services and applications,

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

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.

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