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| Regional Commonwealth in the field of Communications (RCC) | | | |
| Draft for the exclusion of Resolution 86 (Rev. Buenos Aires, 2017) “The use of the Union languages on an equal basis in the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector” | | | |
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| **Agenda item:**  Item 7.2  **Summary:**  This contribution is proposed to amend the text of Resolution 86 of WTDC, taking into account the current work of ITU-D Study Groups, as well as to update and simplify the text of the Resolution.  **Expected results:**  This document has been submitted to the XXX meeting, and may also be further submitted to WTDC-21 for final consideration.  **Reference:**  Resolution 86 (Rev. Buenos Aires, 2017) | | | |

1. **Introduction**

It is proposed to amend the text of WTDC Resolution 86 (Rev. Buenos Aires, 2017), taking into account the current work of ITU-D Study Groups, as well as to update and simplify the text of the Resolution.

1. **Proposal**

The Regional Commonwealth in the field of Communications proposes to revise Resolution 86 in accordance with the Annex.

ANNEX

**RESOLUTION 86 (Addis Ababa, 2021)**

**Use in the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector of the languages of the Union on an equal footing**

The World Telecommunication Development Conference (Addis Ababa,2021),

*recognizing*

a) the adoption by the Plenipotentiary Conference of Resolution 154 (Rev. Dubai, 2018), on the use of the six official languages of the Union on an equal footing, which instructs the ITU Council and the General Secretariat on how to achieve equal treatment of the six languages;

b) Resolution 1372 of the Council, as revised at its 2016 session, which notes the work accomplished by the ITU Radiocommunication Sector (ITU-R) Coordination Committee for Vocabulary (CCV) and the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T) Standardization Committee for Vocabulary (SCV) on the adoption and agreement of terms and definitions in the field of telecommunications/information and communication technologies (ICT) in all six official languages of the Union;

c) the decisions of the Council centralizing the editing functions for languages in the General Secretariat (Conferences and Publications Department), calling upon the Sectors to provide the final texts in English only (this applies also to terms and definitions);

d) Resolution ITU-R 36 (Rev. Sharm El Sheik, 2019) of the ITU Radiocommunication Assembly (RA), on coordination of vocabulary;

e) Resolution 67 (Rev. Hyderabad, 2020) of the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA), on use in ITU-T of the languages of the Union on an equal footing;

f) Resolution 1386 of the Council, adopted at its 2017 session, on the ITU Coordination Committee for Terminology (ITU CCT), that consist of the ITU-R CCT, ITU-T CCT, functioning in accordance with the relevant Resolutions of AR and WTSA, as well as ITU-D representatives, in close collaboration with the secretariat,

*considering*

a) that, under Resolution 154 (Rev. Dubai, 2018), the Council is instructed to continue the work of the Council Working Group on Languages (CWG-LANG), in order to monitor progress and report to the Council on the implementation of that resolution;

b) the importance of providing information in all the official languages of the Union on an equal footing on webpages of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D),

c) that Council Resolution 1386 considers importance of collaborations with other interested organizations about terms and definitions, symbols and other means of expression, units of measurement, etc., with the objective of standardizing such elements;

d) the difficulty of achieving agreement on definitions when more than one ITU Study Group is involved,

*noting*

a) that the CCV chairman and six vice-chairmen, each representing one of the official languages, are nominated by RA;

b) that the SCV chairman and six vice-chairmen, each representing one of the official languages, are nominated by WTSA;

c) that, according to Council Resolution 1386, the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC) should appoint two vicechairmen to represent ITU-D in ITU CCT,

*resolves*

1 that the coordination of the work on the terminology in the Telecommunication Development Sector will be ensured by the ITU CCT, which will include experts from all ITU Sectors who have a good command of the different official languages, and persons designated by concerned administrations and other participants in the work of ITU Sectors, as well as Rapporteurs for Vocabulary of Study Groups working closely with the ITU General Secretariat (Conferences and Publications Department) and the BDT editor, taking into accountparagraph f) of the section *recognizing*;

2 that, when selecting and using terms and definitions, the ITU-D study groups shall take into account the established use of terms and existing definitions in ITU, in particular those appearing in the online ITU Terms and Definitions database;

3 that, where more than one ITU-D study group is considering the use of the same terms, definitions and/or concept, a single term and a single definition that is acceptable to all the ITU-D study groups concerned shall be selected;

4 that two experts, one from Study Group 1 and one from Study Group 2 of ITU-D, shall be appointed by WTDC to represent ITU-D in the ITU CCT at the level of vice-chairmen,

*instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau*

1 to continue to translate all Recommendations and final reports in all the languages of the Union;

2 to translate all Telecommunication Development Advisory Group reports in all the languages of the Union;

3 to monitor the quality of translation, including translated material posted on the ITU-D websites, and associated expenses;

4 to bring this resolution to the attention of the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau and the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau,

*instructs the Telecommunication Development Advisory Group*

to continue consideration on use of all six languages of the Union on an equal footing in ITU-D publications and sites.

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