# ANNEX 1(to document TDAG-WG-RDTP/DT/2)

GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR STREAMLINING WTDC RESOLUTIONS

A. Guiding principles for streamlining existing WTDC resolutions

The following guiding principles might prove useful in the work on streamlining resolutions:

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| Principle | Questions |
| Coherence and consistency | Is the resolution consistent with the BDT mandate and the WTDC Action Plan? |
| Overlap and duplication | Is there an overlap or duplication with existing WTDC resolutions or with the Action Plan? Are the goals of resolutions already reflected in the ITU-D Strategic Plan objectives, programmes, regional initiatives (RIs), Study Group (SG) questions, or BDT working methods? |
| Necessity | Is the resolution indispensable? Is there already another WTDC/Council/PP resolution or resolutions which address the same topic or action? Has the resolution already been implemented? |
| Action-orientation and accountability | Does the resolution call for a specific action or outcome? Is there a clear accountability line in the resolution? What are the cost implications of the resolution for ITU-D, in terms of implementation budget and related costs? |

In general, streamlining existing resolutions is preferable to adding a new resolution.

When the actions or activities put forward in a resolution have been implemented or accomplished, the resolution can be viewed as fulfilled and removed.

Editorial revisions of adopted resolutions should be kept to the minimum or to what is strictly necessary for its efficient implementation.

If only editorial updates are required to a WTDC resolution, the need to produce a revised version should be questioned.

#### B. Guidelines for drafting new WTDC Resolutions

New resolutions are intended to define working methodsoraddress issues which are demonstrably new and of highest importance for ITU-D, and which have not been considered in existing WTDC documents or internationally agreed development agendas.

Concretely:

* New proposed resolutions should be aligned and harmonized with existing ones;
* New proposed resolutions should involve a distinct new subject within the scope of BDT and/or an issue that represents a significant new or unaddressed challenge related to telecommunication/ICT development or public policy;
* New proposed resolutions should normally not involve a subject already covered in the WTDC Action Plan and the Operational Plan;
* If an existing Plenipotentiary Conference (PP) resolution identifies a priority issue, the need for a similar WTDC resolution should be carefully considered;
* The need for a new WTDC resolution should be carefully examined if a new proposed resolution involves subjects already covered by internationally agreed development goals, such as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the goals of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), as those are also already established as reporting lines;
* A new proposed resolution should specify an expected result(s) or outcome(s) so that its implementation can be measured, in line with result-based management principles. It should likewise specify an appropriate reporting mechanism;
* New proposed resolutions should be backed by more than one Member State Administration.

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