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| Member States of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL) | | |
| Proposal to modify WTDC Resolution 59  on strengthening coordination and cooperation  among the three ITU Sectors on matters of mutual interest | | |
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| **Priority area:** - Resolutions and Recommendations  **Summary:**  The CITEL Member States propose to modify WTDC Resolution 59 in accordance to streamlining guidance from the 2018 Plenipotentiary Conference. The proposal aims at updating WTDC Resolution 59 by rationalizing direct references to other Resolutions and mentions of texts from higher ranking documents, such as the Resolutions of the Plenipotentiary Conference, Convention and Constitution, among others; and at encouraging intersectoral coordination, for example through the ISCG - Intersector Coordination Group - and greater interaction between the Advisory Groups of the three sectors (TDAG, RAG and TSAG), in addition to highlighting the need to avoid overlaps between the studies and work of the three sectors, in accordance with the ITU Convention and Constitution. In addition, the need for the reporting of activities by the Study Groups to the Advisory Groups was established.  **Expected results:**  WTDC-22 is invited to examine and approve the proposal in this document.  **References:**  WTDC Resolution 59 | | |

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RESOLUTION 59 (Rev. Kigali, 2022)

Strengthening coordination and cooperation among the three   
ITU Sectors on matters of mutual interest

The World Telecommunication Development Conference (Kigali, 2022),

recalling

*a)* Resolution 123 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on bridging the standardization gap between the developing[[1]](#footnote-1)1 and developed countries;

*b)* Resolution 191 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on strategy for the coordination of efforts among the three Sectors of the Union;

*c)* Resolution 5 (Rev. Buenos Aires, 2017) of this conference, on enhanced participation by developing countries in ITU activities;

*d)* Resolution ITU‑R 7-4 (Rev. Sharm El-Sheik, 2019) of the Radiocommunication Assembly, on telecommunication development including liaison and collaboration with the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU‑D);

*e)* Resolution 44 (Rev. Geneva, 2022) of the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA), on bridging the standardization gap between developing and developed countries;

*f)* Resolution 18 (Rev. Geneva, 2022) of WTSA, on principles and procedures for the allocation of work to, and strengthening coordination and cooperation among, the ITU Radiocommunication (ITU-R), ITU Telecommunication Standardization (ITU‑T) and ITU Telecommunication Development (ITU-D) Sectors,

considering

*a)* that a basic principle for collaboration and cooperation among the three ITU Sectors is the need to avoid duplication of activities of the Sectors, and ensure that the work is undertaken efficiently and effectively, respecting the specific functions defined in the ITU Constitution and Convention for each Sector;

*b)* that the mechanism for cooperation at secretariat level among the three Sectors and the General Secretariat of the Union was established to ensure close cooperation between the secretariats and with the secretariats of external entities and organizations that deal with key priority issues, such as emergency telecommunications and climate change;

*c)* that interaction and coordination in the joint holding of seminars, workshops, forums, symposia and so forth have yielded positive results in terms of financial and human resource savings,

taking into account

*a)* the expanding sphere of joint studies between the three Sectors and the need for coordination and cooperation among them in this regard;

*b)* the ongoing discussion among representatives of the three advisory groups on the modalities for enhancing cooperation among the Sectors;

*c)* the growing number of issues of mutual interest and concern to the three Sectors;

*d)* the need to support efficient and effective integration among the Sectors;

*e)* that the Intersectoral Coordination Group on Matters of Mutual Interest (ISCG), which is composed of representatives from the three advisory groups, identifies subjects of common interest and mechanisms to enhance collaboration and cooperation among the Sectors;

*f)* that the Secretary-General has established the Inter-Sectoral Coordination Task Force (ISC-TF) comprised of senior management from the General Secretariat, the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT), the Radiocommunication Bureau (BR), and the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau (TSB) to consider options for improving cooperation and coordination at the secretariat level,

resolves

that the Telecommunication Development Advisory Group (TDAG) and the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) shall continue to cooperate actively with the Radiocommunication Advisory Group (RAG) and the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau (BR) and with the Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group (TSAG) and the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau (TSB), as called for by Resolution 191 (Rev. Dubai, 2018),

invites TDAG, in collaboration with RAG and TSAG

to assist in identifying subjects common to the three Sectors, or, bilaterally, subjects common to ITU‑D and either ITU‑R or ITU‑T, and in identifying the necessary mechanisms to strengthen cooperation and joint activity among the three Sectors or with each Sector, on issues of joint interest, paying particular attention to the interests of the developing countries, including through the participation in the ISCG,

invites the Director of BDT, in collaboration with the Secretary-General, the Director of TSB and the Director of BR

to continue to create cooperation mechanisms at secretariat level on matters of mutual interest to the three Sectors,

invites Member States and Sector Members

to support efforts to improve inter-Sectorcoordination;

2 the Directors of BR, TSB and BDT to report to the respective, including taking an active part in groups established by the Sector advisory groups in respect of coordination activities,

invites the ITU-D study groups

to continue cooperation with the study groups of the other two Sectors so as to avoid duplication of effort and proactively make use of the results of work done by the study groups of those two Sectors,

instructs the Director of BDT

1 in cooperation with the Director of TSB and the Director of BR, to provide an annual report to ITU-D study groups on the latest development in the activities of ITU-T and ITU‑R study groups;

2 to create a mechanism for bilateral cooperation with ITU-R and ITU-T, as required;

3 to inform TDAG annually on the implementation of this resolution.

1. 1 These include the least developed countries, small island developing states, landlocked developing countries and countries with economies in transition. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)