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| **TDAG Working Group on Streamlining Resolutions (TDAG-WG-SR)****3rd Meeting, Virtual, 5 September 2024** | A close up of a sign  Description automatically generated |
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| Report of the third meeting of the TDAG Working Group on Streamlining Resolutions |
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1. **Opening of the meeting and approval of agenda**

Ms. Andrea Grippa (Brazil), Chair of the TDAG Working Group on Streamlining Resolutions (TDAG-WG-SR) welcomed all present.

The BDT Director, Dr Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava, welcomed all participants to the meeting. He thanked and commended the work and progress in driving streamlining resolutions by the TDAG-WG-SR participants and its Chair. The BDT Director reiterated, as brought up at the TSAG, membership should pay attention to the WTSA particularly to the issue of duplication of resolutions that already exist. He wished the meeting a good success and remained available to provide any further assistance.

The agenda per document [TDAG-WG-SR/11(Rev.1](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG.WG.SR-C-0011/en)) was presented by the Chair of the TDAG-WG-SR and approved.

1. **Contributions**
	1. **The Contribution** [**TDAG-WG-SR/12**](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG.WG.SR-C-0012/) **(Future Meetings) submitted by the Chair to TDAG-WG-SR was presented and discussed.**
2. The Chair sought input on the proposed future meetings dates for the TDAG-WG-SR, particularly if another meeting may be required in 2025 before having the proposed physical meeting during the TDAG-25.
3. Dr. Mazar (Israel) proposed that the work be conducted via correspondence rather than holding an additional meeting.
4. The Chair agreed to maintain the TDAG-WG-SR future meeting dates as presented and continue working by correspondence until the next meeting on 5 December 2024. Based on the work carried out, an assessment would be made to re-consider the need for additional meetings to have the final report ready to present at the TDAG-25.
5. The document was noted.
	1. **The Contribution** [**TDAG-WG-SR/10**](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG.WG.SR-C-0010/) **(Mapping towards Final Report) submitted by the United Kingdom to TDAG-WG-SR was presented and discussed.**
6. Mr Woodhouse (United Kingdom) presented this Contribution that aims to structure and support meeting the mandate. It also feeds into Contribution [TDAG-WG-SR/13](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG.WG.SR-C-0013/) from the Chair on clustering resolutions. It picks up from the Russian Federation's contribution to TDAG-23 ([TDAG-23/31](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0031/en)) and was open to any suggestions and thoughts from the participants of the TDAG-WG-SR. It is proposed to serve as a basis to systematically progress through the resolutions and go into the substantive part of the work of the TDAG-WG-SR. In this regard, Mr Woodhouse commented that the clustering of resolutions as proposed by the Chair would be a good way forward.
7. The Chair thanked and commended the United Kingdon for this contribution and also the Russian Federation for the previous contribution presented at the TDAG-23.
8. The document was noted.
	1. **The Contribution** [**TDAG-WG-SR/13**](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG.WG.SR-C-0013/) **(Proposed Clustering of Resolutions) submitted by the Chair to TDAG-WG-SR was presented and discussed.**
9. The Chair presented this Contribution which groups the resolutions that had been mapped by some common aspects in the text of the resolutions; therefore, creating an opportunity for those who would like to work on specific clusters of resolutions. The Chair invited volunteers to work on any specific cluster(s) by correspondence (offline) which would help focus the streamlining work, and by the fourth meeting of the TDAG-WG-SR on 5 December 2024, some contributions could be presented by the volunteers and discussed.
10. Dr. Mazar (Israel) commented that the cluster volunteers may consider including resolutions from WTSA to look into overlaps as well.
11. Mr Alanazi (Saudi Arabia) expressed that significant effort had gone into developing resolutions over time, and TDAG-WG-SR should carefully consider the criteria before making changes. It was noted that no two resolutions are identical, citing WTDC Resolution 8 and PP Resolution 131, both on statistics but with different contexts.
12. The Chair added that the [Terms of Reference of the TDAG-WG-SR](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG31-240520-TD-0003/en) adopted contains some criteria, and streamlining would mainly consider duplication in content and mandates in the resolutions pertaining to WTDC and PP. The main idea is not to simply delete a resolution which deals with the same subject as another, but to try to optimize the text. Particularly if there is a certain mandate to the BDT Director on a given subject, as an example, then the very same text in the corresponding resolution in PP is to be compared.
13. Prof Minkin (Russian Federation) expressed that TDAG-WG-SR should take into account that a resolution in itself should be self-explanatory and not just refer to a PP resolution. It is not necessary to be repetitive particularly in the information section. But in the operational section, a resolution should clearly state what the sector should provide.
14. The Chair agreed with the points raised in providing a common approach of TDAG-WG-SR when working on the different clusters. The Chair emphasised the goal to have more concise, objective and precise texts on the same subject.
15. Mr Alanazi (Saudi Arabia) noted that some countries might only be working on WTDC and not PP, and these countries may be surprised should some resolutions be changed or modified without their knowledge nor understanding of the criteria applied. TDAG-WG-SR would focus on text duplications and content. If it is the same, then consider a deletion, especially in the preamble to reduce duplication, and also to review the mandate.
16. The Chair proposed to start with PP resolutions on similar subjects and then consider if the WTDC resolution encompasses already the mandate and spirit of the PP resolution. The mandate of the TDAG-WG-SR is not to propose modifications on PP resolutions. It was proposed to maintain the main idea, spirit and mandate in the PP resolutions and bring this to WTDC resolutions and delete duplications. The Chair acknowledged that some administrations might be surprised by proposed deletions but reiterated that streamlining resolutions is the group’s purpose.
17. Dr. Mazar (Israel) agreed with the points expressed by Prof. Minkin (Russia Federation). And further commented that TDAG cannot change a WTDC resolution and the WTDC cannot change a PP resolution. So, only streamlining WTDC resolutions would be discussed. Dr. Mazar requested clarification if the proposal to insert a column on WTSA resolutions in the table for volunteers would be adopted.
18. The Chair agreed that the TDAG-WG-SR is preparing for the WTDC. Views of the TDAG-WG-SR were sought at the meeting on the proposal to insert a column on WTSA resolutions.
19. Mr Alanazi (Saudi Arabia) in consideration of the TDAG-WG-SR workload, proposed that the work of the TDAG-WG-SR would be to cross check WTDC resolutions with PP resolutions.
20. Prof Minkin (Russian Federation) informed that a [mapping table of the PP and other sector resolutions](https://www.itu.int/en/general-secretariat/ties/ISCGDocumentLibrary/Liaisons%20Statements%20on%20Inter-Sectoral%20Coordination%20Activities/Mapping-of-Resolutions-Updated%20Apr2024.pdf) had been prepared by the intersectoral coordination and available as a reference.
21. The Chair requested collaboration to start with WTDC and PP resolutions to present some proposals to streamline the WTDC resolutions.
22. Mr Burton (United States) expressed that some administrations might consult with their experts to identify potential volunteers. It was proposed to set a response date for volunteering, using the document with the table as a guide.
23. Ms. Mina (Republic of Korea) commented while noting the usefulness of the table in preparing resolutions, pointed out that resolutions would be considered in the preparatory groups. Per the adopted [Terms of Reference of the TDAG-WG-SR](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG31-240520-TD-0003/en), it was proposed that the group also considers any missing points from the PP resolutions that are related to WTDC resolutions.
24. The Chair expressed that the upfront work of the TDAG-WG-SR would be useful to the membership in their bringing forward proposals on streamlining resolutions to the regional preparatory meetings. It was also agreed that a deadline be considered for volunteering on the proposed clusters.
25. Ms. Webber (TDAG Chair) expressed that the different TDAG working groups would prepare their work in their various spheres. And then this work would be available to the membership to draw on in terms of making their own proposals to the WTDC. There would be reporting at the last TDAG meeting in May 2025. But the work of the working groups would stand on its own. This work provides information to the members that might consider submitting proposals to the WTDC, either as individual countries or through their regions. So, this would be an opportunity to get a sense of what people are thinking, the direction, and discuss way ahead of the conference and hopefully prepare some consensus that could be very helpful for the conference. The end result would be that there is consensus around certain ways of streamlining. This would serve as a resource for members to propose to the actual conference.
26. Prof Minkin (Russian Federation) commented that considering this work is on all sectors, finding a final solution during the meeting of the TDAG-WG-SR would be challenging, but this provides a good opportunity to share views. It was proposed to request all regional organizations to inform the TDAG-WG-SR which resolutions would be of interest and who would be coordinating the resolutions in each regional organization. And if an organization or country or sector member would then present at the TDAG-WG-SR some draft resolutions, it would be useful for sharing views and receiving comments.
27. The Chair expressed that requesting regional organizations informally is a good approach, but highlighted the timing challenge since regional meetings are scheduled for the first quarter of 2025. Delaying streamlining resolutions by TDAG-WG-SR until next year would result in lost time. While a lot can be achieved prior to the regional meetings which may lead to some outcomes for discussions. Having no volunteers might indicate that streamlining resolutions is not sought by the membership. The Chair encouraged members to work by correspondence, aiming to have some resolutions ready for the last TDAG meeting before WTDC.
28. Dr. Mazar (Israel) expressed that TDAG-WG-SR in looking into proposals for WTDC resolutions could consider whether resolutions should be streamlined or not.
29. Mr Alanazi (Saudi Arabia) commented if modifications to resolutions are proposed, these proposals would need to be presented by membership at the WTDC. Further information was requested in going forward if these proposals would be shared via correspondence to Member States and sought further elaboration on the process.
30. The Chair expressed that this practical exercise on having some WTDC resolutions streamlined would support the administrations in presenting at regional level. As well as support regional organizations in their preparations of contributions to WTDC. TDAG-WG-SR would not have the mandate to present contributions to the conference itself.
31. Ms. Webber (TDAG Chair) added this would support all membership including regional organizations that the outputs of the TDAG working groups be available to reflect the thinking of the TDAG and participants of TDAG on the various subjects. So, as individual country submissions or regional submissions are being prepared it is helpful to be aware if there is some consensus from the working group on a particular point.
32. Ms. Nagwa (African Telecommunication Union) emphasized the need for well-defined criteria for streamlining resolutions, acknowledging the complexity of the task, and further proposed using an example resolution to guide the process, which would benefit all members.
33. The Chair announced that a package of documents including the main criteria for streamlining and examples of streamlined resolutions would be prepared with the BDT Secretariat and shared with members. The Chair also expressed appreciation for the suggestions received.
34. Dr. Mazar (Israel) further commented that official contributions from regional groups or Member States would be presented to the WTDC.
35. Mr Burton (United States) acknowledged the significant amount of work needed to provide helpful inputs for the WTDC and would support soliciting cluster volunteers.
36. Ms. Webber (TDAG Chair) encouraged perseverance despite the current lack of volunteers. The significance of the work would become evident as resolutions are reviewed and compared, and responses would eventually come in. It was recognized the difficulty for individuals to commit without consulting their administrations.
37. Ms. Mina (Republic of Korea) acknowledged the usefulness of the table for members in preparing their own resolutions and Republic of Korea may consider volunteering for comparing text in resolutions.
38. The Chair stated that the goal is to present the material in advance of the Regional Preparatory Meetings (RPMs). TDAG-WG-SR would aim to provide valuable input for preparation, that can be useful to both administrations and regions.
39. Ms. Webber (TDAG Chair) suggested that using an email reflector for communication would be beneficial.
40. BDT Secretariat informed there is a [TDAG-WG-SR Teams Collaborative Workspace](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fteams.microsoft.com%2Fl%2Fteam%2F19%253A3WrhCSCdZ2JTeqexFL4IHSY3A901wMByGTKgu1zzf241%2540thread.tacv2%2Fconversations%3FgroupId%3D0ae7b5ea-5684-4e49-9878-a2478c3bc049%26tenantId%3D23e464d7-04e6-4b87-913c-24bd89219fd3&data=05%7C02%7Cramita.sharma%40itu.int%7Cd15f9ac962144c0e902908dccdadd7c4%7C23e464d704e64b87913c24bd89219fd3%7C0%7C0%7C638611394155041397%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=vJ77TRwobxW%2BEi0S4D%2BL17SOBs4HH7I108eCPhlMzzs%3D&reserved=0) which contains the documents discussed and provides an opportunity for any collaborative work by the participants to be posted therein. At the same time, participants registered to this meeting are on the TDAG-WG-SR mailing list (tdag-wg-streamres@lists.itu.int) to support work by correspondence.
41. The Chair concluded that an information package would be shared to facilitate contributions for the next meeting on 5 December 2024. Based on how things evolve, additional meetings may be considered. The Chair also informed of her continued availability to advise or help in doing this work.
42. The document was noted. The Chair closed the meeting with a note of thanks and requested members of this working group to consider volunteering to work on the resolutions grouped in the 10 clusters. The list of volunteers for the clusters would remain open for work by correspondence.
43. **Work by Correspondence (6 September 2024 – 23 November 2024)**
44. A package of documents, including a draft document which could be adapted for further elaboration in preparing contributions on streamlining resolutions and references to examples, was prepared and shared with the TDAG-WG-SR by email (tdag-wg-streamres@lists.itu.int) and on the [TDAG-WG-SR Teams Collaborative Workspace](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fteams.microsoft.com%2Fl%2Fteam%2F19%253A3WrhCSCdZ2JTeqexFL4IHSY3A901wMByGTKgu1zzf241%2540thread.tacv2%2Fconversations%3FgroupId%3D0ae7b5ea-5684-4e49-9878-a2478c3bc049%26tenantId%3D23e464d7-04e6-4b87-913c-24bd89219fd3&data=05%7C02%7Cramita.sharma%40itu.int%7Cd15f9ac962144c0e902908dccdadd7c4%7C23e464d704e64b87913c24bd89219fd3%7C0%7C0%7C638611394155041397%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=vJ77TRwobxW%2BEi0S4D%2BL17SOBs4HH7I108eCPhlMzzs%3D&reserved=0) for work by correspondence. The [mapping table of the PP and other sector resolutions](https://www.itu.int/en/general-secretariat/ties/ISCGDocumentLibrary/Liaisons%20Statements%20on%20Inter-Sectoral%20Coordination%20Activities/Mapping-of-Resolutions-Updated%20Apr2024.pdf) was also provided. During this period of work by correspondence, volunteers were received for the first three clusters as follows:

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| Clusters | WTDC Resolutions | Volunteers |
| 1. Information and Statistics
 | Res. 8 | Arseny Plossky, Russian Federation |
| 1. Regional Cooperation and Projects
 | Res. 17 | Maria Myutel, Australia  |
| 1. Infrastructure and Access Networks
 | Res. 20Res. 22Res. 23Res. 63 | Prince Ankrah, Ghana  |

1. Contributions for the fourth meeting of the TDAG-WG-SR were open for submission until 23 November 2024.

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