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Final Results of the TDAG Working Group on Streamlining Resolutions

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Summary of the Work of the WG

- ✓ 6 Meetings
- ✓ 11 Contributions
- ✓ 5 Streamlining proposals

Terms of Reference

1.To review WTDC resolutions, examine their total number and subject matters, and consider streamlining, to avoid repetitions and duplication with the Resolutions of the Plenipotentiary Conference. The streamlining should take into account that some ITU Sector resolutions are integrations of PP resolutions and therefore these resolutions should not be considered as repetition;

2.To analyse and identify specific instructions for ITU-D contained in the final documents of PP-22, including those not reflected in the relevant WTDC resolutions;

3. To take into consideration the criteria for streamlining WTDC Resolutions noting TDAG-23 guiding principles as presented in document [TDAG23/DT/4](#) that were considered. As TDAG-WG-StreamRes is contribution driven, it is expected that membership identifies potential WTDC Resolutions which overlap with PP Resolutions and apply the criteria for streamlining for:

- suppressing the whole WTDC Resolution;
- suppressing the text which contains dispositions already contained in PP Resolutions;
- merging of WTDC Resolutions containing similar matters.

4. To report its outcomes to TDAG.

Summary of Proposals

GHANA:

Doc. 15 - Amendments to WTDC Resolution 22: **Alternative calling procedures on international telecommunication networks and identification of origin in providing international telecommunication services**

❖ Suggestion of suppression:

Resolves

1. ~~to encourage all administrations and international telecommunication operators to give effect to ITU-T Recommendations which help limit the negative effects of alternative calling procedures and CPN delivery on developing countries, and limit the negative effects of misappropriation and misuse of relevant international telecommunication numbering resources within the remit of ITU;~~

➤ **Same as PP-2022 Resolution 21. Both highlight need to address negative impact of Alternative Calling Procedures (ACP). PP-2022 Resolution 21 (1) however goes further to request identification and description of all forms of ACP. Recommends suppression of this paragraph.**

2. ~~to request study groups of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector and of ITU-T to collaborate so as to avoid overlap and duplication of effort in studying alternative calling procedures, including OTT services, taking into account *considering a)*, and specifically ITU-T Study Group 2, in studying aspects and forms of alternative calling procedures; ITU-T Study Group 3, in studying the economic effects of alternative calling procedures; and ITU-T Study Group 12, in studying the minimum QoS and QoE threshold to be fulfilled during the use of alternative calling procedures;~~

- **PP-2022 Res. 21 (4 and 5) also calls on ITU-T and ITU-D study groups to collaborate on the various aspects of ACP concern. Recommends suppression of this paragraph.**

AUSTRALIA:

Doc. 16 - Draft review of WTDC Resolution 17 (Rev. Kigali, 2022) - **Implementation of and cooperation on approved regional initiatives at the national, regional, interregional and global levels**

❖ Suggestion of suppression:

Recalling

a) ~~Resolution 34 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on assistance and support to countries in special need for rebuilding their telecommunication sector;~~

➤ **Overlap with PP Res. 135 – identical text.**

b) ~~Resolution 135 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on ITU's role in the durable and sustainable development of telecommunications/information and communication technologies (ICTs), in providing technical assistance and advice to developing countries and in implementing relevant national, regional and interregional projects; al need for rebuilding their telecommunication sector;~~

➤ **PP Res. 157 includes a reference to PP. Res 135 in the recalling section.**

➤ PP Res. 25 includes similar references:

“Consider further:

*b) the relevant resolutions and decisions of this conference on the strategic, financial and human resources plans for the Union for 2024-2027 and related matters, including, among others, **Resolution 157** (Rev. Bucharest, 2022), and **Resolution 135** (Rev. Bucharest, 2022);”*

✓ ***Recommendation of the Chair: In this case, it is recommended to keep the reference to Resolution 135 in the Recalling Session***

Recognizing

b) that, given the resources at the disposal of developing countries, it is an important task for ITU, as the United Nations specialized agency on telecommunications, **ADD:** to exchange experiences on telecommunication development at the regional, interregional and global level in order to support these countries. **SUPPRESS:** ~~help these countries meet the requirements cited in considering c) above;~~

c) ~~the need, therefore, to exchange experiences on telecommunication development at the regional, interregional and global level in order to support these countries;~~

➤ Suggest merging the two paragraphs for brevity.

❖ Suggestion of suppression:

Taking into account,

- b) ~~that there is a lack of funding from the United Nations Development Programme and other international financial institutions, impeding the implementation of such initiatives;~~

➤ **PP Res. 157 has almost identical language:**

“Recognising

b) that there continues to be a lack of funding from UNDP and other international financial institutions for project implementation;

➤ **As Res. 157 is referenced above, this duplication could be removed.**

❖ Suggestion of suppression:

Resolves

~~2 — that BDT continue to actively assist the developing countries in elaborating and implementing the regional initiatives which are specified in the Kigali Action Plan;~~

➤ **Overlap with PP Res. 25:**

“instructs the Director of the BDT

x) to make the utmost effort for the regional and area offices to support and facilitate the implementation of regional initiatives outlined in the Kigali Action Plan and requests for assistance made by Member States;”

❖ Suggestion of suppression:

Instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau

8 ~~in consultation and coordination with the Directors of the Radiocommunication and Telecommunication Standardization Bureaux, to promote the joint work of the three Sectors in order to provide suitable, efficient, agreed assistance for Member States to implement the regional initiatives;~~

➤ **PP Res. 157 resolves to instruct SG in collaboration with the Director of BDT:**

“to promote close collaboration with the Directors of the Radiocommunication and Telecommunication Standardization Bureaux for the implementation of regional initiatives”

GHANA:

Doc. 21 - Suppression of WTDC Resolution 20 - **Non-discriminatory access to modern telecommunication/information and communication technology facilities, services and related applications**

- ❖ Suggestion of suppression of entire WTDC Resolution 20:
- WTDC Resolution 20 proposes 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.
- However, PP-2022 Resolution 64 proposes same as above, and goes further in paragraphs 2 and 3 to address necessary steps to be taken by ITU to ensure non-discriminatory access.
- Recommends suppression of WTDC Resolution 20.

RUSSIAN FEDERATION:

Doc. 26 - Draft Resolution 58 (Rev. Kigali, 2022) – **Telecommunication/information and communication technology accessibility for persons with disabilities and persons with specific needs**

❖ Suggestion of suppression:

Taking into account

~~b) that the implementation of the relevant WSIS action lines will contribute to the achievement SDG 9 target 9.c (Significantly increase access to ICT and strive to provide universal and affordable access to the Internet in least developed countries by 2020);~~

➤ Delete point b) since the achievement of this task is planned until 2020

~~g) that women and girls with disabilities suffer multiple disadvantages, being excluded on account of their gender and their disability,~~

➤ Already included in WTDC Res 55.

❖ Suggestion of suppression:

~~*invites the Plenipotentiary Conference*~~

~~1 — to build on and consolidate past accomplishments, by providing the necessary financial and human resources for the effective and sustained integration of telecommunication/ICT accessibility for persons with disabilities and persons with specific needs in the development activities of ITU;~~

➤ It is proposed to remove the section “invites the Plenipotentiary Conference”, since its paragraph 1 completely duplicates paragraph 5 of the section “resolves” of PP Resolution 175 (Rev. Bucharest 2022)

~~2 — to instruct the Secretary-General to bring this resolution to the attention of the Secretary-General of the United Nations in an effort to promote increased coordination and cooperation for development policies, programmes and projects for achieving telecommunication/ICT accessibility for persons with disabilities and persons with specific needs, in line with the principles of universal design, equal access, functional equivalence and affordability, and fully harnessing the available tools, guidelines and standards, to eliminate obstacles and discrimination;~~

➤ This bullet is partially included to the bullet 1 resolves to instruct the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau.

❖ Suggestion of suppression:

- **This contribution also provides several suggestions of text suppression, mainly dealing with aspects with are already contained in other parts of the Resolution.**

FURTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

❖ Russian Federation:

- ✓ **Doc. 23 - Draft New Resolution Promoting the development and implementation of metaverse**: it is proposed to activate activities related to metaverse in the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D), for which it is proposed to create a new Resolution.
- ✓ **Doc. 24 - “Draft Resolution 11 (Rev. Kigali, 2022)”**: significant progress in the studies carried out by Question 5/1 of ITU-D Study Group 1 has made it necessary to revise and update this document.
- ✓ **Doc. 25 - “Draft Resolution 24 (Rev. Kigali, 2022)”**: suggestion of the need to update Res. 24 to reflect the current challenges facing by TDAG, in face of previous revision of Res. 31.

FURTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

❖ Russian Federation:

- ✓ **Doc. 27 - “Draft Resolution 1 (Rev. Kigali, 2022)”**: changes to Resolutions 1 of the other ITU sectors determine the need to streamline procedural aspects.
- ✓ **Doc. 28 - “Draft Resolution 31 (Rev. Kigali, 2022)”**: the revision of similar Resolutions of the other ITU sectors and the Plenipotentiary Conference determines the need to streamline documents on RPMs.
- ✓ **Doc. 29 - “Draft Resolution 59 (Rev. Kigali, 2022)”**: the revision of this Resolution is to streamline the provisions of WTDC Resolution 59 and similar Resolutions of the other ITU sectors and the Plenipotentiary Conference.

BRAZIL:

Doc. 33 - Amendments to WTDC Resolution 64: Protecting and supporting users/consumers of telecommunication/information and communication technology services

❖ Suggestion of suppression:

Taking into consideration

~~k) that the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic has accelerated the adoption of telecommunications/ICTs and at the same time has given rise to an increase of risks in the use of ICT services amongst consumers and users;~~

➤ **Res 196 PP addresses on its “Considering” the matter of development and advancement of ICTs as well the risks associated.**

❖ Suggestion of suppression:

invites Members States

- ~~4 to build the trust of telecommunication/ICT users and consumers in the utilization and leverage of telecommunications/ICTs, including through the development of policies to guarantee and encourage the provision of quality services, and transparency of comparable, updated and accurate information, in order that user and consumer decisions about services are based on ease of perception, understanding and accessibility;~~
- It is proposed to remove the section “invites the Plenipotentiary Conference”, since its addressed in other “invites” session.



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