

## 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<sup>1</sup> 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 – the ITU Radiocommunication Sector (ITU-R), the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T) and the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D);
- c)* Resolution 5 (Rev. Kigali, 2022) of this conference, on enhanced participation by developing countries in the activities of the Union;
- d)* Resolution ITU-R 7-4 (Rev. Sharm el-Sheikh, 2019) of the Radiocommunication Assembly, on telecommunication development including liaison and collaboration with 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 three ITU Sectors,

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<sup>1</sup> These include the least developed countries, small island developing states, landlocked developing countries and countries with economies in transition.

*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 the ITU 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 growing number of issues of mutual interest and concern to the three Sectors;
- c) the ongoing discussion among representatives of the three Sector advisory groups on the modalities for enhancing cooperation among the Sectors;
- d) the need to support efficient and effective integration among the Sectors;
- e) that the Inter-Sector Coordination Group (ISCG) on issues of mutual interest, 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) comprising 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 and the Director of BDT shall continue to cooperate actively with the Radiocommunication Advisory Group and the Director of BR and with the Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group and the Director of TSB, as called for by Resolution 191 (Rev. Dubai, 2018),

*invites the Telecommunication Development Advisory Group, in collaboration with Radiocommunication Advisory Group and Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group*

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 participation in ISCG,

*invites the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau, in collaboration with the Secretary-General, the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau and the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau*

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-Sector coordination;

*invites the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau, the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau and the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau*

to report to the respective Sector advisory groups, including taking an active part in groups established by those advisory groups, in respect of coordination activities,

*instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau*

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 developments in the activities of ITU-T and ITU-R study groups;

- 2 to continue the enhancement of bilateral cooperation with ITU-R and ITU-T, as required;
- 3 to inform TDAG annually on the implementation of this resolution,

*instructs the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector 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.