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Resolution 191 (DUBAI, 2018)

Strategy for the inter-sectoral coordination within the ITU

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Dubai, 2018),

noting

*a)* Resolution ITU-R 6-2 (Rev. Geneva, 2015), on liaison and collaboration with the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T), and Resolution ITU‑R 7-3 (Rev. Geneva, 2015), on telecommunication development including liaison and collaboration with the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU‑D), of the Radiocommunication Assembly (RA);

*b)* Resolution 18 (Rev. Hammamet, 2016) of the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA), on Principles and procedures for the allocation of work to, and coordination among the ITU Radiocommunication and ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sectors, Resolution 44 (Rev. Hammamet, 2016) of WTSA on Bridging the standardization gap between developing and developed countries, and Resolution 45 (Rev. Hammamet, 2016) of WTSA on effective coordination of standardization work across study groups in the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector, and the role of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group;

*c)* Resolution 5 (Rev. Buenos Aires, 2017) of the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC), on enhanced participation by developing countries[[1]](#footnote-2)1 in the activities of the Union;

*d)* Resolution 59 (Rev. Buenos Aires, 2017) of WTDC, on strengthening coordination and cooperation among ITU-R, ITU-T and ITU-D on matters of mutual interest,

considering

*a)* the purposes of the Union listed in Article 1 of the ITU Constitution;

*b)* the role assigned to each of the three Sectors to contribute to fulfilment of the goals and objectives of the Union;

*c)* that the basic principle of cooperation and collaboration is to avoid duplication of the Sectors' activities and ensure that work is carried out efficiently, effectively and in coordination;

*d)* that RA, WTSA and WTDC have also identified common areas of work that require the internal coordination within ITU,

recognizing

*a)* the catalysing role of ITU-D, which seeks optimal resource use so that capacities can be built in developing countries;

*b)* the need to achieve better representation of the vision and needs of developing countries in the activities and work carried out in ITU-R and ITU-T;

*c)* that the need for effective use of resources in the telecommunication/ICT sector requires an integrative approach from the Union;

*d)* that coordinated and complementary efforts make it possible to reach more Member States, with greater impact, so as to bridge the digital divide and the standardization gap, as well as contribute to better spectrum management;

*e)* the formation of the Inter-Sector Coordination Team on Issues of Mutual Interest, which is composed by representatives of all three sector advisory groups;

*f)* the establishment by the secretariat of the Inter-Sector Coordination Task Force in 2015, chaired by the Deputy-Secretary General, to enhance the coordination and collaboration among the three Bureaux and the General Secretariat;

*b)* that a comprehensive coordination strategy, where results are measured and monitored, would provide the Union with a tool for correcting deficiencies and building on success;

*e)* that inter-Sector collaboration and coordination should be headed by the General Secretariat, in close collaboration with the Directors of the three Bureaux,

resolves to instruct the Secretary-General and the Coordination Committee

1 to further develop the ITU coordination strategy for effective and efficient efforts in areas of mutual interest to the ITU Sectors and the General Secretariat, in order to avoid duplication of effort and optimize the use of resources;

2 to ensure the implementation of this coordination strategy;

3 to report to the ITU Council on the implementation of this strategy;

4 to present a report to the next plenipotentiary conference on the implementation of this resolution,

instructs the Directors of the three Bureaux

1 to ensure that the agendas of the advisory groups include coordination within ITU, so that strategies and actions are suggested for optimal development of the areas of common interest;

2 to provide support to the advisory groups in the inter-Sector coordination activity in areas of mutual interest,

instructs the ITU Council

1 to facilitate further development and implementation of the intersectoral coordination strategy so as to follow its evolution and take decisions, when necessary, to adjust it, on the basis of the Secretary-General's reports;

2 to present the results of the inter-sectoral coordination strategy to the next plenipotentiary conference, along with a proposed strategy for the next period;

3 to ensure that the role of the regional presence in achieving “One ITU” is appropriately cascaded down into the operational plans of each Sector,

invites the Member States

to support the efforts to improve inter-sectoral coordination by, *inter-alia*, actively participating in the groups created by the Sector Advisory Groups to ensure coordination between them.

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1. 1 These include the least developed countries, small island developing states, landlocked developing countries and countries with economies in transition. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)