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| DRAFT NEW RESOLUTION ON Encouraging the participation of Industry in the work of the Union | |
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**Purpose**

This objective of the signatory administrations is to propose a draft new Resolution on encouraging the participation of industry in the activities of ITU across the three Sectors, as appropriate.

In building upon initiatives undertaken in ITU-T including the organization of executive level CTO/CXO meetings to identify and discuss evolving issues in standardization, as well as the high-level discussions that have taken place in ITU-D between Member States and Sector Members during the Chief Regulatory Officers' (CRO) meetings and the Industry Leaders Debate (ILD).

The draft resolution is premised on the importance of strengthening symmetries between Member States and Sector Members to ensure that all points of view are considered.

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Draft New Resolution [ARG/AUS/CAN/USA/PRG-1]

Encouraging the participation of Industry in the work of the Union

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Bucharest, 2022),

recalling

*a)* Article 1 of the ITU Constitution to promote and enhance participation of entities and organizations in the activities of the Union and foster cooperation and partnership between them and Member States for the fulfilment of the overall objectives as embodied in the purposes of the Union;

*b)* Article 3 of the ITU Constitution concerning the rights and obligations of Member States and Sector Members which states in No.28A, that “Sector Members shall be entitled to participate fully in the activities of the sector of which they are members”;

*c)* Article 19 of the ITU Constitution regarding the participation of entities and organizations other than Administrations in the Union’s activities;

*d)* Clause No. 126 of the ITU Constitution, which encourages participation by industry in telecommunication development in developing countries[[1]](#footnote-1)1;

*e)* Resolution 14 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on recognizing the rights and obligations of all Sector Members of the Union which provides further details regarding the rights and obligations of Sector Members, noting that these entities “may participate in all activities if the Sector concerned, with the exception of formal votes and some treaty-making conferences”;

*f)* Resolution 122 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010) on the evolving role of the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly, underlining the critical importance for Member States and ITU-T Sector Members working closely together, in a proactive, cooperative and forward-looking way, taking into account their respective responsibilities and objectives, in order to promote continued evolution of the ITU-T;

*g)* Resolution 209 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on Encouraging the participation of small and medium enterprises in the work of the Union;

*h)* Resolution 123 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on Bridging the standardization gap between developing and developed countries;

*i)* Resolution 68 (Rev. Geneva, 2022) of the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly, on the evolving role of industry in the Telecommunication Standardization Sector, which highlighted actions by the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau to organize meetings of high-level, private sector executives to discuss the standardization landscape, identifying and coordinating standards priorities and ways to best address the needs of the private sector;

*j)* Resolution 71 (Rev. Kigali, 2022) of the World Telecommunication Development Conference, on strengthening cooperation between Member States, Sector Members, Associates and Academia of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector and the evolving role of the private sector in the Telecommunication Development Sector, which referenced the excellent results achieved through the high-level discussions that took place between Member States and Sector Members during the Chief Regulatory Officers' (CRO) meetings and the Industry Leaders Debate (ILD), and which emphasized that appropriate steps should continue to be taken for the creation of an enabling environment at the international, regional and national levels to encourage development and investment in the telecommunication/ICT sector by Sector Members,

considering

*a)* Goal 5 of the Strategic Plan of the Union 2020-2023 (Resolution 71, Rev. Dubai, 2018) of the Plenipotentiary Conference on the importance of partnerships and on the need to foster engagement and cooperation among governments, the private sector, civil society, intergovernmental and international organizations, and the academic and technical communities;

*b)* that industry innovation and growth is enabled through capacity building, through leveraging existing best practices, and through gaining knowledge of telecommunications and ICTs, including relevant technical standards and reports;

*c)* that the ITU should leverage its ability to serve as a platform of collaboration and mutual understanding between administrations and industry across the wide range of ITU activities,

recognizing

*a)* that in some ITU regions, industry engagement is declining;

*b)* some Member States have expressed a view to see wider industrial membership to be more engaged in the ITU,

resolves to instruct the Secretary-General to

1 consider a full range of measures to advance and strengthen symmetries between industry and Member States in the fulfilment of the purposes of the Union and the objectives of the Strategic Plan which would include, but are not limited to, the following:

* Identify how ITU can achieve a common vision of the future as a public/private partnership in order to preserve and strengthen its international credibility by more clearly defining the respective roles of such partnerships;
* Identify how Sector Members and Associates can enhance participation in any of the three ITU Sectors;
* Identify how ITU Sector members and Associates can add value and enhance quality to ITU Dialogue, including in the ITU standardization process;

2 Take necessary and appropriate action to implement this resolution, by

* organizing regular workshops with the industry to receive feedback on how to enhance participation in the ITU;
* expanding meetings across all ITU sectors for industry executives that represent a diverse stakeholder view in order to assist in identifying and coordinating standardization priorities and subjects,

invites the ITU Council

to support implementation of this resolution,

invites the ITU Member States

to inform their industries of this resolution and to support and encourage them to join ITU and participate in its activities.

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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-1)