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Resolution 1423

(adopted at the sixth Plenary meeting)

Encouraging ITU Member States and Sector Members through the ITU to prioritize, mainstream and strengthen Child Online Protection (COP) activities by way of specific programmes such as celebration of Girls in ICT

The ITU Council,

considering

*a)* Resolution 179 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) of the Plenipotentiary Conference on ITU’s role in child online protection;

*b)* Resolution 67 (Kigali, 2022) of the World Telecommunication Development Conference on the role of the Telecommunication Development Sector in child online protection;

*c)* Resolution 1306 (C09, last amended C15) on ITU’s role with regard to international public policy issues concerning creating a safer Internet environment for children,

recalling

Resolution 1306 (C09), setting up a child online protection working group,

taking into account

that Resolution 179 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) *resolved*, among others:

*a)* to continue the COP initiative as a platform to raise awareness and share best practices on child online safety issues;

*b)* to continue providing assistance and support to Member States, especially developing countries[[1]](#footnote-2), in developing and implementing roadmaps for the COP initiative;

*c)* to continue to coordinate the COP initiative, in cooperation with relevant stakeholders,

recognizing

*a)* that there is an imperative need for an urgent collective response to combat online sexual abuse or exploitation of children;

*b)* that there is a wide acceptance of Girls in ICT among Member States with 11 400 international Girls in ICT Day celebrations in 171 countries since 2011 according to the ITU Girls in ICT map[[2]](#footnote-3),

resolves

1 to promote, coordinate, and support digital inclusion-related programmes and other ITU-led programmes related to the rights and welfare of children with online safety information and resources;

2 to allocate the necessary resources to ensure that children and young people are empowered and equipped with online safety skills,

*invites Member States and Sector Members*

1 to prioritize, mainstream and strengthen COP strategic activities by way of specific programmes such as celebration of Girls in ICT;

2 to pursue collaboration on the matter with other membership through the ITU.

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1. These include the least developed countries, small island developing states, landlocked developing countries and countries with economies in transition. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. Data coming from the ITU Girls in ICT map: <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Digital-Inclusion/Women-and-Girls/Girls-in-ICT-Portal/Pages/Portaldev.aspx>. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)