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| **Abstract:** | This contribution contains an Arab Common Proposal for the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA-16), which proposes a new Resolution on Promoting Mobile Financial Services to determine the Telecommunication sector Standardization activities related to this issue. |

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DRAFT NEW RESOLUTION [ARB-1]

Promoting mobile financial services

(Hammamet, 2016)

The World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (Hammamet, 2016),

Recognizing

*a)* that ITU‑T Study Group 3 has been involved in the study of mobile financial services through its Rapporteur Group on Mobile Financial Services in collaboration with relevant standards development organizations (SDOs);

*b)* the establishment of the ITU-T Focus Group on Digital Financial Services by ITU-T TSAG at its meeting in Geneva, 17-20 June 2014, whose mandate focused on innovations in payments and delivery of financial services via mobile technologies occurring in both developed and developing countries,

considering

*a)* the use of mobile phones for mobile financial services offers tremendous opportunities to enhance growth and development;

*b)* the rapid growing interest in the offering of mobile financial services;

*c)* the multiple benefits that mobile financial services can bring for the telecommunication/ICT industry and financial inclusion;

*d)* that a broad application of mobile financial service applications will require a system of deployable standards that are not yet in place;

*e)* the work done on by ITU-T Study Group 3 and ITU-T FG-DFS on the issue of mobile financial services,

noting

*a)* that the ITU‑Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU‑T) should play a leading role in the development of the deployable mobile financial services standards;

*b)* that the ITU-T FG-DFS will develop a standardization roadmap for interoperable digital financial services and will work closely with study groups and will also invite non-ITU-T members to participate in its work,

resolves to instruct ITU-T Study Group 3

1 to organize the necessary structures within Study Group 3 to expand and accelerate the work on mobile financial services, starting with its first meeting in the next study period;

2 to coordinate and collaborate with other relevant ITU-T study groups and focus groups,

instructs the Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group

1 to examine the matter, consider the input of Study Group 3 and other relevant study groups and take the necessary actions, as appropriate, with a view to deciding on the necessary mobile financial services standardization activities in ITU‑T, with the following actions:

• identify the relevant study group(s) in which to follow up actions and establish a suitable organizational arrangement on mobile financial services;

• coordinate the work on mobile financial services across the study groups according to their areas of expertise;

• promote collaboration with other mobile financial services related standards bodies and forums;

• define a clear strategic vision for mobile financial services standardization and an important active role that ITU‑T should play;

2 To submit at the ITU Global Regulators Symposium, for endorsement, the creation of an enabling framework for mobile financial services,

instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau

1 to provide the necessary resources as appropriate;

2 to organize a workshop on mobile financial services in 2017 in order to promote the mobile financial services within ITU-T,

invites Member States, Sector Members, Associates and Academia

to submit contributions for developing mobile financial services standardization in ITU‑T.