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| **Abstract:** | Europe proposes amendments to Resolution 75, to update it following the WSIS review, including the need for greater participation and engagement by stakeholders, and to recognise the roles of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development and the UN Group on the Information Society in the WSIS process, taking into account the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda. We also propose references to the Council Working Group on WSIS and its important role with respect to the ITU’s implementation of WSIS outcomes. |

Introduction

Europe has reviewed Resolution 75 (Rev. Dubai, 2012).

This Resolution needs to be updated to reflect the outcome of the WSIS+10 review, the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, the role of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development and the UN Group on the Information Society and the roles of the Council Working Group (WSIS) and the Council Working Group (Internet).

Proposal

Europe proposes the amendments to Resolution 75 as set out below.

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RESOLUTION 75 (REV. HAMMAMET, 2016)

The ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector's contribution in implementing the outcomes of the World Summit
on the Information Society, taking into acoount the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

(Johannesburg, 2008; Dubai, 2012; Hammamet, 2016)

The World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (Hammamet, 2016),

considering

*a)* the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 70/1 “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, which recognised that the spread of information and communications technology and global interconnectedness has great potential to accelerate human progress, to bridge the digital divide and to develop knowledge societies;

*b)* the relevant outcomes of both phases of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) and its common vision of a people-centred, inclusive and development-oriented Information Society;

*c)* the outcome document of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the WSIS;

*d)* the relevant resolutions and decisions related to the implementation of relevant outcomes of both phases of WSIS and to international Internet-related public policy issues adopted at the Plenipotentiary Conference (Rev. Busan, 2014):

i) Resolution 71 (Rev.Busan, 2014) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on the strategic plan for the Union for 2016-2019;

ii) Resolution 101 (Rev.Busan, 2014) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on Internet protocol-based networks;

iii) Resolution 102 (Rev.Busan, 2014) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on ITU's role with regard to international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet and the management of Internet resources, including domain names and addresses;

iv) Resolution 130 (Rev.Busan, 2014) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on strengthening the role of ITU in building confidence and security in the use of information and communication technologies (ICT);

v) Resolution 133 (Rev.Busan, 2014) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on the role of administrations of Member States in the management of internationalized (multilingual) domain names;

vi) Resolution 140 (Rev.Busan, 2014) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on ITU's role in implementing the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society and in the overall review by United Nations General Assembly of their implementation;

vii) Resolution 178 (Rev. Busan, 2014) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on ITU's role in organizing the work on technical aspects of telecommunication networks to support the Internet;

*e)* the Opinions of the World Telecommunications Policy Forum (Geneva, 2013);

*f)* the role of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU‑T) in ITU implementation of relevant WSIS outcomes, adaptation of ITU's role and development of telecommunication standards in building the information society, including a lead facilitation role in the WSIS implementation process, as a moderator/facilitator for implementing Action Lines C2, C5 and C6 and participating with other stakeholders, as appropriate, in the implementation of Action Lines C1, C3, C4, C7, C8, C9 and C11 and all other relevant action lines and other WSIS outcomes, within the financial limits set by the Plenipotentiary Conference;

*g)* that despite the previous decade’s achievements in information and communications technology connectivity, many forms of digital divide remain, both between and within countries and between women and men, that need to be addressed through, among other actions, strengthened enabling policy environments and international cooperation to improve affordability, access, education, capacity-building, multilingualism, cultural preservation, investment and appropriate financing as well as measures to improve digital literacy and skills and to promote cultural diversity;

*h)* that the management of the Internet as a global facility includes multilateral, transparent, democratic and multi-stakeholder processes, with the full involvement of Governments, the private sector, civil society, international organizations, technical and academic communities, and all other relevant stakeholders in accordance with their respective roles and responsibilities, as set out in the paragraph 57 of the outcome document of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society ,

considering further

*a)* that the creation of the Council Working Group on WSIS, in accordance with Council Resolution 1332, open to all ITU membership, was needed so as to monitor and evaluate on a yearly basis the actions taken by ITU with respect to implementation of WSIS outcomes;

*b)* that the creation of the Council Working Group on international Internet-related public policy issues, in accordance with Council Resolution 1336, open to Member States only, with open consultation to all stakeholders, was needed so as to promote enhanced cooperation between governments and to foster the participation of governments in addressing international Internet public policy issues;

*c)* that there is a perceived need to improve coordination, dissemination and interaction: (i) by avoiding duplication of efforts through focused coordination between ITU's relevant study groups that deal with international Internet public policy issues and technical aspects of telecommunication networks to support the Internet; (ii) by disseminating relevant international Internet public policy information to the ITU membership, the General Secretariat and the Bureaux; (iii) by promoting enhanced cooperation and technical-oriented interaction between ITU and other relevant international organizations and entities,

recognizing

*a)* the potential of information and communications technologies to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and other internationally agreed development goals, noting that they can accelerate progress across all 17 Sustainable Development Goals;

*b)* that the previous decade’s considerable increases in connectivity, use, creation and innovation have created new tools to drive poverty eradication and economic, social and environmental betterment;

*c)* the need to promote greater participation and engagement in Internet governance discussions of Governments, the private sector, civil society, international organisations, the technical and academic communities and all other relevant stakeholders from developing countries;

*d)* that all governments should have an equal role and responsibility for international Internet governance and for ensuring the stability, security and continuity of the Internet, while also recognizing the need for development of public policy by governments in consultation with all stakeholders, as expressed in § 68 of the Tunis Agenda;

*e)* the need for enhanced cooperation in the future, to enable governments, on an equal footing, to carry out their roles and responsibilities in international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet, but not in the day-to-day technical and operational matters that do not impact on international public policy issues, as expressed in § 69 of the Tunis Agenda;

*f)* the role of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development to develop recommendations on how to further implement enhanced cooperation as envisioned in the Tunis Agenda,

taking into account

*a*) Resolution 30 (Rev.Dubai, 2014) of the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC), on the role of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector in implementing the WSIS outcomes;

*b)* Resolution ITU-R 61 (Geneva, 2015) of the Radiocommunication Assembly, on ITU‑R’s contribution in implementing the WSIS outcomes;

*c)* the programmes, activities and regional initiatives being carried out in accordance with the decisions of WTDC-14 for bridging the digital divide;

*d)* the relevant work already accomplished and/or to be carried out by ITU under the guidance of the Council Working Group on WSIS (WG-WSIS) for implementation of the WSIS outcomes;

*e)* the need for Governments, the private sector, civil society, international organisations, the technical and academic communities and all other relevant stakeholders to continue to work together to implement the WSIS vision beyond 2015,

noting

*a)* Council Resolution 1332 (Rev.2016), on ITU's role in the implementation of the WSIS outcomes, taking into account the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

*b)* Council Resolution 1334, on ITU's role in the overall review of the implementation of the WSIS outcomes;

*c)* Council Resolution 1336, on the Council Working Group on international Internet-related public policy issues,

noting further

*a)* that the ITU Secretary-General created the ITU WSIS Task Force, whose role is to formulate strategies and coordinate ITU's policies and activities in relation to WSIS, as noted by Council Resolution 1332;

*b)* the role of the United Nations Group on the Information Society (UNGIS) to develop collaboration and partnerships between UN agencies so as to maximise coordinated action, coherence and effectiveness of support to countries in their efforts towards achieving the WSIS goals,

resolves

1 to continue ITU‑T's work on WSIS implementation and follow-up activities within its mandate, taking into account the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda;

2 that ITU‑T should carry out those activities that come within its mandate and participate with other stakeholders, as appropriate, in the implementation of all relevant action lines and other WSIS outcomes,

3 that the relevant ITU-T study groups should consider in their studies the output of the Council Working Group on WSIS and the Council Working Group on international Internet-related public policy issues,

instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau

1 to provide WG-WSIS with a comprehensive summary of ITU-T activities on implementation of the WSIS outcomes, taking into account the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

2 to ensure that concrete objectives and deadlines for WSIS activities are developed and reflected in the operational plans of ITU-T in accordance with Resolution 140 (Rev.Busan, 2014), taking into account the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

3 to provide information on emerging trends based on ITU-T activities;

4 to take appropriate action to facilitate the activities for implementation of this resolution;

5 to continue to work in collaboration with other members of UNGIS in order to maximise coordinated action, coherence and effectiveness;

6 to contribute to annual reports on progress made in the implementation of the WSIS Action Lines for which the ITU is a facilitator, which the Secretary General of ITU makes through the Commission on Science and Technology for Development to the Economic and Social Council,

invites Member States and Sector Members

1 to submit contributions to relevant ITU‑T study groups and to the Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group, where appropriate, and contribute to WG-WSIS on implementing WSIS outcomes within the ITU mandate;

2 to support and collaborate with the Director of TSB in implementing relevant WSIS outcomes in ITU‑T,

invites Member States

1 to submit contributions to the Council Working Group on WSIS and the Council Working Group on international Internet-related public policy issues;

2 to encourage all relevant stakeholders to participate in the open consultations of the Council Working Group on international Internet-related public policy issues.