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| **Abstract:** | Europe supports the continuation of CTO group activities and proposes some changes to Resolution 68 in order to bring formal outcomes to the work of ITU‑T, and in particular to offer the industry views to the definition of the strategic standardization issues to be handled by ITU-T. |

Introduction

Europe proposes to revise Resolution 68 dedicated to the role of the industry within the ITU-T, defining in particular the CTO (Chief Technology Officer) Group.

Considering that Industry is leading the greatest part of the standardization activities in the standardization organizations as within ITU-T, where more than 270 sectors members participate in the work of the study groups, Europe is of the view that CTO group should continue its activities in order to bring formal outcomes to the work of ITU-T and offer the industry views to the definition of the strategic standardization issues to be handled by ITU-T.

Proposal

The European text proposes some principles for the functioning of the CTO Group, inter alia a clearer wording to establish the participation to this group, aiming to have stable membership representing all regions of the world, with members being recognized for their participation in the standardization work. It is also proposed to address more formally the outcomes of the meeting, and to have the CTO proposals being discussed and taken into account effectively within ITU-T.

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RESOLUTION 68 (REV. HAMMAMET, 2016)

Evolving role of industry in ITU-T

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

The World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (Hammamet, 2016),

recognizing

*a)* that Resolution 122 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on the evolving role of the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA), called also for the organization of the Global Standardization Symposium (GSS);

*b)* the objective of Resolution 123 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on bridging the standardization gap between developed and developing countries[[1]](#footnote-1)1;

*c)* that the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU‑T) is an unique international standardization organization comprising 193 Member States, and over 400 Sector Members, Associates and academia from all over the world;

*d)* the conclusions of GSS (Dubai, 2012), covering the two above-mentioned resolutions, in particular:

– to facilitate an exchange of views with high-level industry representatives on the standardization scenario and consider in ITU's work the evolution of the industry and user needs; and

– to carry out this work without affecting either the unique status of ITU as an intergovernmental United Nations agency that also incorporates other entities representing the private sector, the industry and the users, among others, or the traditional contribution-driven working procedures of ITU‑T,

*e)* that since 2009 the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau has organized six meetings of high-level, private-sector executives to discuss the standardization landscape, identifying and coordinating standards priorities and ways to best meet the needs of the private sector;

*f)* that conclusions of chief technology officer (CTO) meetings have been reflected in official ITU-T Communiques and, when relevant, have been implemented by the Telecommunication Standardization Advisory group (TSAG),

considering

*a)*

that ITU‑T should continue to strengthen its role and evolve, as required by Resolution 122 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010), and should repeat the gathering of private-sector executives with the objective of strengthening the role of ITU‑T by taking appropriate measures to respond to the needs of such executives in terms of their identified requirements and priorities for standardization activities within ITU‑T, also taking into consideration the needs of developing countries;

*b)* that ITU-T should also encourage cooperation with other relevant SDOs in order to avoid duplication of standardization activities,

noting

*a)*

that, in order to encourage industry participation in ITU‑T, standard-making in ITU-T should respond appropriately to the needs of the ICT industry in a coordinated way;

*b)* that an essential part of the work in the development of technical standards (ITU-T Recommendations) is done by representatives of industry;

*c)* that Recommendations proposed in response to those coordinated needs will increase ITU's credibility and will respond to the needs of countries by deploying optimized technical solutions and reducing the proliferation of those solutions, which will also have economic advantages for developing countries;

*d)* that TSAG has recognized the need for a strategy function in ITU-T and that the input of industry into the strategy is highly desired,

resolves to instruct the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau

1 to continue to organize meetings for industry representatives, e.g. chief technology officer (CTO) group meetings, in order to assist in identifying and coordinating standardization priorities and subjects;

2 to bring the needs of developing countries to those meetings by consulting them prior to the meetings and encourage participation of local industry representatives;

3 to encourage participation in the CTO group of a wide representation of industry, from the ITU-T Sector Membership from all Regions;

4 to develop effective mechanisms to organize industry representatives participation in those meetings (as, for example, by having a stable composition and regular participation in the group by CTO or alternate);

5 to encourage the CTO group to clearly express its view via publicly available output documents;

6 to take the considerations of the CTO group into account as part of the strategy process and the ITU-T governance via the existing management bodies (inter alia TSAG);

7 to produce a regular assessment to the Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group on the follow-up of the CTO proposals within ITU-T;

8 to produce a report to the next WTSA,assessing the outcomes of the CTO group over the period and examining the need to continue 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)