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| **Abstract:** | This contribution proposes modifying Resolution 57 with a view to bringing it into line with PP-14 Resolution 191, taking into account the establishment of an Intersector Coordination Task Force and an Intersector Coordination Group on Matters of Mutual Interest. |

Introduction

Much attention is given, both within the Sectors and in ITU as a whole, to the issue of coordination and cooperation between the three ITU Sectors on matters of mutual interest. The Plenipotentiary Conference in Busan 2014 adopted the new Resolution 191, “Strategy for the coordination of efforts among the three Sectors of the Union”.

The Resolution noted:

*“the recent establishment of the Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group subgroup on intra-ITU collaboration and coordination, and the inter-Sector coordination group on issues of mutual interest”,*

and instructed the Secretary-General:

1 to ensure the design of a coordination and cooperation strategy for effective and efficient efforts in areas of mutual interest to the three ITU Sectors, in order to avoid duplication of effort and optimize the use of resources;

2 to ensure the preparation of an updated list containing the areas of mutual interest to the three Sectors pursuant to the mandates of each ITU assembly and conference;

3 to ensure reporting of the coordination activities carried out among the different Sectors in each such area, as well as the results obtained.

It also instructed the Directors of the three Bureaux:

*“to provide support to the Sector advisory groups in the inter-Sector coordination activity in areas of mutual interest”.*

In implementation of this Resolution, a task force was set up, headed by the Deputy Secretary-General.

In the period following WTSA-12, meetings were held of the TSAG subgroup on Intra-ITU collaboration and coordination and the Intersector Coordination Group (ISCG) on Matters of Mutual Interest. Terms of Reference for these groups were agreed and a list of topics of mutual interest drawn up.

Collaboration between the task force and the ISCG is scheduled.

It is proposed that Resolution 57 be modified accordingly.

Proposal

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RESOLUTION 57 (REV. HAMMAMET, 2016)

Strengthening coordination and cooperation among the three ITU Sectors
 on matters of mutual interest

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

The World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (Hammamet, 2016),

noting

*a)* Resolution 191 of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Busan, 2014), “Strategy for the coordination of efforts among the three Sectors of the Union”;

*b)* Resolution ITU-R 6-1 (Rev. Geneva, 2007), on “Liaison and collaboration with the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T)”, and Resolution ITU-R 7-2 (Rev. Geneva, 2012), on “Telecommunication development including liaison and collaboration with the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D)”, of the Radiocommunication Assembly (RA);

*c)* Resolution 59 (Dubai, 2014) of WTDC, on “Strengthening coordination and cooperation among the three ITU Sectors on matters of mutual interest”,

considering

*a)* that a basic principle for cooperation and collaboration among the ITU Radiocommunication (ITU‑R), Telecommunication Standardization (ITU‑T) and Telecommunication Development (ITU‑D) Sectors is the need for avoiding duplication of activities of the Sectors, and ensuring that work is undertaken efficiently and effectively;

*b)* that there is a growing number of issues of mutual interest and concern to all Sectors including the following: electromagnetic compatibility (EMC); International Mobile Telecommunications (IMT); middleware; audiovisual delivery; accessibility for persons with disabilities; emergency communications; ICTs and climate change; and security in ICTs,

recognizing

*a)* that there is a need to improve the participation of developing countries[[1]](#footnote-1)1 in the work of ITU, as outlined in Resolution 5 (Rev. Dubai, 2014) of the World Telecommunication Development Conference;

*b)* that one such mechanism – the Inter-sectoral Emergency Telecommunication Team – has been established to ensure close collaboration within the Union as a whole, as well as with interested entities and organizations outside ITU, on this key priority issue for the Union;

*c)* that all advisory groups are collaborating in the implementation of Resolution 123 (Rev. Busan, 2014) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on bridging the standardization gap between developing and developed countries,

taking into account

*a)* that mechanisms for cooperation, beyond those already established, need to be identified to address a growing number of subjects of mutual interest and concern in ITU‑R, ITU‑T and ITU‑D;

*b)* the ongoing consultation among representatives of the three advisory bodies in the discussion of modalities for enhancing cooperation among the advisory groups;

*c)* the recent establishment of an Intersector Coordination Task Force (ISC-TF) in the secretariat headed by the Deputy Secretary-General, an Intersector Coordination Group on Matters of Mutual Interest, and a TSAG subgroup on “intra-ITU collaboration and coordination”,

resolves

1 to invite the Radiocommunication (RAG), Telecommunication Standardization (TSAG) and Telecommunication Development (TDAG) advisory groups to continue to assist the Intersector Coordination Group on Matters of Mutual Interest in the identification of subjects common to the three Sectors and mechanisms to enhance cooperation and collaboration in all Sectors on matters of mutual interest;

2 to invite the Directors of the Radiocommunication (BR), Telecommunication Standardization (TSB) and Telecommunication Development (BDT) Bureaux and the Intersector Coordination Task Force to report to the Intersector Coordination Group on Matters of Mutual Interest and the respective Sector advisory bodies on options for improving cooperation at the secretariat level to ensure that close coordination is maximized;

3 to propose to the ITU-T study groups to continue cooperation with the study groups of the other two Sectors so as to avoid duplication of effort and make use of the results of work done by the study groups of those two Sectors;4 to propose to the Director of TSB to report annually to TSAG on the results of implementing this Resolution.

1. 1 These include the least developed countries, small island developing states, landlocked developing countries and countries with economies in transition. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)