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| Proposed modification of WTSA-12 Resolution 31 - Admission of entities or organizations to participate as Associates in the work of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector | | | |
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| **Abstract:** | The text of Resolution 31 is relatively fresh, and nearly all of the provisions of this Resolution should remain. However, since Associate is a well-established and well understood category of membership, there is no need for TSAG to continue to monitor this on an ongoing basis, and no need for anything in the WTSA action plan that TSAG will prepare for the 2017-2020 study period related to this Resolution. |

Proposal

The United States proposes to revise Resolution 31 to remove Requests (2) from Resolution 31.

The U.S. text proposes to remove a requirement for TSAG to monitor on an ongoing basis the conditions and financial impact of participation of Associates.

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RESOLUTION 31 (REV. HAMMAMET, 2016)

Admission of entities or organizations to participate as  
Associates in the work of the ITU Telecommunication  
 Standardization Sector

(Montreal, 2000; Florianópolis, 2004; Johannesburg, 2008; Dubai, 2012, Hammamet, 2016)

The World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (Hammamet, 2016),

considering

*a)* that the rapid pace of change in the telecommunication environment and in industry groups dealing with telecommunications demand the increased participation of interested entities and organizations in the standard-making process of ITU;

*b)* that entities or organizations with highly focused areas of activity may be interested only in a small part of the standardization work of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU‑T) and, therefore, do not intend to apply for membership in the Sector, but would be willing to join if simpler conditions existed;

*c)* that No. 241A of the ITU Convention enables the Sectors to admit participation of entities or organizations in the work of a given study group as an Associate;

*d)* that Nos. 241A, 248B and 483A of the Convention describe the principles for the participation of Associates,

recognizing

that organizations and entities from developing countries[[1]](#footnote-1)1 have found great difficulty in playing an active role in ITU‑T activities and, as a consequence, in meeting the goals of Resolution 123 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010) of the Plenipotentiary Conference,

resolves

1 that an interested entity or organization may join ITU‑T as an Associate and be entitled to take part in the work of a selected single study group;

2 that Associates are limited to the study group roles described below and excluded from all others:

• Associates may take part in the process of preparing Recommendations within a study group, including the following roles: meeting participant, contribution submitter, Recommendation editor, and, during the alternative approval process, provider of comments during the last-call period (but not during the additional review period);

• Associates may have access to documentation required for their work;

• an Associate may serve as rapporteur, responsible for directing the studies for the relevant study Question within the selected study group, except for taking part in any decision-making or liaison activities which are to be handled separately, in accordance with No. 248B of the Convention;

3 that the amount of the financial contribution for Associates be based upon the contributory unit for Sector Members as determined by Council for any particular biennial budgetary period,

requests

1 the Secretary-General to admit entities or organizations to participate as Associates in the work of a given study group or subgroups thereof following the principles set out in Nos. 241B, 241C, 241D and 241E of the Convention,

instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau

to prepare the necessary logistics for the participation of Associates in the work of ITU‑T, including possible impacts of study group reorganization.

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