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| **Abstract:** | This TD holds the draft report of the RG-ResReview meeting. |

**Summary report from the 1 March 2018 TSAG-RG-ResReview** **meeting to the TSAG plenary:**

The TSAG Rapporteur Groupon “Review of WTSA Resolutions” met on 1 March 2018, 14:30-15:45 and is pleased to bring the following conclusions to the attention of the TSAG plenary:

1. **Action for TSAG to approve**:
* Revised terms of reference of RG-ResReview (see Annex of this report).

2) **TSAG to authorize**

One interim e-meeting if contributions are submitted by the deadline by 1 June 2018 on the scope of this Rapporteur Group.

RG-ResReview will meet at the third TSAG meeting.

**1 Opening**

The report contained herein covers the initial meeting of the TSAG Rapporteur group meeting on “Review of WTSA Resolutions” during 1 March 2018, 14:30-15:45.

Mr Vladimir Minkin, Rapporteur, opened the meeting on 1 March 2018, at 14:30.

The meeting adopted the agenda as contained in TSAG [TD244](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T17-TSAG-180226-TD-GEN-0244).

Live interpretation in the six official UN languages, facilities for remote participation and captioning were provided, but there were no interventions from remote.

TSAG contributions and TSAG TDs are available on the TSAG website: <http://www.itu.int/go/tsag>.

**2 Terms of reference**

Mr Minkin presented the terms of reference of RG-ResReview in [TD143](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T17-TSAG-180226-TD-GEN-0143).

United States proposed to modify ToR#3 such that Academia shall not be excluded from participation:

1. The rapporteur group is open to all ITU-T membership.

Academia and associates can attend Rapporteur Group meetings.

It was suggested to have a common approach for all TSAG Rapporteur Groups, and to take the issue to the TSAG closing plenary.

Academia can participate in all three Sectors of the Union with reference to PP-Resolution 169.

The terminology of “streamlining” was found undefined, but the meeting could accept the interpretation of the meaning to look for the potential of Resolutions to be merged, modified or supressed, or to bring them in alignment with other Resolutions, and to avoid duplication.

This Rapporteur Group can provide value in providing guidance for Member States in streamlining Resolutions. Each Resolution should be handled on a case-by-case basis. A suggested better language is to say “possible duplication”. However, reviewing of Resolutions was not felt to be in the mandate of this Rapporteur Group, and such efforts would be too time consuming. Still, this Rapporteur Group should propose a way forward how to avoid duplication of Resolutions.

Cautioned was expressed on the subtle differences between reviewing and revising Resolutions. It should be rather the task of this Rapporteur Group to identify any issues with the Resolutions.

The meeting concluded

* to double-check with the rules of the Union regarding participation of members in Rapporteur Groups;
* to a uniform approach in all ToRs of the TSAG Rapporteur Groups regarding participation of members in Rapporteur Groups;
* revised terms of reference as in the Annex of this report;
* to handle Resolutions on a case-by-case basis;
* the work in this Rapporteur Group is contribution-driven.

**3 Contribution**

Russian Federation presented [C41](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T17-TSAG-C-0041) “Streamlining the WTSA Resolutions”, which proposes to consider ways of streamlining the resolutions of WTSA and the proposals for the linking of WTSA and PP resolutions, as well as guidelines for streamlining existing WTSA resolutions and the preparation of new resolutions.

United States, and United Kingdom supported C41.

The meeting agreed the three proposals:

* In preparation to the Plenipotentiary conference and considering the revision of existing and preparation of new resolutions of the Plenipotentiary conference to take into consideration the goals and objectives of the Telecommunication Standardization Sector reflected in the draft ITU Strategic Plan for 2020-2023 in the part concerning the ITU-T.
* According to the results of PP-18, with the assistance of the Secretariat, to identify specific instructions to the ITU-T contained in the outcome documents of the PP-18, and on their basis to review the WTSA resolutions by simplifying them via links on the relevant PP resolution and to define specific instructions to the sector on the subject or by suppression of WTSA resolution with the reflection of the relevant requirements in another resolution.
* Review and agree on the guidelines for streamlining existing WTSA resolutions and for the preparation of new resolutions contained in the Annex to C41.

The meeting supported to bring similar contributions as C41 to the other Advisory Group meeting and to Council.

**4** **Mapping of WTSA Resolutions onto PP Resolutions and WTDC Resolutions**

TSB presented [TD156](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T17-TSAG-180226-TD-GEN-0156)-R1 which provides a mapping of the WTSA Resolutions onto PP Resolutions and WTDC Resolutions.

Several members appreciated this document and found it very useful for their work.

One Member State observed a large degree of overlap among the PP/WTSA/WTDC Resolutions, and that many Resolutions have too lengthy preamble parts which are not deemed useful. UK believed that ITU should be more agile.

The meeting took note of TD156-R1, and agreed that the missing ITU-R Resolutions be added, and an updated document shall be presented to the next TSAG meeting reflecting the outcomes of PP-18.

**5 Liaisons statements**

The meeting took note of the list of incoming and outgoing liaison statements in [TD170](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T17-TSAG-180226-TD-GEN-0170)-R1, however, none of incoming liaison statements were addressed to RG-ResReview, and there were no outgoing liaison statements.

**6 Summary of Actions for TSAG**

See cover sheet of this report.

TSB will implement an e-mail mailing list reflector, and a document repository on SharePoint to facilitate correspondence in between TSAG meetings.

**7 Future meetings**

RG-ResReview calls for contributions in the scope of its terms of reference with deadline of submission at latest by 1 June 2018. Should contributions be submitted, then an interim RG-ResReview e-meeting will be organized later on; otherwise, the e-meeting will not be arranged.

RG-ResReview will meet at the next TSAG meeting in December 2018.

**13 Other business**

None.

**14 Closure of the meeting**

Mr Minkin thanked all participants for their attendance in this meeting, TSB for its support, the interpreters, and the captioner. The meeting was closed around 15:30.

**Annex**

**Terms of Reference - Rapporteur Group on the review of WTSA Resolutions**

The TSAG Rapporteur group on the review of WTSA Resolutions **(RG-ResReview)** is established:

1. To review existing World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA) Resolutions with a view to streamlining them, taking into account the Resolutions in Plenipotentiary Conference and other Sectors as appropriate.
2. To examine the WTSA Resolutions with a view to avoid repetitions and duplication with the Resolutions in Plenipotentiary Conference.
3. The rapporteur group is open to all ITU-T membership.
4. The rapporteur group shall operate in English.
5. The meetings of the rapporteur group shall be paperless and shall make use of electronic working methods.
6. The rapporteur group shall meet during TSAG and will normally not meet at the same time as another rapporteur group.
7. The rapporteur group, if necessary, should schedule additional meetings between TSAG meetings. Those additional meetings should normally be held electronically. If necessary, the rapporteur group may schedule a face to face meeting which shall not exceed three working days and which should be collocated back to back with other Rapporteur group meetings as much as possible.
8. Periodic progress reports will be submitted to TSAG by its chairman as deemed appropriate.

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