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| Report of the Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group to the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA-20), Part IV: TSAG report in respect of Resolution 22 |
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| **Abstract** **:** | WTSA-16 assigned specific matters to TSAG on which it can take action between WTSA-16 and the next Assembly. Pursuant to CV197I, and Resolution 1 (Rev. Hammamet, 2016) clauses 1.11.1, 4.4, 4.9, the Director of TSB is submitting herewith the report of the Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group (TSAG) of the Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T) to WTSA-20 for its consideration and appropriate action. This document contains the report that TSAG is required to submit to WTSA-20 in respect of the actions taken by TSAG in this regard. Each section heading corresponds to respective ‘resolves’ of Resolution 22. |

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Pursuant to CV197I, and Resolution 1 (Rev. Hammamet, 2016) clauses 1.11.1, 4.4, 4.9, the Director of TSB is submitting herewith the report of the Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group (TSAG) of the Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T) to WTSA-20 for its consideration and appropriate action.

1 To assign to TSAG the following specific matters within its competence between this assembly and the next assembly to act in the following areas in consultation with the Director of TSB, as appropriate:

1a) Maintain up-to-date, efficient and flexible working guidelines;

• See sections 2, 3.2.3, 3.2.6, and 3.2.7 of [Doc.23](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-WTSA.20-C-0023) - TSAG Report Part I - General.

1b) Assume responsibility, including development and submission for approval under appropriate procedures, for the ITU-T A‑series Recommendations (Organization of the work of ITU‑T);

• See sections 3.2.3 and 3.2.6 of [[Doc.23](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-WTSA.20-C-0023)](http://www.itu.int/md/T13-WTSA.16-C-0024/en) - TSAG Report Part I - General.

1c) Restructure and establish ITU-T study groups, taking into account the needs of the ITU‑T membership and in response to changes in the telecommunication marketplace, and assign chairmen and vice chairmen to act until the next WTSA in accordance with Resolution 35 (Rev. Hammamet, 2016) of this assembly;

• See section 3.2.7 of [Doc.23](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-WTSA.20-C-0023) - TSAG Report Part I - General.

1d) Issue advice on study group schedules to meet standardization priorities;

• See section 3.4.6 of [Doc.23](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-WTSA.20-C-0023) - TSAG Report Part I - General.

1e) While recognizing the primacy of the study groups in carrying out the activities of ITU-T, create, terminate or maintain other groups, including focus groups, appoint their chairmen and vice-chairmen, and establish their terms of reference with a defined duration, in accordance with Nos. 191A and 191B of the Convention, in order to enhance and improve the effectiveness of ITU‑T's work as well as promoting flexibility in responding rapidly to high-priority issues; such groups shall not adopt Questions or Recommendations, in accordance with Article 14A of the Convention, but work on a specific mandate;

• See sections 2 and 3.3 of [Doc.23](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-WTSA.20-C-0023) - TSAG Report Part I - General.

1f) Identify changing requirements and provide advice on appropriate changes to be made to the priority of work in ITU‑T study groups, planning and allocation of work between study groups, having due regard for the cost and availability of resources;

• See sections 3.2.5 and 3.2.7 of [Doc.23](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-WTSA.20-C-0023) - TSAG Report Part I - General.

1g) Review reports of and consider appropriate proposals made by coordination groups and other groups, and implement those that are agreed;

• See sections 2, 3.2.3, 3.2.7, and 3.3 of [Doc.23](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-WTSA.20-C-0023) - TSAG Report Part I - General.

1h) Establish the appropriate mechanism and encourage the utilization, for example, of coordination groups or other groups, to address key topics of work which span several study groups, with a view to ensuring effective coordination of standardization topics in order to achieve suitable global solutions;

• See sections 2, 3.2.3, 3.2.7, and 3.3 of [Doc.23](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-WTSA.20-C-0023) - TSAG Report Part I - General.

1i) Review progress in the implementation of the ITU‑T work programme, including fostering coordination and collaboration with other relevant bodies such as standardization organizations, forums and consortia outside of ITU;

• See sections 3.2.3 and 3.2.7 of [Doc.23](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-WTSA.20-C-0023) - TSAG Report Part I - General.

1j) Advise the Director of TSB on financial and other matters;

• See section 3.2.4 of [Doc.23](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-WTSA.20-C-0023) - TSAG Report Part I - General.

1k) Approve the programme of work arising from the review of existing and new Questions and determine the priority, urgency, estimated financial implications and time-scale for the completion of their study;

• See section 3.2.7 of [Doc.23](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-WTSA.20-C-0023) - TSAG Report Part I - General.

1l) Group, as far as practicable, Questions of interest to developing countries, including the least developed countries, small island developing states, landlocked developing countries and countries with economies in transition, in order to facilitate their participation in these studies;

• Under ongoing review.

1k) Address other specific matters within the competence of WTSA, subject to the approval of Member States, using the approval procedure contained in Resolution 1 (Rev. Hammamet, 2016) of this assembly, Section 9;

• See sections 3.2.1, and 3.2.2 of [Doc.23](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-WTSA.20-C-0023) - TSAG Report Part I - General.

2 TSAG examine implementation of the actions and achievement of the goals as reflected in the annual operational plans and in the WTSA‑16 Action Plan, which includes the WTSA resolutions, for the purpose of identifying possible difficulties and possible strategies for implementing key elements, and recommending solutions to the Director of TSB regarding them;

• See section 3.4.3 of [Doc.23](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-WTSA.20-C-0023) - TSAG Report Part I - General.

3 Revisions to the relevant procedures for the adoption of Questions and Recommendations by study groups, other than those referred to in Nos. 246D, 246F and 246H of the Convention, may be initiated by TSAG for approval by Member States between WTSAs, using the approval procedure contained in Resolution 1 (Rev. Hammamet) of this assembly, Section 9;

• No action required.

4 TSAG provide liaison on its activities to organizations outside ITU in consultation with the Director of TSB, as appropriate;

• See section 3.2.3 of [Doc.23](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-WTSA.20-C-0023) - TSAG Report Part I - General.

5 TSAG consider the implications, for ITU‑T, of market needs and new emerging technologies that have not yet been considered for standardization by ITU‑T, establish an appropriate mechanism to facilitate the examination of their consideration, for example assigning Questions, coordinating the work of study groups or establishing coordination groups or other groups, and appoint their chairmen and vice-chairmen;

• See sections 2, and 3.2.5 of [Doc.23](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-WTSA.20-C-0023) - TSAG Report Part I - General.

6 TSAG review and coordinate standardization strategies for ITU‑T by identifying the main technological trends and market, economic and policy needs in the fields of activity relevant to the mandate of ITU‑T, and identify possible topics and issues for consideration in ITU‑T's standardization strategies;

• See sections 2, and 3.2.5 of [Doc.23](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-WTSA.20-C-0023) - TSAG Report Part I - General.

7 TSAG establish an appropriate mechanism to facilitate standardization strategies, for example assigning Questions, coordinating the work of study groups or establishing coordination groups or other groups, and appoint their chairmen and vice-chairmen;

• See sections 2, and 3.2.5 of [Doc.23](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-WTSA.20-C-0023) - TSAG Report Part I - General.

8 TSAG consider the result of this assembly concerning GSS and take follow-up actions, as appropriate;

• WTSA-16 considered input from GSS-16. No action necessary for TSAG.

9 A report on the above TSAG activities shall be submitted to the next WTSA.

• This document.

10 TSAG to report to the assembly on matters assigned to TSAG by the previous WTSA;

WTSA-16 requested TSAG to follow-up on four issues:

* to find a definition for “agreement” as applied to non-normative texts (WTSA-16 Proceedings, 5.4);
* to conduct a holistic review of document development and approval procedures across Resolution 1, Recommendation ITU-T A.1, and Recommendation ITU-T A.13, and to prepare a proposal to the next Assembly (WTSA-16 Proceedings, 5.4);
* to investigate further the procedures for the development and agreement of non-normative texts within ITU-T and assign the urgency of the issue (WTSA-16 Proceedings, 5.4); and
* to take into account the text of paragraph 1bis.10 (in WTSA-16 Doc.116) during the development of a draft revised WTSA Resolution 1 for consideration at WTSA-20 or for inclusion in Recommendation ITU-T A.1 (WTSA-16 Proceedings, 2.2.3).

The reports on those issues is reflected in section 3.2.6 of [Doc.23](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-WTSA.20-C-0023) - TSAG Report Part I - General.

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