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RESOLUTION 40 (Rev. Geneva, 2022)

Regulatory and Policy aspects of the work of the ITU  
Telecommunication Standardization Sector

(Montreal, 2000; Florianópolis, 2004; Johannesburg, 2008; Dubai, 2012; Hammamet, 2016; Geneva, 2022)

The World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (Geneva, 2022),

recognizing

*a)* the provisions of Nos. 246D to 246H of the ITU Convention;

*b)* Resolution 20 (Rev. Hammamet, 2016) of this assembly, on the procedures for allocation and management of international telecommunication numbering, naming, addressing and identification resources,

considering

*a)* that the tasks undertaken in the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU‑T) cover technical , policy and regulatory aspects;

*b)* that rules pertaining to certain aspects of the Sector's work are being framed in terms that will rely upon clear and certain identification of the boundary between technical aspects and policy aspects and regulation;

*c)* that administrations are encouraging a larger role for Sector Members in the work of ITU‑T;

*d)* that many matters having policy or regulatory aspects may involve technical implementation and therefore need to be considered in appropriate technical study groups;

*e)* that the new and emerging technologies will continue to introduce challenges that will have policy and regulatory impacts,

noting

*a)* that the ITU Member States have identified significant policy responsibilities in Chapter VI of the ITU Constitution (Articles 33‑43) and in Chapter V of the Convention (Articles 36‑40), and in relevant resolutions of plenipotentiary conferences;

*b)* that the International Telecommunication Regulations further describe policy and regulatory obligations incumbent upon Member States;

*c)* that No. 191C of the Convention empowers the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA) to assign matters within its competence to the Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group (TSAG), indicating the action required on those matters,

resolves

1 that, when determining whether a Question or Recommendation has policy or regulatory aspects study groups shall more generally consider possible topics such as:

– the right of the public to correspond;

– protection of telecommunication channels and installations;

– use of the limited numbering and addressing resources including internationalized domain name (IDN), and country code top-level domain (ccTLD);

– naming and identification;

– secrecy and authenticity of telecommunications;

– safety of life;

– practices applicable to competitive markets; and

– misuse of numbering resources;

2 to request TSAG to consult Member States on any relevant issues with policy and regulatory aspects other than those specified above, including these related to emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence;

3 to instruct TSAG to study and identify the operational and technical areas related to quality of service/quality of experience (QoS/QoE) of telecommunications/information and communication technologies that might have policy and regulatory nature, taking into account the studies being carried out by the relevant study groups, and report that to the next WTSA,

invites Member States

to contribute actively to the work to be carried out on this matter.