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RESOLUTION 74 (Rev. Geneva, 2022)

Enhancing participation of Sector Members[[1]](#footnote-1)1 from developing countries

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in the  
 work of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector

(Johannesburg, 2008; Dubai, 2012; Geneva, 2022)

The World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (Geneva, 2022),

recalling

*a)* Resolution 71 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on the strategic plan for the Union for 2020-2023;

*b)* the spirit of Resolution 123 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on bridging the standardization gap between developing and developed countries;

*c)* the objectives of Resolutions 44 and 54 (Rev. Hammamet, 2016) of this assembly,

Taking into account

that Resolution 170 (Rev. Busan, 2014) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on Admission of Sector Members from developing countries to participate in the work of the ITU Radiocommunication Sector and the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector, which sets the level of financial contribution for Sector Members from developing countries at one sixteenth of the value of a contributory unit for Sector Members for defraying Union expenses,

recognizing

*a)* that the participation by operators from developing countries in standardization activities is weak;

*b)* that the majority of these operators are subsidiaries of developed countries' telecommunication companies which are already Sector Members;

[from Res.59] *c*) that the strategic objectives of Sector Members from developed countries participating in activities of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU‑T) do not necessarily include the participation of their subsidiary entities;

[from Res.59] *d)* that those developing countries telecommunication operators are placing particular emphasis on information and communication technology (ICT) operation and infrastructure deployment, to the disadvantage of standardization activities;

*e)* that Article 1 of ITU Constitution establishes that the Union will facilitate the worldwide telecommunication standardization process with a satisfactory quality of service, and will promote and enhance participation of entities and organizations in the activities of the Union and foster a fruitful cooperation and partnership between them and Member States for the fulfilment of the overall objectives as embodied in the purposes of the Union;

considering

*a)* that relevant entities or organizations from developing countries are interested in the standardization work of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU‑T), and would be willing to join if more favourable financial conditions existed for their participation in the work of ITU‑T;

*b)* that the aforementioned entities or organizations could have a relevant role in research and development of new technologies, and that the participation of entities from developing countries in the work of ITU‑T helps to bridge the standardization gap,

[from Res.59] *b*) that this participation by the sector members would contribute to enhancing capacity building in the developing countries, increase their competitiveness, and support innovation in the markets of developing countries,

resolves

1 to encourage the adoption of the necessary measures and mechanisms to enable new Sector members from developing countries to join ITU‑T and to be entitled to take part in the work of the ITU‑T study groups and other groups "each in their regions" within ITU‑T,

2 to encourage Sector Members from the developed countries to promote the participation in ITU‑T activities of their subsidiaries installed in developing countries,[from Res.59]invites Member States

[from Res.59]to encourage their Sector Members to participate in ITU‑T activities.

1. 1 Such Sector Members shall not be subsidiaries of a multinational corporation whose executive headquarters is based in a developed country, and shall be limited to Sector Members which are from developing countries classified by the United Nations Development Programme as low‑income countries with an annual per capita income not exceeding USD 2 000 and which have not yet joined ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sectors. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. [from Res.59] These include the least developed countries, small island developing states, landlocked developing countries and countries with economies in transition. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)