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| Member States of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL) | |
| Proposed modification of Resolution 61 | |
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| **Abstract:** | WTSA Resolution 61 (Rev. Dubai, 2012) addresses countering and combating misappropriation and misuse of international NNAI resources. CITEL’s proposed modifications to Resolution 61 are focused on limiting the scope to misappropriation and misuse by removing references to “fraud.” |

Introduction

Keeping within the mandate of the ITU with respect to the misappropriation and misuse of international numbering resources, and the spirit Resolution 190 (Rev. Busan, 2014) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, proposed modifications to Resolution 61 (Rev. Dubai, 2012) are intended to clarify the role of the ITU-T in matters beyond misappropriation and misuse of NNAI by removing references to ‘fraud”. Fraud is a legal matter to be addressed nationally. The precise legal definition of fraud varies by jurisdiction and by the specific fraud offense, and that no single common definition or concept of fraud can be harmonized across all ITU Member States. In addition, in keeping with the streamlining of ITU-T Recommendations, the proposed modifications include removing the attachment to Resolution 61. The Attachment is not necessary given Supplement 2 to Recommendation ITU-T E.156 on possible actions to counter misuse.

Proposal

Modify Resolution 61 to focus the scope within the remit of the ITU-T and avoid duplication where possible.

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RESOLUTION 61 (Rev. Geneva, 2022)

Countering and combating misappropriation and misuse of international telecommunication numbering resources

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

The World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (Geneva, 2022),

recalling

*a)* Resolution 190 (Rev. Busan, 2014) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on countering misappropriation and misuse of international telecommunication numbering resources urged the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU T) to continue to study ways and means to improve the understanding, identification and resolution of misappropriation and misuse of ITU-T E.164 telephone numbers;

*b)* Resolution 29 (Rev. Hammamet, 2016) of this assembly, on alternative calling procedures on international telecommunication networks, which (citing ITU Council Resolution 1099) urged the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU‑T) to develop, as soon as possible, the appropriate Recommendations concerning alternative calling procedures;

*c)* Recommendation ITU‑T E.156, which sets out guidelines for ITU‑T action on reported misuse of ITU-T E.164 numbering resources, Recommendation ITU‑T E.156 Supplement 1, which provides a best-practice guide on countering misuse of ITU-T E.164 numbering resources, and Recommendation ITU‑T E.156 Supplement 2, which provides a set of possible actions to counter misuse;

*d)* the purposes of the Union to foster collaboration among the membership for the harmonious development of telecommunications and to enable the offering of services at lowest cost,

noting

the significant number of cases reported to the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau (TSB) regarding misappropriation and misuse of ITU-T E.164 numbers,

recognizing

*a)* that misappropriation and misuse of national telephone numbers and country codes are harmful and impact revenue, quality of service and customer confidence;

*b)* that the blocking of calls by barring the country code to a country is harmful;

*c)* that inappropriate activities causing loss of revenue are an important issue to be studied,

resolves to invite Member States

1 to ensure that ITU-T E.164 numbering resources are used only by the assignees and only for the purposes for which they were assigned, and that unassigned resources are not used;

2 to endeavour to ensure that operating agencies authorized by Member States release routing information to duly authorized agencies, in accordance with national law;

3 to encourage administrations, operating agencies authorized by Member States, and national regulators to collaborate and share information on activities related to misappropriation and misuse of international numbering resources, and to collaborate to counter and combat such activities, in accordance with national law;

4 to encourage all international telecommunication operators to enhance the effectiveness of ITU's role and to give effect to its Recommendations, particularly those of ITU‑T Study Group 2, in order to promote a new and more effective basis to address the issue of number misappropriation and misuse;

5 to encourage administrations and international telecommunication operators to implement ITU‑T Recommendations in order to mitigate the adverse effects of number misappropriation and misuse, including blocking of calls to certain countries,

resolves further

1 that administrations and operating agencies authorized by Member States take, to the furthest extent practicable, all reasonable measures to provide information necessary to address issues related to number misappropriation and misuse;

2 that Member States and national regulators should take note of instances of activities related to the misuse of international numbering resources, in accordance with Recommendation ITU‑T E.164, through relevant ITU‑T resources (e.g. the ITU-T Operational Bulletin);

3 to request Study Group 2 to study all aspects and forms of misappropriation and misuse of numbering resources, in particular of international country codes, with a view to amending Recommendation ITU‑T E.156 and its supplements and guidelines to support countering and combating these activities;

4 to request ITU-T Study Group 3, in collaboration with Study Group 2, to develop definitions for inappropriate activities, including inappropriate activities causing loss of revenue, related to misappropriation and misuse of international numbering resources specified in the relevant ITU-T Recommendations, and to continue to study such matters;

5 to request Study Group 3 to study the economic effects resulting from misappropriation and misuse of numbering resources, including call blocking.