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GENERAL MATTERS

Proposal

In considering the efficiency and optimization of the work of the ITU-T study groups and the possible restructuring of the ITU-T study groups, the RCC administrations propose pursuing the following approach:

1 Provide for the appropriate, simple (smooth) and flexible application of the focus group establishment mechanism to ensure timely execution of new activities and response to immediate international telecommunication/ICT standardization requests, covering a wide range of participants, including organizations outside ITU's membership, and enjoying great flexibility in the choice of required deliverables and working methods;

2 For certain priority areas, approved by WTSA or subsequently adopted by TSAG, use the global standards initiative (GSI) format for packages of work, involving the collocation of GSI meetings and meetings of relevant study groups, focus groups and rapporteur groups under the umbrella of a coordinated work plan. This should accelerate the adoption of agreed solutions in response to market need and allow for the consolidation of the work of various study groups where necessary;

3 Maintain (predominantly) the current ITU-T study group structure, as approved by WTSA‑16, for stability, except in cases where the mandate can be considered largely completed for the most part;

4 Consider issues relating to the efficiency, optimization and possible restructuring of ITU-T study groups, necessarily taking into account the activities of and cooperation with regional groups and other international standardization organizations, bearing in mind that the Union should maintain its leading position in the field of international telecommunication standardization;

5 Develop recommendations on the efficiency, optimization and possible restructuring of ITU-T study groups by ITU-T Members participating in the meetings of the respective ITU-T study groups, without engaging external independent consultants.