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| ITU Member States, members of the Regional Commonwealth in the field of Communications (RCC) | | |
| PROPOSED MODIFICATION OF RESOLUTION 34 | | |
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| **Abstract:** | It is proposed that modifications and additions be made to sections of Resolution 34, as indicated in the text that follows. | |

Introduction

Following the proposal of the RCC countries, the ITU Council is currently reviewing provisions of the ITU Financial Regulations and Financial Rules in relation to the making, acceptance and accounting for of financial and in-kind voluntary contributions from Member States, Sector Members and Academia. Such contributions may be linked to the functioning of regional groups of ITU-T study groups and aimed at bridging the standardization gap.

In view of this, it is proposed to amend this Resolution accordingly in order to reflect all aspects relating to voluntary contributions to ITU-T.

Proposal

It is proposed that modifications and additions be made to sections of Resolution 34, as indicated in the text that follows.

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RESOLUTION 34 (Rev. Geneva, 2022)

Voluntary contributions

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

The World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (Geneva, 2022),

considering

*a)* Resolution 71 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on the strategic plan for the Union 2012-2015, targeting ambitious strategic objectives in the activities of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU‑T);

*b)* Resolution 123 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, which invites Member States and Sector Members to make voluntary contributions to the fund for bridging the standardization gap;

*c)* Decision 5 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) of the Plenipotentiary Conference and the annexes thereto, limiting expenditure of the Union for the period 2012 to 2015;

*d)* Resolution 44 (Rev. Hammamet, 2016) of this assembly, on bridging the standardization gap between developed and developing countries[[1]](#footnote-1)1, which describes the sources from which funds will be raised for the purpose of bridging the standardization gap,

recalling

*a)* that the ITU Constitution, Convention and Financial Regulations stipulate that the Secretary-General may accept voluntary financial contributions in cash or in kind, in addition to the regular contributions from the Member States, Sector Members and Associates;

*b)* that expenditures under voluntary contributions are outside the limits of expenditure set by ITU plenipotentiary conferences;

*c)* that important voluntary contributions made to ITU‑T in the past permitted ITU‑T to make significant progress in its work,

considering further

that voluntary contributions are valuable, rapid and efficient instruments in the financing of extra activities for the Sector,

resolves

1 to encourage the financing of specific projects, focus groups, regional groups of ITU-T study groups or other new initiatives, including any activities which help achieve the objectives of Resolution 44 (Rev. Dubai, 2012) of this assembly, on bridging the standardization gap, by voluntary contributions;

2 to invite Sector Members and Associates to finance voluntarily the participation of developing countries, and in particular remote participation using electronic working methods, in ITU-T meetings and workshops;

3 to invite Member States, Sector Members and Associates from both developing and developed countries to make voluntary contributions in cash or in kind and to submit to the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau projects and other initiatives of interest for ITU‑T to be financed under voluntary contributions.

1. 1 These include the least developed countries, small island developing states, landlocked developing countries and countries with economies in transition. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)