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| ITU Member States, members of the Regional Commonwealth in the field of Communications (RCC) | |
| PROPOSED MODIFICATION OF RESOLUTION 7 | |
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Proposal

It is proposed that modifications and additions be made to sections of Resolution 7, as indicated in the text that follows.

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RESOLUTION 7 (Rev. Geneva, 2022)

Collaboration with the International Organization for Standardization  
and the International Electrotechnical Commission

(Malaga-Torremolinos, 1984; Helsinki, 1993; Geneva, 1996; Montreal, 2000;  
Florianópolis, 2004; Johannesburg, 2008; Dubai, 2012; Hammamet, 2016; Geneva, 2022)

The World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (Geneva, 2022),

considering

*a)* Articles 1 and 50 of the ITU Constitution;

*b)* Articles 2 and 20 of the Statutes of the International Organization for Standardization;

*c)* Article 2 of the Statutes and Rules of Procedure of the International Electrotechnical Commission;

*d)* the mandate of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU‑T) as set forth in Chapter III of the Constitution and Section 6 of the Convention of the Union and in the Administrative Regulations of the Union;

*e)* the interest of both the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) in some aspects of telecommunications that complement their joint activities;

*f)* the common interest of ISO and IEC on the one hand and ITU‑T on the other in the development of standards and recommendations in telecommunication and in information technologies which take full account of the needs of all interested stakeholders, including manufacturers, users and those responsible for communication systems and services;

*g)* the need for mutual agreements on other areas of standardization activity of common interest, along the lines of cooperation in the field of telecommunication security between ITU‑T Study Group 17 and its counterparts in ISO and IEC;

*h)* the successful cooperation within the framework of the World Standards Cooperation (WSC), established in 2001 by ITU, ISO and IEC in order to strengthen and advance the voluntary consensus-based international standards systems of ITU-R, ITU-T, ISO and IEC;

*i)* the relevance of the ITU conformance and interoperability (C&I) programme,

noting

*a)* that the working methods and standards-development time-frames of the organizations concerned are not the same;

*b)* differences in the degree of involvement of countries in those organizations, as well as in the powers they enjoy, which can constrain the engagement and participation of developing countries;

*c)* the increasing financial burdens on the professional experts who participate in the development of standards in these three organizations, on condition that the same experts participate in the work in meetings of the three organizations on a particular question or related questions;

*d)* the coordination meeting established between the three organizations through their top management;

*e)* the progress made on the basis of existing procedures in the alignment of technical Recommendations with ISO, IEC and ISO/IEC Joint Technical Committee 1 (JTC 1) in areas of joint interest, thanks to the spirit of cooperation which has prevailed;

*f)* the principles of collaboration established between ISO and IEC and particularly with ISO/IEC JTC 1 on information technology as contained in Recommendation ITU‑T A.23 and in the ISO/IEC JTC 1 Directives;

*g)* that other standardization activities of a collaborative nature may require coordination;

*h)* the increasing cost of developing international standards and Recommendations;

*i)* the role of the Common Patent Policy for ITU‑R/ITU‑T/ISO/IEC in furthering common approaches between ITU‑T, ISO and IEC on certain standards-related intellectual property rights issues;

*j)* the value of identifying and setting priorities for cooperation between ITU‑T, ISO and IEC,

resolves

1 to continue inviting ISO and IEC to examine the ITU‑T study programme in the early stages of its studies and vice versa, and to further examine such programmes to take into account ongoing changes, in order to identify subjects where coordination seems desirable for complementary work, taking into account differences in the mandates of the organizations, and which would benefit the membership, and to inform the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau (TSB);

2 to request the Director of TSB, after consultation with the study group management team concerned, to reply, and on the basis of reciprocity to furnish any additional information requested by ISO and IEC, as it becomes available;

3 to invite the Director of TSB, at the request of Member States and Sector Members, to review the agreement between ISO/IEC and ITU‑T, with a view to exploring options for accessing and publishing common texts, including a possible unified approach;

4 to request the Director of TSB to examine and update the programme of cooperation and priority of items for complementary study among ITU‑T, ISO and IEC and highlight this information on the ITU‑T website on a regular basis;

5 to request the Director of TSB, the study groups and the Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group, as the case may be (in response to a request from ISO or IEC or on their own initiative), to consider and propose further improvements to the procedures for cooperation between ITU‑T and ISO and IEC;

6 that the necessary contacts with ISO, and/or IEC and/or ISO/IEC JTC 1 should take place on the basis of reciprocity at the appropriate levels and coordination methods should be mutually agreed and regular coordination events arranged:

• for work where text should be drawn up mutually and kept aligned, procedures in accordance with Recommendation ITU‑T A.23 and the Guidelines for Cooperation therein apply;

• for other activities where coordination between ITU‑T and ISO and/or IEC and/or ISO/IEC JTC 1 is required (for example in relation to any mutual agreements, such as the Memorandum of Understanding on standardization in the field of electronic business), clear means of coordination shall be established and regular coordination contacts made;

7 to request the chairmen of study groups to take into account the related work programmes and the progress of projects in ISO, IEC and ISO/IEC JTC 1; further, to cooperate with these organizations on the basis of reciprocity as widely as possible and by appropriate means, in order to:

• ensure that the specifications which have been jointly drawn up remain aligned;

• collaborate in drawing up other specifications in fields of joint and complementary interest;

8 that, for reasons of economy, any necessary collaborative meetings take place to the extent possible in association with other relevant meetings;

9 that the report concerning such coordination indicate the status of alignment and compatibility of draft texts on points of common and complementary concern, in particular identifying cases where cross-referencing would be helpful to users of published International Standards and Recommendations;

10 to invite administrations to contribute significantly to the coordination between ITU‑T on the one hand and ISO and/or IEC and/or ISO/IEC JTC 1 on the other by ensuring adequate coordination of national activities associated with the three organizations.