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| **Abstract:** | This TD contains the draft **report** of the sessions of the TSAG Rapporteur Group on WTSA Preparations (TSAG RG-WTSA) during this TSAG meeting (Geneva, 22 - 26 January 2024).  The following **actions for TSAG** are requested through TSAG-WP1to authorize RG-WTSA to:  RG-WTSA-1: approve this RG-WTSA meeting report as found in [TD319](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-240122-TD-GEN-0319)R1.  RG-WTSA-2: update the work programme of RG-WTSA as found in [TD462](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-240122-TD-GEN-0462).  RG-WTSA-3: send a LS in [TD479](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-240122-TD-GEN-0479) to all ITU-T SGs and RTOs for action.  RG-WTSA-4: authorize RG-WTSA to hold two interim rapporteur group meetings (all online) pending sufficient input by contribution deadline at one week in advance, as follows::   1. 18 April 2024, 13:00-15:00 Geneva time (contribution deadline: 11 April 2024) 2. 20 June 2024, 13:00-15:00 Geneva time (contribution deadline: 13 June 2024) |

**0 Introduction**

A meeting of the TSAG Rapporteur Group on WTSA Preparations (RG-WTSA) took place during TSAG on 22 - 26 January 2024, at 11:15-12:30 on Tuesday 23 January 2024 and 14:30-15:45 on Wednesday 24 January 2024 with captioning. Also, an ad hoc drafting session was held at 08:30-09:30 on Wednesday 24 January 2024.

Ms Fang LI (CAICT, MIIT, China), Rapporteur of TSAG RG-WTSA, chaired the meeting together with two associate Rapporteurs, Mr Isaac Boateng (NCA, Ghana) and Mr Evgeny Tonkikh (Russian Federation), with the help from Ms. Xiaoya Yang as the TSB secretary to this RG.

**First session: Tuesday, 23 January 2024 (11:22-12:40 Geneva time)**

**1 Opening and approval of the agenda**

The Rapporteur welcomed participants to the first session of this RG-WTSA meeting and indicated the associate Rapporteur Mr Isaac Boteng will be replaced by the new TSAG Vice-Chair in next RG-WTSA meeting, consequent to the replacement of TSAG Vice-chair from Ghana.

The agenda of the RG-WTSA meeting as found in [TD318](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-240122-TD-GEN-0318) was introduced by the Rapporteur and approved by the first session of RG-WTSA meeting.

**2 List of documents**

A list of documents identified by Rapporteur as relevant for discussion in RG-WTSA as in [Annex A](#AnnexA) of [TD318R1](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-240122-TD-GEN-0318) was reviewed in the meeting.

**3 Review of RG-WTSA interim progress**

The Rapporteur presented [TD327](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-240122-TD-GEN-0327) indicating no progress were made since last TSAG meeting in May 2023 since all four planned interim RG-WTSA meetings were cancelled due to lack of contributions.

This progress report was noted.

**4 Keep track of the implementation of WTSA Resolutions and Opinion**

**4.1** [TD410](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-240122-TD-GEN-0410): Director, TSB

Title: Action plan related to the Resolutions and Opinion of WTSA

[TD463](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-230530-TD-GEN-0463): TSB

Title: Proposed mapping of WTSA Resolutions to current TSAG Rapporteur groups

The meeting noted [TD410](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-240122-TD-GEN-0410): Action plan related to the Resolutions and Opinion of WTSA (TSB) and appreciated TSB’s effort in maintained this detailed report with implementation status of 409 action items. [TD463](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-230530-TD-GEN-0463) with proposed mapping of WTSA Resolutions to current TSAG Rapporteur Groups was also noted.

**4.2** [TD366](http://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-240122-TD-GEN-0366) ITU-T SG11: LS/r on draft analysis of operational parts (resolves, instructs etc) of WTSA/PP/WTDC

The meeting noted [TD366](http://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-240122-TD-GEN-0366) that SG11 is progressing with their preparation for WTSA-24 and no additional input to RG-WTSA.

**4.3** [TD399](http://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-240122-TD-GEN-0399) ITU-T SG13: LS/r on draft analysis of operational parts (resolves, instructs etc) of WTSA/PP/WTDC

The meeting noted [TD399](http://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-240122-TD-GEN-0399) with update of SG13 activities on SDN relevant to Resolution 77, and SG13’s request to RG-WTSA to take care of the importance of SDN/NFV for further consideration on the list of obsolete items in [TD410](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-240122-TD-GEN-0410) Appendix I – Obsolete action items from WTSA-16 Action Plan and Appendix II – Obsolete action items from WTSA-12 Action Plan.

**4.4** [TD425](http://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-240122-TD-GEN-0425) ITU-T SG9: LS/r on draft analysis of operational parts (resolves, instructs etc) of WTSA/PP/WTDC

The meeting noted [TD425](http://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-240122-TD-GEN-0425) that SG9 identified that SG9 is required to operate in accordance with the operational parts of thirteen (13) Resolutions, i.e., Resolutions 18, 40, 44, 50, 67, 70, 73, 76, 84, 86, 92, 93 and 99, and SG9 has been quite aligned with these resolutions or instructions. Also SG9 reviewed Res. 80 implementation and suggested updating Res. 80 or merging its concept and intention in other appropriate Resolutions.

**4.5** [TD428](http://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-240122-TD-GEN-0428) Attachment 1 ITU-T SG15: LS/r on draft analysis of operational parts (resolves, instructs etc) of WTSA/PP/WTDC

The meeting noted Attachment 1 of [TD428](http://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-240122-TD-GEN-0428) that SG15 identified three Resolutions 90, 92 and 93 that are already part of its mandate thus can be considered as obsoleted.

Noting SG13 and SG15 have different understanding of ‘obsolete’ Resolutions, RG-WTSA Rapporteur raised two questions for further consideration and discussion by RG-WTSA:

1) what’s the definition for ‘obsolete’ action items?

2) what’s the difference for Res.2 (ITU-T SGs mandates) and (thematical) Resolutions related to Study Group’s mandates?

The meeting noted there is a dictionary definition of ‘obsolete’, but when used in the context to evaluate whether a Resolution is obsolete, there are different understandings.

To solicit inputs from ITU-T SGs and Regional Telecommunication Organizations (RTOs), the meeting agreed for the Rapporteur to draft a LS for review by WP1 in [TD479](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-240122-TD-GEN-0479).

**4.6** [TD459](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-230530-TD-GEN-0459) UPU: LS/r on Collaboration between the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the Universal Postal Union (UPU) in the study of services concerning both the postal and telecommunication sectors (reply to TSAG-LS17)

The meeting noted [TD459](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-230530-TD-GEN-0459) where UPU identified possible areas for collaboration between UPU and ITU-T: environment and circular economy, digital financial service, cybersecurity, etc., and proposed amendments to WTSA Res. 11.

The meeting encouraged ITU membership to take this UPU’s proposal into consideration for preparation of WTSA-24.

**5 Streamlining WTSA Resolutions and Opinion**

RG-WTSA Rapporteur identified [TD261](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-230530-TD-GEN-0261) as the baseline text of work item A.SupWTSAGL *"WTSA preparation guideline on Resolutions"* unchanged from last TSAG meeting.

**5.1** [C60R2](http://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-C-0060) Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen  
Title: WTSA preparation guideline on Resolutions

Saudi Arabia introduced [C60R2](http://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-C-0060) which proposes further amendments to the draft for “WTSA preparation guideline on Resolutions”.

After some discussion on ‘modification actions’, the meeting agreed to continue discussion of [C60R2](http://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-C-0060) to progress A.SupWTSAGL in an Ad Hoc drafting session before second session of RG-WTSA.

**5.2** [C53](http://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-C-0053) Russian Federation   
Title: Draft revision of WTSA Resolution 18

Russian Federation introduced [C53](http://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-C-0053) which contains preliminary proposals of the revision of Resolution 18 of WTSA (Rev. Geneva, 2022) on P*rinciples and procedures for the allocation of work to, and strengthening coordination and cooperation among, the ITU-R, ITU-T, and ITU-D*. These proposals are based on the Resolution 191 of the Plenipotentiary Conference, Bucharest, 2022, on *Strategy for the coordination of efforts among the three Sectors of the Union.*

During the meeting discussion, it was proposed that Resolution 18 could be a candidate for suppression, given that cross-sector coordination is already addressed by PP Resolution 191.

**5.3**  [C70](http://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-C-0070) Russian Federation  
Title: Draft revision of WTSA Resolution 75

Russian Federation introduced [C70](http://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-C-0070) which contains preliminary proposals of the revision of Resolution 75 of WTSA (Rev. Geneva, 2022)

on the *ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector's contribution in implementing the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society, taking into account the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development* to reflect of and streamline with the results of revision of Resolution 140 by PP-22.

The meeting noted that according to Res.1, TSAG could not make any decision about the proposed revision to WTSA Resolutions, however, these two contributions introduced by Dr. Minkin, the former TSAG Rapporteur for Streamlining Resolutions of last study period, provide examples on how to implement streamlining and drafting WTSA Resolutions.

The meeting encouraged ITU membership to take this meeting discussion into consideration to prepare their proposals on streamlining of relevant Resolutions to WTSA-24.

**6 Development of a briefing note for WTSA Sub-committee/Ad Hoc Group chairpersons**

RG-WTSA Rapporteur identified [TD262R1](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-230530-TD-GEN-0262) as the baseline text for draft A.BN "Briefing note on how to chair WTSA Sub-committee/Ad Hoc Group meetings" unchanged from last TSAG meeting

**6.1** [C59R2](http://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-C-0059) Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen  
Title: WTSA guideline for chairing

Saudi Arabia introduced [C59R2](http://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-C-0059) which proposes further amendments to the draft A.BN “Briefing note on how to chair WTSA Sub-committee/Ad Hoc Group meeting”

After some discussion on ‘consensus’ and ‘vote’, the meeting agreed to continue discussion of [C59R2](http://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-C-0059) to progress A.BN in an Ad Hoc drafting session before second session of RG-WTSA.

**Second session: Wednesday, 24 January 2024 (14:30-15:45 Geneva time)**

**7 Opening of the second session of RG-WTSA meeting**

RG-WTSA Rapporteur introduced the revised agenda in [TD318R1](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-240122-TD-GEN-0318), adding [TD459](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-230530-TD-GEN-0459) LS/r from UPU, and [TD472R2](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-230530-TD-GEN-0472) and [TD473R1](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-230530-TD-GEN-0473) as the result of the ad hoc drafting session held at 08:30-09:30 on Wednesday 24 January 2024.

This agenda was approved by the second session.

**8 Review updated draft of A.SupWTSAGL and A.BN after AHG session at 0830-0930 on 24 January 2024**

Updated drafts of A.SupWTSAGL and A.BN after AHG session at 0830-0930 on 24 January 2024 in [TD472R2](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-230530-TD-GEN-0472) and [TD473R1](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-230530-TD-GEN-0473) were reviewed, and produced [TD472R3](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-230530-TD-GEN-0472) and [TD473R2](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-230530-TD-GEN-0473) as the result of the meeting discussion and baseline texts of these work items for further consideration and progress by interim RGMs. The meeting agreed to target their agreement at next TSAG July meeting.

**9 Review the RG-WTSA work plan**

RG-WTSA Rapporteur reviewed the RG-WTSA work plan as contained in [TD188](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-230530-TD-GEN-0188) Report of of the meeting of RG-WTSA "WTSA Preparations" (Geneva, 30 May-2 June 2023). The meeting highlighted four deliverables:

1. To conduct analysis of all ITU (WTSA/PP/WTDC/RA/Council) Resolutions for potential streamlining of WTSA Resolutions and Opinion in two phases:
   1. 1st phase is to conduct analysis of WTSA-20/PP-22/WTDC-21 Resolutions for TSAG May 2023 meeting as in interim document in [TD260](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-230530-TD-GEN-0260);

First phase has completed before last TSAG meeting and the result [TD260](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-230530-TD-GEN-0260) had been shared with ITU-T SGs via [TSAG-LS15](https://www.itu.int/ifa/t/2022/ls/tsag/sp17-tsag-oLS-00015.zip).

* 1. 2nd phase will conduct analysis of WRC/RA-23/Council Resolutions after RA-23 in December 2023 for future TSAG meetings in 2024.

The meeting agreed to instruct TSB to conduct the second phase analysis report to the first interim RGM.

1. progress draft A.SupWTSAGL "WTSA preparation guideline on Resolutions" in [TD472R3](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-230530-TD-GEN-0472) by interim RGMs
2. progress draft A.BN "Briefing note on how to chair WTSA Sub-committee/Ad Hoc Group meetings" in [TD473R2](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-230530-TD-GEN-0473) by interim RGMs.
3. TSB has proposed a mapping of WTSA Resolutions to TSAG Rapporteur groups in [TD463](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-230530-TD-GEN-0463) for TSAG January 2024 meeting. Along with RTOs’ WTSA-24 preparation meetings, following information will be collected as input to interim RGMs:
   1. Summary of inter-regional briefing on proposals of WTSA Resolutions;
   2. Mapping of regional proposals of WTSA Resolutions to TSAG RGs/WTSA-24 Committees;
   3. List of regional focal points and ‘coordinator’ for proposals of WTSA Resolutions.

**10** **Interim RG-WTSA virtual meeting(s)**

The meeting agreed to plan two interim virtual meetings to progress this RG-WTSA work based on contributions received:

1. 18 April 2024, 13:00-15:00 Geneva time (contribution deadline: 11 April 2024)
2. 20 June 2024, 13:00-15:00 Geneva time (contribution deadline: 13 June 2024)

The meeting agreed to invite Contributions on the following:

1. Proposals to finalize draft A.SupWTSAGL and A.BN;
2. Proposals on concrete implementation of streamlining of WTSA Resolutions and Opinion.

**11 Any other Business**

None.

**12 Report of this TSAG RG-WTSA meeting**

The meeting reviewed a preliminary draft report of the TSAG RG-WTSA meeting in [TD319](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-240122-TD-GEN-0319).

An updated RG-WTSA Work Programme is produced by TSB in [TD462](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-240122-TD-GEN-0462).

**13 Closure**

The Rapporteur closed the second RG-WTSA meeting at 15:38 on 24 January 2024, promised a draft report of RG-WTSA meeting will be posted as [TD319R1](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-240122-TD-GEN-0319) soon and before TSAG-WP1 closing plenary. She thanked contributors and meeting participants for their active involvement and fruitful discussions, and for the captioners who were able to continue to the end of the RG-WTSA session.

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