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| **Abstract:** | ATU proposes to modify WTSA Resolution 74 to invite Member States who participate in the works of ITU-T to make sure that relevant information is shared back to their respective Sector Members in their countries in such a way that it may not only provide general awareness, but also trigger interest in the ITU-T activities. | |
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Introduction

This contribution proposes to call upon Member States, especially in developing countries, to enhance and promote participation of new Sector Members in their countries in ITU-T activities. The objective is to ensure that there is an effectiveness in implementation of this Resolution for developing countries.

Proposal

1 to create a more structured and proactive approach to information dissemination, ensuring that the benefits and activities of ITU-T are widely understood and appreciated, thus driving higher engagement and interest from Sector Members.

2 to strengthen the active parts of the Resolution by instructing the TSB to conduct workshops specifically targeted at Sector Members, Academia and research institutions from developing countries in TSB activities as well as develop metrics to measure and report on the status of participation to TSAG, and TSAG to report on the same to the next WTSA.

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RESOLUTION 74 (Rev. New Delhi, 2024)

Enhancing participation of Sector Members[[1]](#footnote-1)1 from developing countries[[2]](#footnote-2)2 in the work of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector

*(Johannesburg, 2008; Dubai, 2012; Geneva, 2022, New Delhi, 2024)*

The World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (New, Delhi, 2024),

recalling

*a)* Resolution 71 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on the strategic plan for the Union for 2020-2023;

*b)* the spirit of Resolution 123 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on bridging the standardization gap between developing and developed countries;

*c)* the objectives of Resolutions 44 and 54 (Rev. Geneva, 2022) of this assembly;

*d)* Resolution 59 (Rev. Kigali, 2022) of the World Telecommunication Development Conference on Strengthening coordination and cooperation among the three ITU Sectors on matters of mutual interest,

taking into account

that Resolution 170 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on admission of Sector Members from developing countries to participate in the work of the ITU Radiocommunication Sector (ITU-R) and the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T), which sets the level of financial contribution for Sector Members from developing countries at one sixteenth of the value of a contributory unit for Sector Members for defraying Union expenses,

recognizing

*a)* that the participation by operators from developing countries in standardization activities is low;

*b)* that the majority of these operators are subsidiaries of developed countries' telecommunication companies which are already Sector Members;

*c*) that the strategic objectives of Sector Members from developed countries participating in ITU-T activities do not necessarily include the participation of their subsidiary entities;

*d)* that those developing country telecommunication operators are placing particular emphasis on information and communication technology operation and infrastructure deployment, instead of active participation in standardization activities;

*e)* that Article 1 of the ITU Constitution establishes that the Union will facilitate the worldwide telecommunication standardization process with a satisfactory quality of service, and will promote and enhance participation of entities and organizations in the activities of the Union and foster fruitful cooperation and partnership between them and Member States for the fulfilment of the overall objectives as embodied in the purposes of the Union,

considering

*a)* that relevant entities or organizations from developing countries are interested in ITU-T standardization work, and would be willing to join if more relevant information on ITU-T work is available to them and favourable financial conditions existed for their participation in the work of ITU-T;

*b)* that the aforementioned entities or organizations could have a relevant role in research and development of new technologies, and that the participation of entities from developing countries in the work of ITU-T helps to bridge the standardization gap;

*c*) that this participation by Sector Members would contribute to enhancing capacity building in the developing countries, increase their competitiveness, and support innovation in the markets of developing countries,

resolves

1 to encourage the adoption of the necessary measures and mechanisms to enable new Sector Members from developing countries to join ITU-T and to be entitled to take part in the work of the ITU-T study groups and other groups within ITU-T;

2 to encourage Sector Members from developed countries to promote the participation in ITU-T activities of their subsidiaries established in developing countries,

instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau

to report to TSAG annually on the implementation of this resolution,

instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau, in close collaboration with the Director of the Telecommunications Development Bureau (BDT)

1 to organise workshops and develop programmes on awareness campaigns on the benefits for operators from developing countries to participate in ITU-T activities aimed at:

i) the relevance of ITU-T and the importance of their participation in standardisation activities;

ii) discussing technology trends and identify their standardization priorities, needs and concerns;

2 to develop relevant metrics to quantify and qualify the participation of Sector Members from developing countries in ITU-T activities.

3 to produce an annual assessment report to TSAG, on the participation of Sector Members from developing countries in ITU-T activities;

4 to encourage Sector Members from the developed countries to promote the participation in ITU T activities of their subsidiaries in developing countries,

instructs TSAG

1 to continually evaluate the results of initiatives taken by TSB on enhancing participation of Sector Members developing countries and report to the next WTSA on the status;

2 to continue collaborating with TDAG and RAG on the implementation of Resolution 123 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on bridging the standardization gap between developing and developed countries,

resolves further that ITU regional offices

be engaged in the activities assigned by TSAG in order to further enhance the implementation of the this Resolution and raise awareness among prospective Sector Members about the ITU-T activities,

invites Member States

1 to encourage their Sector Members to participate in ITU-T activities by bringing back the relevant information from the works of ITU-T activities and share with potential new Sector Members in view of introducing them to ITU T activities so that they can develop interest in the ITU T activities;

2 to support ITU initiatives on enhancing participation of Sector Members from developing countries in ITU-T activities.

1. 1 Such Sector Members from developing countries shall not be affiliated in any way to any Sector Member of a developed country, and shall be limited to those Sector Members of developing countries (including the least developed countries, small island developing states, landlocked developing countries and countries with economies in transition) having an income per capita according to the United Nations Development Programme not exceeding a threshold to be determined. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. 2 These include the least developed countries, small island developing states, landlocked developing countries and countries with economies in transition. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)