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| **Abstract:** | ATU proposes to add the role of International Standards Development Organizations (SDOs), which have agreements with the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau, in implementation of WTSA resolutions. | |
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Introduction

ATU recognizes that International Standards Development Organizations (SDOs) are providing support to ITU such as:

1. providing critical support to ITU's Conformance and Interoperability (C&I) programme;

2. promoting telecommunication/ ICT-centric innovation and assist developing countries in the implementation of ITU-T standards;

3. collaborating with TSB in implementing WTSA Resolution 44 (Rev. Geneva, 2022), "Bridging the standardization gap between developing and developed countries";

4. collaborating with TSB to monitor global activities concerning Internet of Things technologies; and

5. assisting in driving standards-development work to enable Carrier Ethernet and the next generation of agile, assured and orchestrated connectivity services and enhancing related knowledge infrastructure capabilities.

Also, considering that ITU-T is collaborating with ISO and IEC for the overall win and mutual benefits to best serve international standardization efforts, the involvement of SDOs in assessing and implementing WTSA resolutions in their area of interest can have a significant impact.

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RESOLUTION 83 (Rev. New Delhi, 2024)

Evaluation of the implementation of resolutions of the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly

*(Hammamet, 2016*; *New Delhi ,2024*)

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

recalling

*a)* relevant provisions of the International Telecommunication Union Constitution and Convention, such as Nos 115, 191, 194, 197;

*b)* Resolution 1 (Rev. Geneva, 2022), “Rules of procedure of the ITU telecommunications Standardization Sector”,

recognizing

*a)* that the resolutions adopted by this assembly contain many instructions to the Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group (TSAG), the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau, and Study Groups and invitations to Member States, Sector Members, Associates and academia;

*b)* the sovereignty of Member States in the implementation of resolutions;

*c)* the involvement of the Regional Telecommunications Organizations in the WTSA preparatory process;

*d)* the role of the Regional Telecommunications Organizations RTOs in facilitating the implementations of WTSA resolutions;

*e)* the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau has established agreements with many International Standards Development Organizations in order to minimize the risk of divergent and competitive approaches to standardization, avoid duplication efforts and avoid confusion among users;

*f)* that the collaboration between ITU-T on one hand and ISO and IEC on the other is on the basis of overall win and mutual benefits to best serve international standardization efforts,

noting

*a)* that it is in the common interest of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU‑T) membership that outcomes of the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA):

i) be known, recognized and applied by all;

ii) be implemented to promote the development of telecommunications and for bridging the digital divide, taking into consideration the concerns of developing countries[[1]](#footnote-1)1;

iii) be reviewed, if needed, with a view of their possible revision, replacement or suppression,

*b)* that Article 13 of the ITU Convention provides that WTSA may assign specific matters within its competence to TSAG,

considering

that TSAG shall submit proposals to improve the efficiency of operation of ITU‑T,

resolves to invite Member States and Sector Members

1 to indicate, as part of the preparatory meetings for WTSA, the status of implementation of the resolutions adopted for the previous study period;

2 to make proposals to improve the implementation of resolutions, resolves (1) and (2),

instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau, in collaboration with Directors of the other Bureaux

to take the necessary actions to assess the implementation of WTSA resolutions by all parties concerned levering the Union’s inter-sector coordination mechanisms,

instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau

*a)* to develop the necessary strategies, in collaboration with members and the regional telecommunication organizations, for an effective implementation of WTSA outcomes;

*b)* to take account, in collaboration with the Chairs of standardization study groups of the implementation of WTSA resolutions and submit an assessment report to TSAG that includes progress of studies on the issues/questions, which have been requested by resolutions of the previous Assembly;

*c)* to work with International Standards Development Organizations (SDOs) which signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs) and Cooperation Agreements for an effective implementation of WTSA resolutions and submit a report to TSAG.

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