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| PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO RESOLUTION 11 |
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| **Abstract:** | ATU proposes to modify the title of WTSA Resolution 11 and some relevant provisions to further strengthen and make the collaboration more visible. The Postal Operations Council is high level in the discussions TSB had with UPU, it was mentioned by UPU that the POC is composed of Member States and as such it would not be feasible to have such a working group composed of the POC with ITU Secretariat. It was noted that the collaboration work should be initiated at the level of the ITU and UPU secretariats. See [TSAG-TD281](https://www.itu.int/md/T22-TSAG-230530-TD-GEN-0281/en) of the TSAG meeting, June 2023. |
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Introduction

Some ITU-T Member States and Regional Telecommunication Organizations had proposed to suppress Resolution 11 as already having fulfilled its purpose. WTSA-20 decided in March 2022 to maintain this Resolution to have a chance to review the status of collaboration and mutual interest between ITU-T and UPU, for further consideration of ITU-T members.

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In preparation for WTSA-24, the ITU-T TSAG discussed collaboration between ITU-T and the Universal Postal Union (UPU) in relation to WTSA Resolution 11. It was found that establishing a joint working group on digital financial services was not feasible. Instead, ITU and UPU Secretariat decided to hold regular joint meetings to coordinate activities related to digital financial services and financial inclusion.

TSAG has sent a liaison statement to UPU in preparation for WTSA-24. ITU-T is seeking UPU's input on enhancing cooperation between the two organizations. Specifically, ITU-T would like to know UPU's vision for collaboration, including which technical areas and domains are of interest for collaboration within ITU-T study groups. Additionally, ITU-T is inviting UPU POC to engage with ITU-T study groups and is seeking UPU's proposals for possible amendments to Resolution 11.

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RESOLUTION 11 (Rev. New Delhi, 2024)

Collaboration with the of the Universal Postal Union in the study of services concerning both the postal
and the telecommunication sectors

(Malaga-Torremolinos, 1984; Helsinki, 1993; Geneva, 1996; Montreal, 2000;
Florianópolis, 2004; Johannesburg, 2008; Dubai, 2012; Hammamet, 2016; New Delhi, 2024)

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

considering

*a)* that within the United Nations system, both the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the Universal Postal Union (UPU), have been collaborating to identify synergies with a view to achieving the objectives of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), each within its specific sphere of competence;

*b)* that postal and telecommunication administrations, the relevant operating agencies authorized by Member States and service providers need to keep themselves informed of technical progress liable to improve or harmonize existing services in both the postal and telecommunication sectors;

*c)* the usefulness of examining jointly the implications of any new Recommendations or modifications to current Recommendations made in this connection,

recognizing

*a)* the cooperation that has existed between the two organizations in regard, *inter alia,* to the use of new technologies by the postal sector and the fostering of its role in projects on the introduction and sustainable deployment and use of digital infrastructure, cybersecurity and currency transfer by mobile telephony;

*b)* that the changes in postal and telecommunication services in recent years have increased the synergies between the two sectors and consequently the need for greater coordination and joint work between both organizations,

recalling

that, under No. 9 of the ITU Constitution, one of the purposes of the Union is "to promote, at the international level, the adoption of a broader approach to the issues of telecommunications in the global information economy and society, by cooperating with other world and regional intergovernmental organizations and those non-governmental organizations concerned with telecommunications",

observing

that it is necessary to update the topics of interest with a view to developing common activities between both organizations to optimize the use of their resources, and to maximize their contribution to sustainable and inclusive socio-economic goals,

resolves

that the relevant study groups of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T) should continue to collaborate with the Postal Operations Council (POC) committees and standing groups as necessary, on a reciprocal basis and with a minimum of formality, in particular by investigating issues of common interest such as ICT economic and policy issues, environment and circular economy, electronic services and security, digital financial services, smart cities and communities, Artificial intelligence, blockchain, applications of metaverse as well as disaster risk management,

instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau

to encourage and assist this collaboration between the two organs particularly through facilitating participation of ITU officials in relevant POC meetings and of UPU officials in relevant ITU-T meetings, to consult with UPU on the establishment of a joint working group between ITU and UPU on standards collaboration to facilitate work on standardization of emerging technologies based on the areas of common interests such as ICT economic and policy issues, environment and circular economy, electronic services and security, digital financial services, smart cities and communities, Artificial intelligence, blockchain, applications of metaverse as well as disaster risk management, the joint working group would also coordinate the organisation of joint events and activities related to enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of the postal services through the emerging technologies interest.