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| **Abstract:** | This contribution proposes a new WTSA resolution on enhancing the standardization activities on sustainable digital transformation. |
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Enhancing the standardization activities on sustainable digital transformation

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

recalling

that the ITU strategic plan for 2024-2027, approved by means of Resolution 71 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, establishes that Sustainable Digital Transformation is a strategic goal of the Union in facilitating progress towards the implementation of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) action lines and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,

recognizing

*a)* Resolution 44 (Rev. Geneva, 2022) of this assembly on Bridging the standardization gap between developing and developed countries;

*b)* WTDC Resolution 89 (Kigali, 2022) of the World Telecommunication Development Conference on Digital transformation for sustainable development,

considering

*a)* that digital transformation through utilizing the emerging key technologies, enabling new services and applications, and promoting the information society is the key enabler for making progress towards sustainable development, which shall be taken into account in the work of ITU‑T;

*b)* that for the developing countries at the initial stage of introducing digital transformation, it is important to have technical standards and guidelines, which would make it possible to introduce digital transformation in a timely manner;

*c)* that there is a need to rapidly develop high-quality, demand-driven, interoperable, and non-discriminatory international standards (ITU‑T Recommendations) to support and facilitate activities on sustainable digital transformation in line with the principles of global connectivity, openness, affordability, reliability, interoperability and security, which are critical for generating confidence for further investments on sustainable digital transformation;

*d)* that there is also a need to extend and facilitate international cooperation on sustainable digital transformation among international and regional standardization bodies, with a view to avoiding duplication of work and achieving efficient use of resources,

considering further

that ITU‑T technical standards and recommendations that support and facilitate digital transformation will contribute towards achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the WSIS Outcomes, taking into account that developing countries could benefit immensely from the application and development of technical standards and guidelines that facilitate digital transformation activities,

noting

that the Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group (TSAG) has created a Rapporteur Group on Sustainable Digital Transformation (RG-DT) in June 2023,

resolves to instruct TSAG

to take all necessary steps to promote and enhance standardization activities that support and facilitate digital transformation, including continuation of the Rapporteur Group on Sustainable Digital Transformation,

instructs ITU-T study groups each within its mandate

*a)* to develop technical standards, guidelines and best practices that will help membership in particular developing countries to take advantage of new and emerging telecommunication/ICTs in order to support digital transformation;

*b)* to coordinate and collaborate with other groups within ITU and other standards development organizations (SDOs) and institutions with primary responsibility for standards development and capacity building in the area of digital transformation,

invites Member States, Sector Members, Associates and Academia

to contribute to studies and development of technical standards and guidelines related to digital transformation.