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| PROPOSED MODIFICATION TO RESOLUTION 40 |
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| **Abstract:** | This document contains the proposal for modification of the WTSA Resolution 40, “Regulatory and policy aspects of the work of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector”. It focuses on the study areas having policy or regulatory implications. It is proposed to include relevant study topics related to safety of environment, misuse of addressing resources and performance of telecommunications/information and communication technologies that might have policy and regulatory implications. |
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Introduction

The International Telecommunication Regulations describe policy and regulatory obligations incumbent upon Member States. Environment safety is paramount due to significant impact of e-waste on the planet, which affects human life, society, and the environment. Prevention of misuse of addressing resources is crucial and equally important for containing the misuse of numbering resources. Performance of ICT infrastructure also needs to be monitored to ensure the compliance to the policy and regulatory aspects of the telecommunications/information and communication technologies. Resolution 40 focuses on the study in the regulatory and policy implications of ICT technologies. Accordingly, Resolution 40 is required to be modified to encourage study of the technologies in the areas of availability of telecommunications, environment safety and misuse of numbering and addressing resources.

Proposal

APT Member Administrations propose to modify WTSA Resolution 40 on “Regulatory and policy aspects of the work of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector”.

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RESOLUTION 40 (Rev. New Delhi, 2024)

Regulatory and policy aspects of the work of the ITU
Telecommunication Standardization Sector

(Montreal, 2000; Florianópolis, 2004; Johannesburg, 2008; Dubai, 2012;
Hammamet, 2016; Geneva, 2022; New Delhi, 2024)

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

recognizing

*a)* the provisions of Nos. 246D to 246H of the ITU Convention;

*b)* Resolution 20 (Rev. Geneva, 2022) of this assembly, on the procedures for allocation and management of international telecommunication numbering, naming, addressing and identification resources,

considering

*a)* that the tasks undertaken in the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU‑T) cover both technical matters and matters having policy or regulatory implications;

*b)* that rules pertaining to certain aspects of the Sector's work are being framed in terms that will rely upon clear and certain identification of the boundary between technical matters and matters having policy or regulatory implications;

*c)* that administrations are encouraging a larger role for Sector Members in the work of ITU‑T, particularly on technical matters;

*d)* that many matters having policy or regulatory implications may involve technical implementation and therefore need to be considered in appropriate technical study groups,

noting

*a)* that the ITU Member States have identified significant policy responsibilities in Chapter VI of the ITU Constitution (Articles 33‑43) and in Chapter V of the Convention (Articles 36‑40), and in relevant resolutions of plenipotentiary conferences;

*b)* that the International Telecommunication Regulations further describe policy and regulatory obligations incumbent upon Member States;

*c)* that No. 191C of the Convention empowers the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA) to assign matters within its competence to the Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group (TSAG), indicating the action required on those matters,

resolves

1 that, when determining whether all new work items, Questions or Recommendations have policy or regulatory implications, study groups shall more generally consider possible topics such as:

– the right of the public to correspond;

– protection of telecommunication channels and installations;

– use of the limited numbering and addressing resources;

– naming and identification;

– secrecy, availability and authenticity of telecommunications;

– safety of life and environment;

– practices applicable to competitive markets;

– misuse of numbering and addressing resources; and

– any other relevant matters, including those identified by a decision of Member States, or recommended by TSAG, or Questions or Recommendations where there is any doubt about their scope;

2 to instruct TSAG to study and identify the operational and technical areas related to quality of service/quality of experience (QoS/QoE) and performance of telecommunications/information and communication technologies that might have policy and regulatory nature, taking into account the studies being carried out by the relevant study groups, and report that to the next WTSA,

invites Member States

to contribute actively to the work to be carried out on this matter.