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| PROPOSED SUPPRESSION OF RESOLUTION 47 |
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| **Abstract:** | This document contains the proposal for suppression of WTSA Resolution 47, “Country code top-level domain names”. |
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Introduction

A country code top-level domains (ccTLD) is a two-letter code at the end of a web address that identifies the country or territory where the website is registered. It is like a digital flag, indicating the website's geographic origin (.au –for Australia, .in –for India etc). Country Code Managers in each country or territory are the designated managers responsible for assigning ccTLDs within their region.

Resolution 47, which was adopted by the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA) in Dubai, 2012, deals with the delegation and management of ccTLDs. It recognizes the importance of previous resolutions and outcomes related to ccTLDs, the evolving role of WTSA, and on-going challenges. The resolution considers the role of Member States in representing their populations and avoiding interference in other countries' ccTLDs, as well as the facilitating roles of intergovernmental and international organizations. Overall, this resolution aims to improve the governance and management of ccTLDs by encouraging collaboration, transparency, responsible national policies, ensuring transparency and fairness in ccTLD delegation, avoiding political interference or abuse of ccTLDs, and supporting Member States in effectively managing their ccTLDs.

It appears that none of the APT Member Administrations propose to work further on the resolution. Considering the ITU's enforcement limitations, Resolution 47 may have reached its natural conclusion.

Proposal

Based on the background above, APT Member Administrations propose to suppress Resolution 47.

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RESOLUTION 47 (Rev. Dubai, 2012)

Country code top-level domain names

(Florianópolis, 2004; Johannesburg, 2008; Dubai, 2012)

The World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (Dubai, 2012),

**Reasons:** Resolution 47 was adopted long back by WTSA-12 in Dubai and since then no further study was submitted in subsequent WTSAs by any Member State. It appears that none of the Member State proposes to work further on the resolution.Considering the ITU's enforcement limitations, Resolution 47 may have reached its natural conclusion. It is proposed to have collaborative efforts to determine the most effective way forward for ccTLD governance. APT Member Administrations therefore propose the suppression of Resolution 47.