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| **Abstract:** | This CEPT proposal seeks modifications to WTSA Resolution 99 to acknowledge the necessity for ITU-T to establish a systematic approach for guiding a comprehensive and evolutionary strategic reform of the sector. |
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RESOLUTION 99 (New Delhi, 2024)

Ongoing organizational reform of the ITU
Telecommunication Standardization Sector study groups and input into the ITU strategic plan

(Geneva, 2022; New Delhi, 2024)

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

recalling

*a)* No. 105 of the ITU Constitution and Article 14 of the ITU Convention;

*b)* Resolution 151 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on improvement of results-based management in ITU;

*c)* Decision 5 (Rev. Bucharest 2022) of the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference on measures to improving ITU’s efficiency and reducing its expenses,

considering

*a)* the provisions of the Constitution and Convention related to strategic goals and objectives of the Union;

*b)* the strategic goals and thematic priorities of the ITU, as set out in the ITU strategic plan in Annex 1 to Resolution 71 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) of the Plenipotentiary Conference;

*c)* Resolution 122 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on the evolving role of the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA);

*d)* Resolution 2 (Rev. New Delhi, 2024) of this assembly, on ITU-T study group responsibilities and mandates;

*e)* § 44 of the Declaration of Principles of the World Summit on the Information Society, emphasizing that standardization is one of the essential building blocks of the information society;

*f)* Resolution 22 (Rev. Geneva 2022) of this assembly on the authorization for the Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group to act between World Telecommunication Standardization Assemblies,

recognizing

*a)* that, since the standardization landscape continues to evolve rapidly, ITU-T should consider how to adapt to the changing circumstances in line with the expectations of public and private-sector participants through, among other aspects, an going reform of the ITU-T study group structure and by planning its strategic goals and priorities;

*b)* that there is an opportunity for ITU-T to input its goals and priorities into the ITU strategic plan as drafted by ITU Council ahead of the Plenipotentiary Conference, and this approach is already used in ITU-D by TDAG to ensure the plan reflects the views of the sector;

*c)* that reaching a re-engineered ITU-T study group structure requires that it be a consequence and the result of a clear and a thorough analysis that will allow mandates to address the evolution of telecommunications/information and communication technologies;

*d)* that a re-engineered ITU-T study group structure needs to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the IT as well as its collaboration with other organizations,

noting

*a)* that the Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group (TSAG) has progressed the action plan proposed to WTSA-20 by TSAG entitled "Draft action plan for the analysis of ITU-T study group restructuring";

*b)* that TSAG has established several Rapporteur Groups to address important aspects related to ITU-T study group restructuring, working methods and industry engagement, and strategic and operational planning,

resolves

to develop a strategy for ongoing ITU-T reform, that is aligned with the ITU strategic plan, to ensure that ITU-T remains relevant and effective in an ever-changing telecommunications landscape,

instructs the Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group

1 to develop a strategic vision and action plan based on contributions to TSAG;

2 to undertake, monitor and guide the ITU-T strategic reform work through the rapporteur group on Strategic Operational Planning (RG-SOP) which should produce a progress report at each TSAG meeting;

3 to encapsulate the strategic vision in proposed updates to the ITU-T related thematic priorities in the ITU strategic plan and input them for the consideration of the Council Working Group on the elaboration of the draft ITU strategic plan,

instructs study groups

to review and share feedback, on the progress reports to TSAG,

instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau

to provide the necessary assistance to TSAG in the implementation of this resolution,

invites ITU Member States and Sector Members

to participate in and contribute to the implementation of this resolution.

**Reasons:** CEPTs proposal encompasses more than just restructuring of study groups, altering working methods, and industry engagement. It also involves devising processes for assessing proposed work items. This way, ITU-T can effectively focus on activities and initiatives that will have the greatest impact and provide the most value, all while also meeting the needs of its membership. The modified text also recognises that the structure of the study groups will continuously evolve and improve, regardless of study periods. This flexibility is crucial to adapt to the changing demands of technical standardization work as it progresses over time.