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| **Abstract:** | This proposal recognizes initiatives to increase the availability of internationalized domain names and instructs the Director TSB to cooperate with relevant organizations to promote internationalized domain names. |
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Internationalized (multilingual) domain names

(Florianópolis, 2004; Johannesburg, 2008; Dubai, 2012, Geneva 2022; New Delhi, 2024)

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

recognizing

*a)* relevant parts of Resolution 102 (Rev. Bucharest, 2024) of the Plenipotentiary Conference;

*b)* Resolution 133 (Rev. Bucharest, 2024) of the Plenipotentiary Conference;

*c)* relevant outcomes of the two phases of the World Summit on the Information Society(WSIS);

*d)* Action Line 8 of the Geneva Plan of Action;

*e)* the evolving role of the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly, in accordance with Resolution 122 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010) of the Plenipotentiary Conference;

*f)* the ITU strategic plan for 2008-2011 reflecting the important role of multilingualism in enabling the full participation of all countries in the work of ITU, in building a global information society that is open to all, and in achieving the goals and objectives of WSIS;

*g)* the work of the domain name industry and relevant regional and international organizations and initiatives, such as the Coalition for Digital Africa, to increase the availability of internationalized domain names,

considering

*a)* that there needs to be further in-depth discussion of the political, economic and technical issues related to internationalized (multilingual) domain names arising out of the interaction between national sovereignty and the need for international coordination and harmonization;

*b)* that intergovernmental organizations have had, and should continue to have, a facilitating role in the coordination of Internet-related public policy issues;

*c)* that international organizations have also had, and should continue to have, an important role in the development of Internet-related technical standards and relevant policies;

*d)* that the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector has a record of successfully handling similar issues in a timely manner, especially as to the use of non-Latin character sets;

*e)* that relevant regional and international organizations are working to increase the deployment of internationalized domain names;

*f*) that internationalized domain names allow more people to access the Internet in their own languages but that they also give rise to technical challenges, such as the need to avoid confusion between different scripts;

*g)* the ongoing activities of other relevant organizations;

*h)* the success of the annual Universal Acceptance Day in raising awareness of Universal Acceptance and a multilingual Internet,

resolves to instruct Study Group 16 of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector and other relevant study groups

to continue to study internationalized (multilingual) domain names, and to continue to liaise and cooperate with appropriate entities, whether intergovernmental or non-governmental, in this area,

instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau

1 to work with UNESCO to support its work to facilitate Action Line 8 of the Geneva Plan of Action;

2 to monitor and share information with the ITU Membership on relevant work in this area by relevant regional and international organizations;

3 to promote universal acceptance regarding internationalized domain names and to collaborate and cooperate in enabling their usage in the Internet;

4 to work with the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau to promote the use of internationalized domain names;

5 to continue to cooperate with relevant regional and international organizations to promote internationalized domain names;

6 to take appropriate action to facilitate the above and to report to the ITU Council annually regarding the progress achieved in this area;

7 to contribute to and raise awareness of Universal Acceptance Day,

invites the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau

to continue to cooperate with the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau on these issues in the spirit of ‘One ITU’,

invites Member States, Sector Members and regional groups concerned

to contribute to these activities, including working with relevant regional and international organizations and participating in Universal Acceptance Day.

**Reasons:** Internationalized domain names allow more people to access the Internet in their own languages and this topic is critical for connecting the unconnected. This proposal recognizes initiatives to increase the availability of internationalized domain names and instructs the Director TSB to cooperate with relevant organizations to promote internationalized domain names.