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| Member States of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL) | | | |
| Proposed modifications to Resolution 99 | | | |
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| **Abstract:** | CITEL proposes modifications to WTSA Resolution 99 to acknowledge the necessity for ITU-T to establish a systematic approach for guiding a comprehensive strategic reform. This overhaul 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 recognizes that the structure of study group 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 | |
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RESOLUTION 99 (Rev. New Delhi, 2024)

Strategic reform of the ITU  
Telecommunication Standardization Sector

(Geneva, 2022; New Delhi, 2024)

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

recalling

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

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

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

*d)* Decision 5 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on measures for improving ITU's efficiency and reducing its expenses;

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

*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,

considering

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

*b)* the strategic goals and targets, thematic priorities and outcomes, product and service offerings, and enablers of the ITU Strategic Plan for 2024-2027, set out in Annex 1 to Resolution 71 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) of the Plenipotentiary Conference;

*c)* § 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,

recognizing

*a)* that the enhancement in ITU’s organizational excellence has been highlighted in the ITU Strategic Plan for 2024-2027 and the Plenipotentiary Decision 5;

*b)* that PP Resolution 71 has acknowledged the need for ITU to provide its Membership with services of the highest quality and efficiency while achieving tangible results, optimizing the value of Membership investments, streamlining cost structures, and upholding the highest standards of transparency and accountability;

*c)* that a comprehensive approach that recognizes the multifaceted nature of the reform effort and underscores the necessity of addressing various interrelated aspects should be taken to address the strategic reform of the ITU-T to ensure that the organization can meet the principles of excellence, cost-effectiveness, attractiveness, and strategic prioritization of activities that provide significant value and impact to the ITU-T membership including its industry component;

*d)* that, since the standardization landscape has changed significantly, ITU-T should consider how to adapt to the rapidly changing circumstances in line with the expectations of public and private-sector participants through, among other aspects, a review of the study group structure and a thorough analysis of organizational reform of ITU-T study groups;

*e)* 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;

*f)* that a re-engineered ITU-T study group structure needs to increase the efficiency of collaboration within ITU and with other organizations;

*g)* that study group structure will be subject to ongoing refinement and evolution, irrespective of study periods, and that adaptation remains essential to effectively address the evolving requirements of technical standardization work as it progresses,

noting

*a)* that the Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group (TSAG) has progressed the "Action plan for the analysis of ITU-T study group restructuring", as tasked by WTSA-20;

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

*c)* that a vision is needed to guide the overall strategic reform of the ITU-T, which includes not only study group restructuring, working methods, and industry engagement, but also the processes to evaluate work item proposals so that ITU-T can effectively focus on activities and initiatives that will have the most significant impact and add the most value, while also meeting the needs of its membership;

*d)* that TSAG has agreed to the new A-series Supplement 6, “Guidelines for the development of a standardization gap analysis”, which aims to enhance a common understanding of necessary work, identify potential competitive advantages, and uncover strategic standardization opportunities, while optimizing the allocation of resources;

resolves

1 to develop a strategy on ITU-T reform, in alignment with the ITU strategic plan, to ensure that ITU-T remains relevant and effective in an ever-changing telecommunications landscape, considering the needs of all ITU membership;

instructs the Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group

1 to develop a vision, a strategic approach and action plan based upon contributions to TSAG from Member States and ITU-T Sector Members;

2 to continue improving the alignment between ITU-T operational plan and the ITU strategic plan;

3 to provide appropriate input from TSAG for 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.