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| **Abstract:** | The ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (Bucharest, 2022) updated Resolution 140, on ITU's role in implementing the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as well as in their follow-up and review processes. These amendments need to be appropriately reflected in WTSA Resolution 75, on ITU‑T's contribution in implementing WSIS outcomes, taking into account the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.Furthermore, certain sections of Resolution 75 are now out of date. |
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RESOLUTION 75 (Rev. New Delhi, 2024)

The ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector's contribution in implementing the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society, taking into account the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

(Johannesburg, 2008; Dubai, 2012; Hammamet, 2016; Geneva, 2022; New Delhi, 2024)

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

recalling

*a)* Resolution 140 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on ITU's role in implementing the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as well as in their follow-up and review processes;

*b)* the relevant resolutions and decisions of the Plenipotentiary Conference, the ITU Council, the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA), the Radiocommunication Assembly (RA) and the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC) related to the implementation of relevant outcomes of both phases of WSIS and of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including international Internet-related public policy issues;

*c)* the opinions of the World Telecommunication/ICT Policy Forum,

recognizing

*a)* the role of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU‑T) in ITU implementation of relevant WSIS outcomes, adaptation of ITU's role and development of telecommunication standards in building the information society, including ITU's lead facilitation role in the WSIS implementation process, as a moderator/facilitator for implementing Action Lines C2 (Information and communication infrastructure), C4 (Capacity building), C5 (Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs) and C6 (Enabling environment) and participating with other stakeholders, as appropriate, in the implementation of Action Lines C1, C3, C7, C8, C9 and C11 and all other relevant action lines and other WSIS outcomes, within the financial limits set by the Plenipotentiary Conference, which includes the development of broadband communications and the use of radiocommunication/ICT facilities for disaster prevention and mitigation in emergency situations and climate change;

*b)* that, despite the previous decade's achievements in ICT connectivity, many forms of digital divide remain, both between and within countries, and between women and men, that need to be addressed through, among other actions, strengthened enabling policy environments and international cooperation to improve affordability, access, education, capacity building, multilingualism, cultural preservation, investment and appropriate financing, as well as measures to improve digital literacy and skills and to promote cultural diversity;

*c)* that the management of the Internet encompasses both technical and public policy issues and should involve all stakeholders and relevant intergovernmental and international organizations in accordance with §§ 35 *a)-e)* of the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society, as well as § 57 of the outcome document of the 2015 high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the overall review of the implementation of the WSIS outcomes,

considering

*a)* that the United Nations General Assembly, in Resolution 70/125 (2015), decided to hold a high-level meeting in 2025 on the overall review of the implementation of WSIS outcomes;

*b)* that ITU has a pivotal role in providing a global perspective in regard to the information society;

*c)* that the Council Working Group on WSIS and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) (CWG‑WSIS&SDG), in accordance with Resolution 140 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) and with Resolution 1332, first adopted by the ITU Council at its 2011 session and last modified at its 2024 session, open to all the ITU membership, constitutes an effective mechanism for facilitating Member State inputs on ITU implementation of relevant WSIS outcomes and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

*d)* that the Council Working Group on international Internet-related public policy issues (CWG‑Internet), in accordance with Resolution 1336, first adopted by the Council at its 2011 session and last modified at its 2019 session, open to Member States only, with open consultation of all stakeholders, was created in order to promote enhanced cooperation and to foster the participation of governments in addressing international Internet public policy issues;

*e)* that there is a perceived need to improve coordination, dissemination and interaction: (i) by avoiding duplication of efforts through focused coordination between ITU's relevant study groups that deal with international Internet public policy issues and technical aspects of telecommunication networks to support the Internet; (ii) by disseminating relevant international Internet public policy information to the ITU membership, the General Secretariat and the Bureaux; (iii) by promoting enhanced cooperation and technical-oriented interaction between ITU and other relevant international organizations and entities,

recognizing

*a)* that all governments should have an equal role and responsibility for international Internet governance and for ensuring the stability, security and continuity of the Internet, while also recognizing the need for development of public policy by governments in consultation with all stakeholders, as expressed in § 68 of the Tunis Agenda;

*b)* the potential of ICTs to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and other internationally agreed development goals;

*c)* that increased connectivity, innovation and access played a critical role in enabling progress on the SDGs;

*d)* the need to promote greater participation and engagement in Internet governance discussions of governments, the private sector, civil society, international organizations, the technical and academic communities and all other relevant stakeholders from developing countries[[1]](#footnote-1)1;

*e)* the need for enhanced cooperation in the future, to enable governments, on an equal footing, to carry out their roles and responsibilities in international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet, but not in the day-to-day technical and operational matters that do not impact on international public policy issues, as expressed in § 69 of the Tunis Agenda;

*f)* that, using relevant international organizations, such cooperation should include the development of globally applicable principles on public policy issues associated with the coordination and management of critical Internet resources, in which regard the organizations responsible for essential tasks associated with the Internet are called upon to contribute to creating an environment that facilitates this development of public policy principles, as expressed in § 70 of the Tunis Agenda;

*g)* that §§ 69 to 71 of the Tunis Agenda called for the process towards enhanced cooperation to be started by the United Nations Secretary-General, involving all relevant organizations by the end of the first quarter of 2006, to involve all stakeholders in their respective roles, to proceed as quickly as possible consistent with legal process, and to be responsive to innovation; and for relevant organizations to commence a process towards enhanced cooperation involving all stakeholders, proceeding as quickly as possible and responsive to innovation; and for the same relevant organizations to be requested to provide annual performance reports;

*h)* that various initiatives have been implemented and some progress has been made in relation to the process towards enhanced cooperation detailed in §§ 69 to 71 of the Tunis Agenda and that UNGA, in Resolution 70/125, called for continued dialogue and work on the implementation of enhanced cooperation, which is already under way in accordance with § 65 of that resolution,

resolves

1 to continue ITU‑T's work on the implementation of WSIS outcomes and the WSIS vision beyond 2015 and follow-up activities within its mandate;

2 that ITU‑T should contribute to achievement of the objectives of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, through and in harmony with the WSIS framework, on the basis of Resolution 140 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) and other relevant resolutions of the Plenipotentiary Conference and the Council;

3 that ITU‑T should carry out the activities under *resolves* 1 and 2 above in cooperation with other relevant stakeholders, as appropriate, in implementing all relevant action lines and other WSIS outcomes and achieving the SDGs;

4 that the relevant ITU‑T study groups should consider in their studies the output of CWG‑WSIS&SDG and CWG‑Internet,

instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau

1 to provide CWG‑WSIS&SDG with a comprehensive summary of ITU‑T activities on implementation of the WSIS outcomes, taking into account the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

2 regularly update ITU roadmaps within its mandate to implement WSIS outcomes;

3 to ensure that concrete objectives and deadlines for activities in connection with WSIS outcomes, taking into account the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, are developed and reflected in the operational plans of ITU‑T in accordance with Resolution 140 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) and Council Resolutions 1332 and 1334;

4 in implementing the WSIS outcomes, taking into account the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, within the mandate of ITU‑T, to pay special attention to the needs of the developing countries;

5 to provide information on emerging trends based on ITU‑T activities;

6 to take appropriate action to facilitate the activities for implementation of this resolution;

7 to submit contributions to the relevant annual reports of the ITU Secretary-General on these activities,

invites Member States, Sector Members, Associates and Academia

1 to submit contributions to relevant ITU‑T study groups and to the Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group, where appropriate, and contribute to CWG‑WSIS&SDG on implementing WSIS outcomes, taking into account the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development within the ITU mandate;

2 to support and collaborate with the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau in implementing relevant WSIS outcomes, taking into account the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in ITU‑T;

3 to submit contributions to CWG‑WSIS&SDG,

invites Member States

to submit contributions to CWG‑Internet,

invites all stakeholders

1 to participate actively in ITU WSIS implementation activities, including in ITU‑T, to support achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as appropriate;

2 to participate actively in the online and physical open consultations of CWG‑Internet.

**Reasons:** The ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (Bucharest, 2022) updated Resolution 140, on ITU's role in implementing the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as well as in their follow-up and review processes. The ITU Council has also adopted relevant resolutions: 1332 (Rev. 2024) and 1334 (Rev. 2023). These developments need to be appropriately reflected in WTSA Resolution 75, on ITU‑T's contribution in implementing WSIS outcomes, taking into account the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Furthermore, certain sections of Resolution 75 are now out of date.

1. 1 These include the least developed countries, small island developing states, landlocked developing countries and countries with economies in transition. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)