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| **Abstract:** | In recent times interest has grown in the creation of regional groups of ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector study groups, especially on the part of developing countries. The administrations of the Regional Commonwealth in the field of Communications (RCC) highly value the opportunity to discuss issues of importance and relevance to them within the regional groups of ITU‑T study groups (ITU‑T SG3, SG11, SG13 and SG20).  The opportunity to develop regional standards, however, is currently only open to the regional groups of ITU‑T SG3. Extending that experience and opportunity to other ITU‑T study groups could benefit developing countries in terms of the speed and effectiveness of their work in dealing with questions of particular regional interest.  This could significantly strengthen the role of regional standardization, in particular for regions where there are currently no regional standardization organizations, with a view to ensuring that their specific needs and concerns are better taken into account at the regional level, within the mandate of ITU‑T and its study groups.  Such an approach could also be implemented as a pilot project for one ITU‑T study group and one or several interested regions, e.g. ITU‑T SG11 and the ITU‑T SG11 Regional Group for Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Transcaucasia.  RCC proposes to amend Resolution 54, on the regional groups of ITU‑T study groups, accordingly. Related amendments would also be made to Resolution 1, on the rules of procedure of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector, in § 9.2.1.1 in Section 9 ("Approval of new and revised Recommendations using the traditional approval process" (see Addendum 30 to Document 40). | |
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RESOLUTION 54 (Rev. New Delhi, 2024)

Regional groups of study groups of the ITU Telecommunication   
Standardization Sector

(Florianópolis, 2004; Johannesburg, 2008; Dubai, 2012; Hammamet 2016; Geneva, 2022; New Delhi, 2024)

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

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taking into consideration

*a)* the experiences and lessons learned by study groups and their regional groups regarding the operational as well as organizational set-up and working methods, consistent with the ITU‑T rules of procedure in Resolution 1 (Rev. Geneva, 2022), which could serve to expand and improve the level of developing-country participation in international standardization activities and contribute to achieving the objectives of Resolution 123 (Rev. Dubai, 2018);

*b)* the specific process for approving Recommendations foreseen for the regional groups of ITU‑T study groups in clause 9.2.1.1 of Resolution 1 (Rev. Geneva, 2022),

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**Reasons:** Creating the possibility of developing regional standards could significantly strengthen the role of regional standardization, in particular for regions where there are currently no regional standardization organizations, with a view to ensuring that their specific needs and concerns are better taken into account at the regional level, within the mandate of ITU‑T and its study groups.