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| ITU Member States, members of the Regional Commonwealth in the field of Communications (RCC) |
| position of the RCC Administrations on optimizING the work OF and restructuring the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector study groups |
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| **Abstract:** | RCC does not object to the proposal, reviewed at TSAG, on the consolidation of ITU‑T Study Groups 9 and 16. RCC holds the following position (view) on optimizing the work of and restructuring the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector study groups, and supports maintaining the stability of ITU‑T's work in general and finding ways to optimize the work of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector study groups in particular. |
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GENERAL MATTERS

In considering the efficiency and optimization of the work of the ITU‑T study groups and the possible restructuring of the ITU‑T study groups, the RCC administrations propose pursuing the following approach:

1 Provide for the appropriate, simple (smooth) and flexible application of the focus group establishment mechanism to ensure timely execution of new activities and response to immediate international telecommunication/ICT standardization requests, covering a wide range of participants, including organizations outside ITU's membership, and enjoying great flexibility in the choice of required deliverables and working methods.

2 For certain priority areas, approved by WTSA or subsequently adopted by TSAG, use the global standards initiative (GSI) format for packages of work, involving the collocation of GSI meetings and meetings of relevant study groups, focus groups and rapporteur groups under the umbrella of a coordinated work plan. This should accelerate the adoption of agreed solutions in response to market need and allow for the consolidation of the work of various study groups where necessary.

3 Maintain (predominantly) the current ITU‑T study group structure, as approved by WTSA‑16, for stability, except in cases where the mandate can be considered largely completed for the most part, such as ITU‑T Study Group 9.

4 Consider issues relating to the efficiency, optimization and possible restructuring of ITU-T study groups, necessarily taking into account the activities of and cooperation with regional groups and other international standardization organizations, bearing in mind that the Union should maintain its leading position in the field of international telecommunication standardization.

5 Develop recommendations on the efficiency, optimization and possible restructuring of ITU‑T study groups by ITU-T Members participating in the meetings of the respective ITU‑T study groups, without engaging external independent consultants.

6 Focus efforts to optimize the work of the ITU‑T study groups on revising and, where possible, consolidating study Questions, and on optimizing the number of ITU‑T working groups.