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FOREWORD

The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is the United Nations specialized agency in the field of tele­com­mu­ni­ca­tions, and information and communication technologies (ICTs). The ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T) is a permanent organ of ITU. ITU-T is responsible for studying technical, operating and tariff questions and issuing Recommendations on them with a view to standardizing telecommunications on a worldwide basis.

The World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA), which meets every four years, establishes the topics for study by the ITU‑T study groups which, in turn, produce Recommendations on these topics.

The approval of ITU-T Recommendations is covered by the procedure laid down in WTSA Resolution 1.

In some areas of information technology which fall within ITU-T's purview, the necessary standards are prepared on a collaborative basis with ISO and IEC.

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RESOLUTION 11 (Rev. New Delhi, 2024)

Collaboration with the Universal Postal Union in the study of services concerning both the postal and the telecommunication sectors

(Malaga-Torremolinos, 1984; Helsinki, 1993; Geneva, 1996; Montreal, 2000; Florianópolis, 2004; Johannesburg, 2008; Dubai, 2012; Hammamet, 2016; New Delhi, 2024)

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

considering

*a)* that within the United Nations system, both ITU and the Universal Postal Union (UPU), as organizations specialized in communications, have been collaborating to identify synergies with a view to achieving the objectives of the World Summit on the Information Society, each within its specific sphere of competence;

*b)* that postal and telecommunication administrations, the relevant operating agencies authorized by Member States and service providers need to keep themselves informed of technical progress liable to improve or harmonize existing services in both the postal and telecommunication sectors;

*c)* the usefulness of examining jointly the implications of any new ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU‑T) Recommendations or modifications to current ITU‑T Recommendations made in this connection,

recognizing

*a)* the cooperation that has existed between the two organizations in regard, *inter alia,* to the use of new technologies by the postal sector and the fostering of its role in projects on the introduction and sustainable deployment and use of telecommunication/information and communication technology (ICT) infrastructure, cybersecurity and digital financial services;

*b)* that the changes in postal and telecommunication services in recent years have increased the synergies between the two sectors and consequently the need for greater coordination and joint work between both organizations,

recalling

that, under No. 9 of the ITU Constitution, one of the purposes of the Union is "to promote, at the international level, the adoption of a broader approach to the issues of telecommunications in the global information economy and society, by cooperating with other world and regional intergovernmental organizations and those non-governmental organizations concerned with telecommunications",

observing

that it is necessary to update the topics of interest with a view to developing common activities between both organizations in order to optimize the use of their resources and maximize their contribution to sustainable and inclusive socio-economic goals,

resolves

that the relevant ITU‑T study groups should continue to collaborate with the Postal Operations Council (POC) committees as necessary, on a reciprocal basis and with a minimum of formality, in particular by investigating issues of common interest such as ICT-related economic and policy issues, environment and circular economy, electronic services and security, digital financial services and new and emerging telecommunications/ICTs, including applications of artificial intelligence (AI) in telecommunication/ICT networks,

instructs study groups of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector

to report periodically on the collaboration activities between ITU‑T and UPU to the Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group,

instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau

1 to encourage and assist this collaboration between the two organs, in particular through facilitating participation of ITU officials in relevant POC meetings;

2 to consult with UPU on the establishment of a joint working group between ITU‑T and UPU on standards collaboration in the areas of common interest, such as ICT-related economic and policy issues, environment and circular economy, electronic services and security, digital financial services, new and emerging telecommunications/ICTs, including applications of AI in telecommunication/ICT networks;

3 to support the organization of any events and activities related to enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of postal services through new and emerging telecommunications/ICTs.