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## **Resolution 31 – Admission of entities or organizations to participate as Associates in the work of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector**

## FOREWORD

The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is the United Nations specialized agency in the field of telecommunications. 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 31 (Rev. Dubai, 2012)

### **Admission of entities or organizations to participate as Associates in the work of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector**

(Montreal, 2000; Florianópolis, 2004; Johannesburg, 2008; Dubai, 2012)

The World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (Dubai, 2012),

*considering*

- a) that the rapid pace of change in the telecommunication environment and in industry groups dealing with telecommunications demand the increased participation of interested entities and organizations in the standard-making process of ITU;
- b) that entities or organizations with highly focused areas of activity may be interested only in a small part of the standardization work of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T) and, therefore, do not intend to apply for membership in the Sector, but would be willing to join if simpler conditions existed;
- c) that No. 241A of the ITU Convention enables the Sectors to admit participation of entities or organizations in the work of a given study group as an Associate;
- d) that Nos. 241A, 248B and 483A of the Convention describe the principles for the participation of Associates,

*recognizing*

that organizations and entities from developing countries<sup>1</sup> have found great difficulty in playing an active role in ITU-T activities and, as a consequence, in meeting the goals of Resolution 123 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010) of the Plenipotentiary Conference,

*resolves*

- 1 that an interested entity or organization may join ITU-T as an Associate and be entitled to take part in the work of a selected single study group;
- 2 that Associates are limited to the study group roles described below and excluded from all others:
  - Associates may take part in the process of preparing Recommendations within a study group, including the following roles: meeting participant, contribution submitter, Recommendation editor, and, during the alternative approval process, provider of comments during the last-call period (but not during the additional review period);
  - Associates may have access to documentation required for their work;

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<sup>1</sup> These include the least developed countries, small island developing states, landlocked developing countries and countries with economies in transition.

- an Associate may serve as rapporteur, responsible for directing the studies for the relevant study Question within the selected study group, except for taking part in any decision-making or liaison activities which are to be handled separately, in accordance with No. 248B of the Convention;

3 that the amount of the financial contribution for Associates be based upon the contributory unit for Sector Members as determined by Council for any particular biennial budgetary period,

*requests*

1 the Secretary-General to admit entities or organizations to participate as Associates in the work of a given study group or subgroups thereof following the principles set out in Nos. 241B, 241C, 241D and 241E of the Convention;

2 the Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group to review on an ongoing basis the conditions governing the participation (including financial impact on the Sector budget) of Associates based on the experience gained within ITU-T,

*instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau*

to prepare the necessary logistics for the participation of Associates in the work of ITU-T, including possible impacts of study group reorganization.