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## **Resolution 51 – Combating spam**

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## 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.

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## RESOLUTION 51

### **Combating spam**

*(Florianópolis, 2004)*

The World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (Florianópolis, 2004),

*recognizing*

that the “Declaration of Principles” of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) states that:

37. Spam is a significant and growing problem for users, networks and the Internet as a whole. Spam and cybersecurity should be dealt with at appropriate national and international levels,

*recognizing further*

that the WSIS “Plan of Action” states that:

12. Confidence and security are among the main pillars of the information society.

d) Take appropriate action on spam at national and international levels,

*considering*

- a) relevant provisions of the basic instruments of ITU;
- b) that agreed measures to combat spam fall within Goal 4 of the strategic plan for the Union for 2004-2007 (Part I, clause 3) set out in Resolution 71 (Rev. Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference;
- c) Resolution 52 on countering spam by technical means;
- d) the report of the chairman of the ITU WSIS thematic meeting on countering spam, which advocated a comprehensive approach to combating spam, namely:
  - i) strong legislation,
  - ii) the development of technical measures,
  - iii) the establishment of industry partnerships,
  - iv) education, and
  - v) international cooperation,

*instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau, in cooperation with the Directors of the other Bureaux and the Secretary-General*

to prepare urgently a report to the Council on relevant ITU and other international initiatives for countering spam, and to propose possible follow-up actions for consideration by the Council,

*invites Member States and Sector Members*

to contribute to this work,

*further invites Member States*

to take appropriate steps within their national legal frameworks to ensure that appropriate and effective measures are taken to combat spam.