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## **Resolution 57 – Strengthening coordination and cooperation among ITU-R, ITU-T and ITU-D on matters of mutual interest**



## FOREWORD

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

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## RESOLUTION 57

### **Strengthening coordination and cooperation among ITU-R, ITU-T and ITU-D on matters of mutual interest**

*(Johannesburg, 2008)*

The World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (Johannesburg, 2008),

*considering*

- a) that a basic principle for cooperation and collaboration among the ITU Radiocommunication (ITU-R), Telecommunication Standardization (ITU-T) and Telecommunication Development (ITU-D) Sectors is the need for avoiding duplication of activities of the Sectors, and ensuring that work is undertaken efficiently and effectively;
- b) that there is a growing number of issues of mutual interest and concern to all Sectors including the following: electromagnetic compatibility (EMC); International Mobile Telecommunications (IMT); middleware; audiovisual delivery; accessibility for persons with disabilities; emergency communications; ICTs and climate change; and cybersecurity,

*recognizing*

- a) that there is a need to improve the participation of developing countries<sup>1</sup> in the work of ITU, as outlined in Resolution 5 (Rev. Doha, 2006) of the World Telecommunication Development Conference;
- b) that one such mechanism – the Inter-sectoral Emergency Telecommunication Team – has been established to ensure close collaboration within the Union as a whole, as well as with interested entities and organizations outside ITU, on this key priority issue for the Union;
- c) that all advisory groups are collaborating in the implementation of Resolution 123 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) of the Plenipotentiary Conference on bridging the standardization gap between developing and developed countries,

*taking into account*

- a) that mechanisms for cooperation, beyond those already established, need to be identified to address a growing number of subjects of mutual interest and concern in ITU-R, ITU-T and ITU-D;
- b) the ongoing consultation among representatives of the three advisory bodies in the discussion of modalities for enhancing cooperation among the advisory groups,

*resolves*

1 to invite the Radiocommunication (RAG), Telecommunication Standardization (TSAG) and Telecommunication Development (TDAG) advisory groups to assist in the identification of subjects common to the three Sectors and mechanisms to enhance cooperation and collaboration in all Sectors on matters of mutual interest;

2 to invite the Directors of the Radiocommunication (BR), Telecommunication Standardization (TSB) and Telecommunication Development (BDT) Bureaux to collaborate and report to the respective Sector advisory bodies on options for improving cooperation at the secretariat level to ensure that close coordination is maximized.

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