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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 75

ITU-T's contribution in implementing the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society, and the establishment of a Dedicated Group on Internet-related Public Policy Issues as an integral part of the Council Working Group on the World Summit on the Information Society

(Johannesburg, 2008)

The World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (Johannesburg, 2008),

considering

- a) the relevant outcomes of both phases of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS);
- b) the relevant resolutions and decisions related to the implementation of relevant outcomes of both phases of WSIS and to international Internet-related public policy issues adopted at the Plenipotentiary Conference (Antalya, 2006):
 - i) Resolution 71 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on the strategic plan of the Union for 2008-2011;
 - ii) Resolution 101 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on Internet protocol-based networks;
 - iii) Resolution 102 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on ITU's role with regard to international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet and the management of Internet resources, including domain names and addresses;
 - iv) Resolution 130 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on strengthening the role of ITU in building confidence and security in the use of information and communication technologies;
 - v) Resolution 133 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on the role of administrations of Member States in the management of internationalized (multilingual) domain names;
 - vi) Resolution 140 (Antalya, 2006) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on ITU's role in implementing the outcomes of WSIS;
 - vii) Decision 9 (Antalya, 2006) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on the convening of the fourth World Telecommunication Policy Forum;
- c) the role of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T) in ITU implementation of relevant WSIS outcomes, adaptation of ITU's role and development of telecommunication standards in building the information society;
- d) that the management of the Internet encompasses both technical and public policy issues and should involve all stakeholders and relevant intergovernmental and international organizations in accordance with §§ 35 a)-e) of the Tunis Agenda,

considering further

- a) that the creation of a group, open for Member States only, is needed to promote enhanced cooperation and to foster the participation of governments in addressing international Internet public policy issues;
- b) that there is a perceived need to improve coordination, dissemination and interaction: (i) by avoiding duplication of efforts through focused coordination between ITU's relevant study groups that deal

with international Internet public policy issues; (ii) by disseminating relevant international Internet public policy information to the ITU membership, the General Secretariat and the Bureaux; (iii) by promoting an enhanced cooperation and technical-oriented interaction between ITU and other relevant international organizations and entities,

recognizing

a) that all governments should have an equal role and responsibility for international Internet governance and for ensuring the stability, security and continuity of the Internet, while also recognizing the need for development of public policy by governments in consultation with all stakeholders, as expressed in § 68 of the Tunis Agenda;

b) the need for enhanced cooperation in the future, to enable governments, on an equal footing, to carry out their roles and responsibilities in international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet, but not in the day-to-day technical and operational matters that do not impact on international public policy issues, as expressed in § 69 of the Tunis Agenda,

recognizing further

a) that, using relevant international organizations, such cooperation should include the development of globally applicable principles on public policy issues associated with the coordination and management of critical Internet resources, in which regard the organizations responsible for essential tasks associated with the Internet are called upon to contribute to creating an environment that facilitates this development of public policy principles, as expressed in § 70 of the Tunis Agenda;

b) the process towards enhanced cooperation, to be started by the United Nations Secretary-General, involving all relevant organizations by the end of the first quarter of 2006, will involve all stakeholders in their respective roles, will proceed as quickly as possible consistent with legal processes, and will be responsive to innovation; therefore relevant organizations should commence a process towards enhanced cooperation involving all stakeholders, proceeding as quickly as possible and being responsive to innovation; the same relevant organizations shall be requested to provide annual performance reports, as expressed in § 71 of the Tunis Agenda,

noting

a) that ITU Council Resolution 1282 on ITU's role in implementing the WSIS outcomes instructs the Council Working Group on WSIS (WG-WSIS) to continue to provide inputs and guidance on the ITU implementation of WSIS outcomes and adaptation of ITU's role in building the information society, as part of its terms of reference outlined in the Annex to Council Resolution 1282;

b) that the ITU Secretary-General created the ITU WSIS Task Force, whose role is to formulate strategies and coordinate ITU's policies and activities in relation to WSIS, as noted by Council Resolution 1282,

resolves

1 to continue ITU-T's work on WSIS implementation and follow-up activities within its mandate;

2 that ITU-T should carry out those activities that come within its mandate and participate with other stakeholders, as appropriate, in the implementation of all relevant action lines and other WSIS outcomes,

resolves to request the Council

to establish, as an integral part of WG-WSIS, a Dedicated Group on international Internet-related public policy issues, open only to all Member States, tasked to identify, study and develop matters related to international Internet-related public policy issues, to disseminate its outputs throughout ITU's membership, and to contribute to the work of WG-WSIS on international Internet-related public policy issues within the mandate of ITU pursuant to the relevant resolutions of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Antalya, 2006) and Council Resolution 1282,

requests the Secretary-General

to provide to this Dedicated Group on international Internet-related public policy issues all administrative and other necessary support for its effective functioning within the budgetary allocation of ITU,

instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau

1 to prepare an annual report to the Council on WSIS implementation and follow-up activities, taking into account input from relevant study groups, that provides a comprehensive summary of the activities undertaken by the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau (TSB) and the activities of ITU-T with respect to information and communication infrastructure and building confidence and security in the use of ICTs and with respect to activities relevant to WSIS outcomes and resolutions of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Antalya, 2006);

2 to appoint focal points within TSB for relevant WSIS action lines within the mandate of ITU-T, working closely with other focal points in other Sectors of ITU and contributing to and facilitating the work of the ITU WSIS Task Force created by the ITU Secretary-General;

3 to take appropriate action to facilitate the activities in implementing this resolution,

invites Member States and Sector Members

1 to submit contributions to relevant ITU-T study groups and contribute to WG-WSIS on implementing WSIS outcomes within the ITU mandate;

2 to support and collaborate with the Director of TSB in implementing relevant WSIS outcomes in ITU-T,

invites Member States

to submit contributions to the Dedicated Group on international Internet-related public policy issues.