WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION STANDARDIZATION ASSEMBLY
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Resolution 99 – Restructuring of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector study groups

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.

RESOLUTION 99 (Rev. New Delhi, 2024)

Restructuring of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector study groups

(Geneva, 2022; New Delhi, 2024)

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

recalling

a)   No. 105 of the ITU Constitution and No. 197 of the ITU Convention;

b)   Resolution 151 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on improvement of results-based management in ITU,

considering

a)   the provisions of the Constitution and Convention related to strategic goals and objectives of the Union;

b)   the strategic goals and thematic priorities of the Union, as set out in the strategic plan for the Union for 2024-2027, contained in Annex 1 to Resolution 71 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) of the Plenipotentiary Conference;

c)   Resolution 122 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on the evolving role of the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA);

d)   Resolution 2 (Rev. New Delhi, 2024) of this assembly, on scope and mandate of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T) study groups;

e)   § 44 of the Declaration of Principles of the World Summit on the Information Society, emphasizing that standardization is one of the essential building blocks of the information society,

recognizing

a)   that, since the standardization landscape continues to evolve, ITU-T should consider how to adapt to rapidly changing circumstances in line with the expectations of public and private-sector participants through, *inter alia*, ongoing review of the study group structure using evidence-based principles and continued analysis of restructuring of ITU-T study groups;

b)   that the restructuring of ITU-T study groups requires that it be a consequence and the result of a clear and thorough analysis that will allow mandates to address the evolution of telecommunications/information and communication technologies and increase the efficiency and effectiveness of ITU and its collaboration with other organizations;

c)   that possible changes to the ITU-T study group structure require an evidence-based approach and agreed foundational principles in order to avoid fragmentation and achieve coherent outcomes,

noting

a)   that the Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group (TSAG) has progressed the action plan for the analysis of ITU-T study group restructuring in accordance with the instruction of WTSA-20;

b)   that discussions in the TSAG Rapporteur Group on work programme and restructuring (RG-WPR) have demonstrated that this work should continue,

resolves

1   to continue analysing ITU-T study group restructuring within TSAG using an evidence-based approach, taking into account the action plan referred to above;

2   that TSAG has the responsibility to manage the analysis of ITU-T study group restructuring based upon contributions to TSAG from Member States and ITU-T Sector Members,

instructs the Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group

1   to undertake, monitor and guide the work through a rapporteur group or other appropriate group, and make a progress report on the implementation of an action plan for the analysis of ITU-T study group restructuring at each TSAG meeting;

2   to provide a progress report on the analysis to the study groups after each TSAG meeting;

3   to submit a report with recommendations for consideration to the next WTSA,

instructs the study groups of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector

to consider, review and share feedback, as appropriate, on the progress reports to and from TSAG,

instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau

to provide the necessary assistance to TSAG in the implementation of this resolution,

invites ITU Member States and Sector Members

to participate in and contribute to the implementation of this resolution.