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| **RESOLUTION GSC-17/23: (IPR WG) Cooperation with Patent and Trademark Offices (Reaffirmed)** |

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**Recognizing that:**

1. patent laws around the world provide important incentives to innovate;
2. there is a large amount of innovation in the ICT sectors that generates many patent applications and granted patents;
3. high quality patents are truly innovative and do not reflect prior, pre-existing technologies;
4. among other things, Patent and Trademark Offices consider whether a patent application seeks patent protection for technology that already exists and is “prior art”;
5. standards development activities in the ICT sector usually involve the review of many technology contributions or the generation of new technical approaches;
6. Patent and Trademark Offices would benefit from being able to review the technology submitted or reviewed at standards developing bodies in connection with those Offices’ assessments as to existence of “prior art” when reviewing patent applications; and
7. standards bodies and their membership would benefit from the issuance of high quality patents and from the interaction with Patent and Trademark Offices.

**Resolves:**

1. that the Participating Standards Organizations of GSC are encouraged to cooperate with the relevant Patent and Trademark Offices to provide access to technical information for use by such Agencies that should help them improve the quality of patents being granted.

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