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| PROPOSED SUPPRESSION OF WTSA-12 RESOLUTION 47 –  Country code top-level domain names | | | |
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| **Abstract:** | Consistent with the TSB Director’s proposed guidelines regarding WTSA Resolutions contained in TSAG TD 532, the absence of any reported requests for TSB action from member states, and the continuing existence of PP Resolution 102, the United States believes that WTSA Resolution 47 is no longer necessary. |

**Introduction**:  WTSA Resolution 47 was adopted in 2004, and reconfirmed at WTSA 2008 and WTSA 2012.  The Resolution instructed ITU-T Study Group 2 to continue studies and to work with Member States and Sector Members, recognizing the activities of other appropriate entities to review Member States’ ccTLD experiences.  It also invites Member States to contribute to these studies.  A review of the WTSA-12 Action Plan, a monitoring and implementation tool utilized by the TSB that tracks the actions items, their associated responsibilities necessary collaborations, reports, and final status, indicates that ITU-T Study Group 2 took no actions the last four years.  Furthermore, for the 2012-2016 study period, the Action Plan indicates that the goals for Resolution 47 were not met.  Yet, this likely  is due to the lack of Member State contributions regarding their ccTLD experiences.   The Action Plan further indicates that as instructed by the 2014 Plenipotentiary, the TSB Director reports annually in the Council document on “ITU Internet activities: Resolutions 101, 102 and 133”, which includes updates regarding ccTLDs, if any.  The TSB’s Director annual reports to the ITU Council have not included specific references to work conducted in conjunction with Resolution 47.

**Proposal:**  The United States proposes the suppression of Resolution 47 for the following reasons:

•    The problems that existed in the past with some ccTLDs are non-existent today.  For the most part, national governments have developed governance policies for their ccTLDs which managers and operators are following.  The lack of contributions to Study Group 2 addressing Resolution 47 itself is a clear indication that there is no continuing need for this Resolution;

•    The TSB Director’s Analysis of the evolution of WTSA Resolutions since 1993 and a proposal for guidelines for drafting WTSA Resolutions (TSAG TD 532), which questions the need for WTSA Resolutions that duplicate an existing Plenipotentiary Conference resolution (PP Resolutions 101, 102 and 133 address the same issues as WTSA Resolutions 47;

•    The WTSA-2012 Action Plan, Version 6 report (12 September 2016), which indicates the absence of contributions from Member States to Study Group 2 and the periodic goals were not met.

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RESOLUTION 47 (REV. DUBAI, 2012)

Country code top-level domain names

(Florianópolis, 2004; Johannesburg, 2008; Dubai, 2012)

The World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (Dubai, 2012),

**Reasons:** See Introduction and Proposal sections to this document.