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>> CHAIR: Good afternoon, Ladies and Gentlemen, if we could take our seats I'd like the begin our final meeting of Working Group 3 B momentarily. I assume all the interpretation channels are working fine. I won't go through each language.

I draw attention to ADM23 Rev 1. This is the agenda for our meeting today. So I'd like first of all to ask if there are any comments or questions with regard to the agenda? I assume not, so we can proceed. Now, this morning in Com3, we provided a very brief report on the first meeting of Working Group 3. It's in DT24. I don't propose to go through that document at this stage but to continue with our work.

So the first substantive document that we need to address is with regard to Resolution No. 7. Now, this resolution, of course, deals with collaboration with IEC and the International Organisation for Standardization, ISO. So if I can begin, I will take the document section by section as I do believe that we've already discussed it to some extent. And aside from the editorial corrections at the beginning or adjustments, I should say, any comment on the "considerings"? Again, we have discussed this already. So I don't believe that there are any further comments.

And the "notings" in comments with regard to the notings?

All this is fairly straightforward and we had discussed this at our first meeting.

Now, where we had some further discussion and we required further clarifications with respect to some of the resolveds. Now, I draw your attention in particular to resolveds 2, we changed the word "leadership" to the word "management". We now refer to it as a management

team. I think that's fairly straightforward.

Now, the real change comes in resolveds 3.

And I'll read out the text. The further text was developed in consultation with the RCC. It now reads "to invite the Director of TSB, at the request of Member States, to review the agreement between ISO IEC and ITU-T with a view toward accessing and publishing common text including a possible unified approach."

Any comments, Ladies and Gentlemen, on this new text? I see no one asking for the floor so I consider it approved.

So the rest of it, Ladies and Gentlemen, I do believe that we reached agreement at our first meeting. So unless there are any remaining comments on Resolution 7, I will inform the Chairman of Com3 that this text is now agreed. So thank you very much.

Now, in the next resolution, resolution 11, the text is found in DT87.

Now, we did have some remaining text that we needed to reach agreement on. In particular the resolved and the instructs the director of the TSB.

Now, in the first instance, the resolveds now includes the words "quality of experience" as well as "quality of service."

And the words "digital financial services" and "transaction costs."

Any comments with respect to the addition of this text?

I see no one asking for the floor so that's approved.

The instructs the director of the TSB. The work that took place after our meeting focused on this point in particular, it now reads, and I quote, to consult with UPU on the establishment of joint Working Groups between ITU and UPU on digital financial services to share lessons learned through implementation of projects in the area of digital financial inclusion to drive standardization activities in both organizations.

Any comments, Ladies and Gentlemen, on this text? United Arab Emirates, please.

>> UAE: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Well we don't object the text, but, Mr. Chairman, we resolve a right to come back to this text after consulting with our experts. They are in another meeting and we'd like to consult with them before we go forward with this text.

So for now you can go ahead with the text, but we reserve our right to come back to the text later. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Okay, thank you. So we will approve this text in principle pending further consultations with the UAE.

Okay. Thank you.

So, the next Resolution is Resolution 18. Now, this gave rise to considerable discussion. And I would like to refer you to DT88 for the text that was produced as a result of the consultations that took place.

Now, I would like to express my particular appreciation to those involved in this discussion. There were more than one meeting that took place on this resolution. And it deals with strengthening cooperation and coordination among the three sectors of the union. So, Ladies and Gentlemen, if we could go through this text. Again, I would propose to go through it section by section rather than paragraph by paragraph if you agree. So in the recalling section, any comments, Ladies and Gentlemen? This is simply background text.

No comments?

In the "considering" section, any comments on the text? I see so comments, thank you.

Now, we have new text for "recognizing."

Any comments, Ladies and Gentlemen? We have "recognizing A, B and C." Again, I think this is all fairly straightforward. I see no comments. So "taking into account A, B, C, D and E."

Any comments, Ladies and Gentlemen? And I draw your attention in particular to developments since the last standardization assembly in Dubai. And this developed as a result of discussions that took place in part in TSAG. The formation of the intersector coordination taskforce at the Secretariat level and the intersector coordination team, which developed as a result of discussions that took place at the Secretariat level. So if there's no comments, I would suggest that we consider this approved.

We have a new "noting." We have to recall that the Radio Assembly was held last year, and that pursuant to Resolution ITU-R 6, there was a specific request that the T sector align its text as closely as possible with the text that appears in Resolution 6. So if there are no comments, I can now go to the "resolveds."

So any comments on the resolveds, Ladies and Gentlemen? I see no one requests for the floor, so thank you very much.

And now we go to the "invites." So this is an invitation to the three advisory groups to continue to assist the intersector coordination group on matters of mutual interest. And that the directors also be invited to communicate with one another on an ongoing basis on matters of mutual interest. So no comments?

And, finally, the "instructs." So the study groups are instructed to continue cooperation with the study groups of the other two sectors to avoid duplication of effort and make use of the work of the study groups of those sectors.

And of course the expectation is that the director of the TSB report on activities associated with that consultation.

So I see no one asking for the floor, so I consider that approved.

Now, in -- we have some Annexes, as well. Annex 1 deals with the procedural method of cooperation. So we have some additional text at the end. Any comments? I see no comments, so that's approved.

We now have Annex B. And again to include in the consideration of the need for coordination the development sector. So that is basically editorial. I see no one asking for the floor, so that is approved.

And, finally, Annex C. Again, basically editorial fixups to ensure that reference is made to the three sectors. Any comments, Ladies and Gentlemen? I see no one asking for the floor, so this text is now approved. Thank you.

Oh, sorry. The Russian Federation, please.

>> Russia: Thank you, Chairman. I waited until you said the word "approved." I just wanted to express gratitude for the cooperation that we saw between the three regional organizations and also I wanted to thank Greg for his participation. He's from the delegation of the United States. He significantly helped us improve the text. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Yes, thank you very much. I'd like to thank all of the colleagues who have been involved, including yourself, in the discussions that took place. And I appreciate very much your efforts. I know the discussions were difficult at times. But we do now have a very good result, and I thank everyone involved in this process.

So, Ladies and Gentlemen, before I go to Resolution 45, I'd just like to make a comment with regard to Resolution 57. As we discussed at our first meeting, the two resolutions were linked given the fact that Resolution 57 dealt with matters of collaboration and cooperation

between the three sectors. With the amendments to Resolution 18, it is now possible to propose to you to suppress Resolution 57. Any comments, Ladies and Gentlemen? So there's no specific document. It's simply a suppression. So that was published in error. There's no DT95 to indicate the suppression. But consider that resolution to be suppressed.

Russian Federation, please.

>> Russia: Thank you, Chairman. If we suppress Resolution 57, I would like to ask the Secretariat to check with other resolutions and change references to Resolution 57 everywhere so they now refer to Resolution 18, thank you.

>> CHAIR: Yes, indeed, thank you. We should make particular note of the need to draw this to the attention of the editorial committee. So that will be done through the Secretariat. Thank you very much.

So if we could go to our final document, Resolution 45.

This is the effective coordination of work across the study groups in ITU-T and the role of TSAG. Again, Ladies and Gentlemen, we had extensive discussions with respect to the modification of this resolution, and I remind you a decision was taken at our last meeting that we should keep the text -- keep the resolution 45 and not try to merge it with another resolution.

So I have before you the modified version of Resolution 45. So we'll go through this again section by section. There's no change for the "notings," so I assume there's no comments.

No change in the "considerings" so I assume there's no comments.

In the "Recognizing" there's simply a modification to bring it up-to-date with the proper references. So that's strictly editorial.

No change in the "bearing in mind" section, so I assume no comments.

"Emphasizing" no change.

Now, we have, in fact, no change in the "resolveds" either. So where we have the changes are in the "instructs TSAG."

Now, you see that we have a number of additions, "instructs TSAG number 1." I'd ask if there are any comments. I'll go 1 i, any comments Ladies and Gentlemen? Russian Federation, please?

>> Russia: Thank you very much, Chairman. We have a comment on the words "to monitor." Which at the start of I, we propose that these words be changed to the words "to consider" thank you very much.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much. Any objection, Ladies and Gentlemen, to substitute the word "consider" for "monitor"? No objection, so thank you. So we will make that change.

So II, any comments on II?

No comments. So that's approved.

III? Any comments? No comments, so that's approved.

IV? Russian Federation, please.

>> Russia: Thank you very much, Chairman. On IV, we have a comment or an observation, which is that this point is already covered in Resolution 22, therefore, we would propose that this paragraph be eliminated or removed since it is not really required in this resolution, thank you.

>> CHAIR: Okay, thank you. Any objection, Ladies and Gentlemen, to removing IV? Given the fact that it's already covered in Resolution 22? No objection, so thank you, that's approved.

V, please. Russian Federation?

>> Russia: Thank you very much, Chairman. On this paragraph, subparagraph, we have some difficulties not with the essence of what is there but with how it's written. Here it says that TSAG should in essence ensure that programmes of work across the study groups are successfully completed in good time. Our understanding is that the work of the study groups is determined by the contributions which are presented by Sector Members and administrations. Therefore, we do have a question with regards to the implementation of this paragraph. How can this be ensured? How can it be guaranteed?

But in supporting the spirit of this paragraph, we don't have a specific text to improve this paragraph. Unfortunately, we did not discuss informally how it could be reworded. If there aren't any proposals for rewording it, then we would propose that this subparagraph be deleted. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Yes, thank you very much. Any objection, Ladies and Gentlemen, to having this paragraph deleted?

I see no one asking for the floor, so we will proceed to delete V. Thank you. So there's no change to "instructs to," so I believe that completes the review of our responsibilities in Working Group 3 B.

So, Ladies and Gentlemen, it's incumbent upon me to express my sincere appreciation to all those colleagues who have worked very hard on the various proposals that have been put forward to this assembly and in a spirit of cooperation have been able to achieve this consensus text. So I'm very much appreciative of those efforts.

I'd like to thank Mr. Martin Oigner for his support during these meetings. And Zoya, as well, for ensuring that the texts are presented clearly on the screen so that you can follow the proceedings as well as Tatiana, as well, for the support of this group.

So, Ladies and Gentlemen, I believe that we have completed our task. And it's my pleasure to give the floor back to Chairman of Com3 so that he can complete his task in the same spirit of cooperation.

So thank you again, Ladies and Gentlemen. The Working Group 3 B is now adjourned.

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