

RESOLUTION 1305

(adopted at the seventh Plenary Meeting)

Role of the Dedicated Group in identifying Internet-related Public Policy issues

The Council,

recognizing

- a) Article 10 of the ITU Constitution, item 70 2) defining one of the functions of ITU Council as the Structure within the Union to consider broad telecommunication policy issues in accordance with the guidelines given by the Plenipotentiary Conference to ensure that the Union's policies and strategy fully respond to changes in the telecommunication environment;
- b) Resolution 102 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) 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;
- c) Resolution 101 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) on Internet Protocol-based networks;
- d) Resolution 133 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) on Role of administrations of Member States in the management of internationalized (multilingual) domain names;
- e) WTS Resolution 75 (Johannesburg, 2008) on ITU-T's contribution in implementing the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society, and the establishment of a Dedicated Group on international Internet-related Public Policy Issues as an integral part of the Council Working Group on World Summit on the Information Society;
- f) WTS Resolution 47 (Rev. Johannesburg, 2008) on Country Code Top Level Domain names;
- g) WTS Resolution 48 (Rev. Johannesburg, 2008) on Internationalized Domain Names;
- h) WTS Resolution 49 (Rev. Johannesburg, 2008) on ENUM;
- i) WTS Resolution 50 (Rev. Johannesburg, 2008) on Cybersecurity;
- j) WTS Resolution 52 (Rev. Johannesburg, 2008) on Countering and Combating spam by technical means;
- k) WTS Resolution 64 (Johannesburg, 2008) on IP address allocation and encouraging the deployment of IPv6;
- l) WTS Resolution 69 (Johannesburg, 2008) on Non-discriminatory access and use of Internet resources;

m) Programme 3, adopted by the World Telecommunication Development Conference (Rev. Doha, 2006), which includes cybersecurity as one of its priority activities;

n) Council Resolution 1282 and its amendments by Council-08, in accordance with WTSA Resolution 75 (Johannesburg, 2008);

o) WTPF Opinion 1 (Lisbon, 2009) on Internet-related public policy matters;

further recognizing

a) in accordance with WTSA Resolution 75 (Johannesburg, 2008) and Council Resolution 1282 (Mod. 2008), the *Dedicated Group on international Internet-related public policy issues* is tasked to identify, study and develop matters related to international Internet-related public policy issues, and to disseminate its outputs throughout ITU's membership;

noting

a) the outcome of the Second meeting of the Dedicated Group on international Internet-related public policy issues, which has identified topics considered relevant within the ITU mandate in international Internet-related public policy matters (contained in Annex 1 of the Report of the Chairman of the Dedicated Group to Council 2009);

b) that paragraph 68 of the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society (Tunis, 2005) recognizes 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 and also recognizes the need for development of public policy by governments in consultation with all stakeholders;

c) that paragraph 63 of the Tunis Agenda states that countries should not be involved in decisions regarding another country's ccTLD; their legitimate interests, as expressed and defined by each country, in diverse ways, regarding decisions affecting their ccTLDs, need to be respected, upheld and addressed via a flexible and improved framework and mechanisms;

d) that paragraph 65 of the Tunis Agenda underlines the need to maximize the participation of developing countries in decisions regarding Internet governance, which should reflect their interests, as well as in development and capacity building;

e) that paragraph 69 of the Tunis Agenda underlines 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;

invites Member States

1 to recognize the scope of work of ITU on international Internet-related public policy matters, represented by the list of topics in Annex 1 which was established in accordance with decisions of ITU membership at the Plenipotentiary Conference, Council and world conferences;

2 to elaborate their respective position on each of the international Internet-related public policy issues referenced under *Invites Member States* 1 above and to contribute actively to the work of ITU on these issues,

instructs the Secretary-General

1. to provide the necessary support, within existing budgetary resources, to ensure that the *Dedicated Group on international Internet-related public policy issues*, as an integral part of WG-WSIS, carries out successfully its work,
2. to disseminate, as appropriate, the reports of the *Dedicated Group on international Internet-related public policy issues* to all relevant international organizations and stakeholders actively involved in such matters for their consideration in their policy making process,
3. to report annually to the Council on activities undertaken on these subjects.

ANNEX 1

	Public Policy Issues	Relevant ITU Mandate
1	Multilingualization of the Internet Including Internationalized (multilingual) Domain Names	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PP. Resolution 133 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) • WTSA Resolution 48 (Rev. Johannesburg, 2008) • WTDC Programme 3 (Rev. Doha, 2006)
2	International Internet Connectivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ITU-D Study Group 1, Question 12-2/1 • ITU-T Study Group 3 (Recommendation D.50)
3	International public policy issues pertaining to the Internet and the management of Internet resources, including domain names and addresses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PP. Resolutions 101, 102 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) • WTSA Resolutions 47, 49, 64, 69, 75 (Rev. Johannesburg, 2008) • Resolution 1282 (Mod. 2008) • Lead Facilitator of WSIS AL C6 (Tunis 2005)
4	The security, safety, continuity, sustainability, and robustness of the Internet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PP. Resolutions 102, 130 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) • WTDC Resolution 45, Programme 3 (Rev. Doha, 2006), • WTSA Resolutions 50, 52 (Rev. Johannesburg 2008) • ITU-T Study Group 17, ITU-D Study Group 1 • PP. Resolution 71 – Strategic Goal 4 (Rev. Antalya, 2006)
5	Combating Cybercrime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead Facilitator of WSIS AL C5 (Tunis 2005) • WTDC Programme 3 (Rev. Doha, 2006) • PP. Resolution 71 – Strategic Goal 4 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) • ITU-D Study Group 1
6	Dealing effectively with spam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead Facilitator of WSIS AL C5 (Tunis 2005) • PP. Resolution 130 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) • WTDC Programme 3, Resolution 45 (Rev. Doha, 2006) • WTSA 50, 52 (Rev. Johannesburg 2008)
7	Issues pertaining to the use and misuse of the Internet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead Facilitator of WSIS AL C5 (Tunis 2005) • Resolution 1282 (Mod. 2008) • WTDC Programme 3 (Rev. Doha, 2006) • PP. Resolution 130 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) • WTSA Resolutions 50, 52 (Rev. Johannesburg 2008)
8	Availability, affordability, reliability, and quality of service, especially in the developing world	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead Facilitator of WSIS AL C2 (Tunis 2005) • Resolution 1282 (Mod. 2008)
9	Contributing to capacity building for Internet governance in developing countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WTDC Resolutions 17, 20 (Rev. Doha, 2006) • ITU-D Programme 3, ITU-D Programme 5, • WTSA Resolutions 64 (Rev. Johannesburg 2008)
10	Developmental aspects of the Internet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WTDC Resolutions 17, 20 (Rev. Doha, 2006) • WTSA Resolutions 64, 75 (Rev. Johannesburg 2008) • PP. Resolutions 101, 102, 133 (Rev. Antalya, 2006)
11	Respect for privacy and the protection of personal information and data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PP. Resolution 130 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) • Lead Facilitator of WSIS AL C5 (Tunis 2005) • Resolution 1282 (Mod. 2008) • PP. Resolution 71 – Strategic Goal 4 (Rev. Antalya, 2006)
12	Protecting children and young people from abuse and exploitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PP. Resolution 130 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) • Lead Facilitator of WSIS AL C5 (Tunis 2005) • PP. Resolution 71 – Strategic Goal 4 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) • Resolution 1282 (Mod. 2008) • ITU-D Programme 3, ITU-T Study Group 17