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management of international telecommunication
numbering, naming, addressing and
identification resources**

FOREWORD

The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is the United Nations specialized agency in the field of telecommunications. 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.

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RESOLUTION 20

Procedures for allocation and management of international telecommunication numbering, naming, addressing and identification resources

(Helsinki, 1993; Geneva, 1996; Montreal, 2000 ; Florianópolis 2004)

The World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (Florianópolis 2004),

recognizing

- a) the relevant rules of the International Telecommunication Regulations (ITR) regarding the integrity of numbering resources;
- b) the instructions in the resolutions adopted by plenipotentiary conferences relevant for the stability of the numbering plans, especially the E.164 plan, and in particular *resolves to instruct 2* of Resolution 133 (Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference:

“to take any necessary action to ensure the sovereignty of ITU Member States with regard to country code numbering plans and addresses will be fully maintained, as enshrined in Recommendation E.164 of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector, in whatever application they are used”,

noting

- a) that the procedures governing the allocation and management of international numbering, naming, addressing and identification resources and related codes (e.g. new telephone ISDN country codes, telex destination codes, signalling area/network codes, data country codes, mobile country codes) are laid down in the relevant E-, F-, Q- and X-Series ITU-T Recommendations;
- b) that the principles concerning future numbering, naming, addressing and identification plans to deal with emerging services or applications and relevant number allocation procedures to meet international telecommunication needs will be studied in accordance with the ongoing work programme approved by this assembly for study groups of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T);
- c) that the national authorities responsible for allocation of numbering, naming, addressing and identification resources, including Q.708 signalling area/network codes and X.121 data country codes, normally participate in Study Group 2;
- d) that it is in the common interest of ITU-T Member States and Sector Members that the Recommendations and guidelines for international telecommunication numbering, naming, addressing and identification resources should be:
 - i) known, recognized and applied by all;
 - ii) used to build and maintain confidence of all in the related services;
- e) Articles 14 and 15 of the ITU Convention concerning the activities of ITU-T study groups and the responsibilities of the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau (TSB), respectively,

considering

that the assignment of international numbering, naming, addressing and identification resources is a responsibility of the Director of TSB and the relevant administrations,

instructs

1 the Director of TSB, before assigning, reassigning and/or reclaiming international numbering, naming, addressing and identification resources, to consult:

- i) the chairman of Study Group 2, in liaison with the chairmen of the other relevant study groups, or if needed the chairman's delegated representative; and
- ii) the relevant administration(s); and/or
- iii) the authorized applicant/assignee when direct communication with TSB is required in order to perform its responsibilities.

In the Director's deliberations and consultations, the Director will consider the general principles for numbering, naming, addressing and identification resource allocation, and the provisions of the relevant E-, F-, Q- and X-Series of ITU-T Recommendations;

2 Study Group 2, in liaison with the chairmen of the other relevant study groups, to provide the Director of TSB:

- i) advice on technical, functional and operational aspects in the assignment, reassignment and/or reclamation of international numbering, naming, addressing and identification resources in accordance with the relevant Recommendations, taking into account the results of any ongoing studies;
- ii) guidance in cases of reported complaints about misuses of an international telecommunication numbering resource;

3 the Director of TSB to take the appropriate measures where Study Group 2, in liaison with the other relevant study groups, has provided advice and guidance in accordance with *instructs* above;

4 the Director of TSB, in close collaboration with Study Group 2, and any other relevant study groups, to follow up on the misuse of any numbering, naming, addressing and identification resources and inform the Council accordingly;

5 Study Group 2 to study, urgently, necessary action to ensure that the sovereignty of ITU Member States with regard to country code numbering, naming, addressing and identification plans is fully maintained, as enshrined in Recommendation E.164 and other relevant Recommendations; this shall cover ways and means to address and counter any misuse of any numbering, naming, addressing and identification resources, and of call progress tones and signals, through proper development of a proposed resolution and/or the development and adoption of a Recommendation towards this aim.