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## **Resolution 54 – Creation of regional groups**

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## 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.

The World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA), which meets every four years, establishes the topics for study by the ITU-T study groups which, in turn, produce Recommendations on these topics.

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## RESOLUTION 54

### Creation of regional groups

(Florianópolis, 2004)

The World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly, (Florianópolis, 2004),

*considering*

- a) that Resolution 123 (Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference instructs the Secretary-General and the Directors of the three Bureaux to work closely with each other in pursuing initiatives that assist in bridging the standardization gap between developing and developed countries;
- b) that the work of certain study groups, particularly in relation to, among other things, next-generation networks (NGN), security, quality, mobility and multimedia, are of considerable strategic significance for developing countries<sup>1</sup> during the next study cycle, covering the period 2005-2008,

*recognizing*

- a) the highly satisfactory results obtained by the regional approach within the framework of Study Group 3's activities;
- b) the high level of participation and involvement of developing countries, and African countries in particular, in the meetings of Study Group 3,

*noting*

- a) the need to increase the participation of developing countries in the work of the other study groups, with a view to ensuring that their specific needs and concerns are better taken into account;
- b) the need to improve and strengthen the organization and working methods of the study groups of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T) in the interests of enhancing the participation of developing countries;
- c) the importance of having appropriate consultative frameworks for the formulation and study of Questions, preparation of contributions and capacity-building;
- d) the need for developing countries to be more present and more active within ITU-T's standardization forums,

*bearing in mind*

- a) that the application of the organizational set-up and working methods of Study Group 3 in some of the other study groups could serve to improve the level of developing country participation in standardization activities and contribute to achieving the objectives of Resolution 123 (Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference;
- b) that a common and coordinated approach in regard to standardization could serve to foster the promotion of standardization activities in developing countries,

*resolves*

to support the creation of regional groups,

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<sup>1</sup> In this resolution, the term "developing countries" is used in the generic sense and includes also countries with economies in transition and least developed countries.

*invites the regions*

- 1 to identify, on a case-by-case basis, study groups in which a similar organizational set-up to Study Group 3 may be used;
- 2 to apply, as appropriate, the working and organizational set-up of Study Group 3 to the study groups thus identified for establishing such regional groups,

*instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau, in collaboration with the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau*

- 1 to provide all necessary support for creating and ensuring the smooth functioning of the regional groups;
- 2 to take all necessary measures to facilitate the organization of the meetings and workshops of those groups,

*invites*

the regional groups thus created to cooperate closely with the relevant regional organizations.