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## **Resolution 74 – Admission of Sector Members from developing countries in the work of ITU-T**

## FOREWORD

The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is the United Nations specialized agency in the field of telecommunications, information and communication technologies (ICTs). 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 74

### **Admission of Sector Members<sup>1</sup> from developing countries in the work of ITU-T**

*(Johannesburg, 2008)*

The World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (Johannesburg, 2008),

*recognizing*

- a) that Article 1 of ITU Constitution establishes that the Union will facilitate the worldwide telecommunication standardization process with a satisfactory quality of service, and will promote and enhance participation of entities and organizations in the activities of the Union and foster a fruitful cooperation and partnership between them and Member States for the fulfilment of the overall objectives as embodied in the purposes of the Union;
- b) Goal 3 of Resolution 71 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) of the Plenipotentiary Conference on the strategic plan for the Union for 2008-2011;
- c) the spirit of Resolution 123 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) of the Plenipotentiary Conference on bridging the standardization gap between developing and developed countries;
- d) the objectives of Resolutions 17, 44 and 54 of this assembly,

*considering*

- a) that relevant entities or organizations from developing countries are interested in the standardization work of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T), and would be willing to join if more favourable financial conditions existed for their participation in the work of ITU-T;
- b) that the aforementioned entities or organizations could have a relevant role in research and development of new technologies, and that the participation of entities from developing countries in the work of ITU-T helps to bridge the standardization gap,

*resolves*

to encourage the adoption of the necessary measures to enable new members from developing countries to join ITU-T and to be entitled to take part in the work of the ITU-T study groups and other groups within ITU-T, taking into consideration levels of financial contributions equal to those applied for developing countries for admission to the study groups in the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D),

*instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau*

to propose to the ITU Council that it consider the admission of such a category in the work of ITU-T, based on an appropriate level of financial contribution equal to that applied to developing countries for admission to take part in the work of the study groups in ITU-D, and that it include its consideration of this matter in the work of the Council for preparation of the 2010 plenipotentiary conference.

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<sup>1</sup> Such Sector Members from developing countries shall not be affiliated in any way to any Sector Member of a developed country, and shall be limited to those Sector Members of developing countries (including the least developed countries, small island developing states and countries with economies in transition) having an income per capita according to the United Nations Development Programme not exceeding a threshold to be determined.