ITU-T Rapporteur and Editor Tutorial (Gyeonggi, Korea, 30-31 October 2012)

Rights of Member States, Sector Members, Associates and Academia Participants

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Why ITU is different

- ITU is a specialized agency of the United Nations, a treaty-based, Inter-Governmental Organization (IGO)

- However, other entities and organizations can join and participate

- Rapporteurs need to understand the different rights enjoyed by different participants at meetings and between meetings

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Member States

- By right, MSs can participate in all activities of the Union
- Right to make contributions to all meetings
- Right to vote

ITU-T Sector Members

- Right to participate in all activities of ITU-T, including chairing groups
- Take part in progressing work
- Take part in most consensus-based decisions
- Take part in all but the final MS-only step of TAP and AAP (when needed)
- Right to make contributions to all meetings of ITU-T

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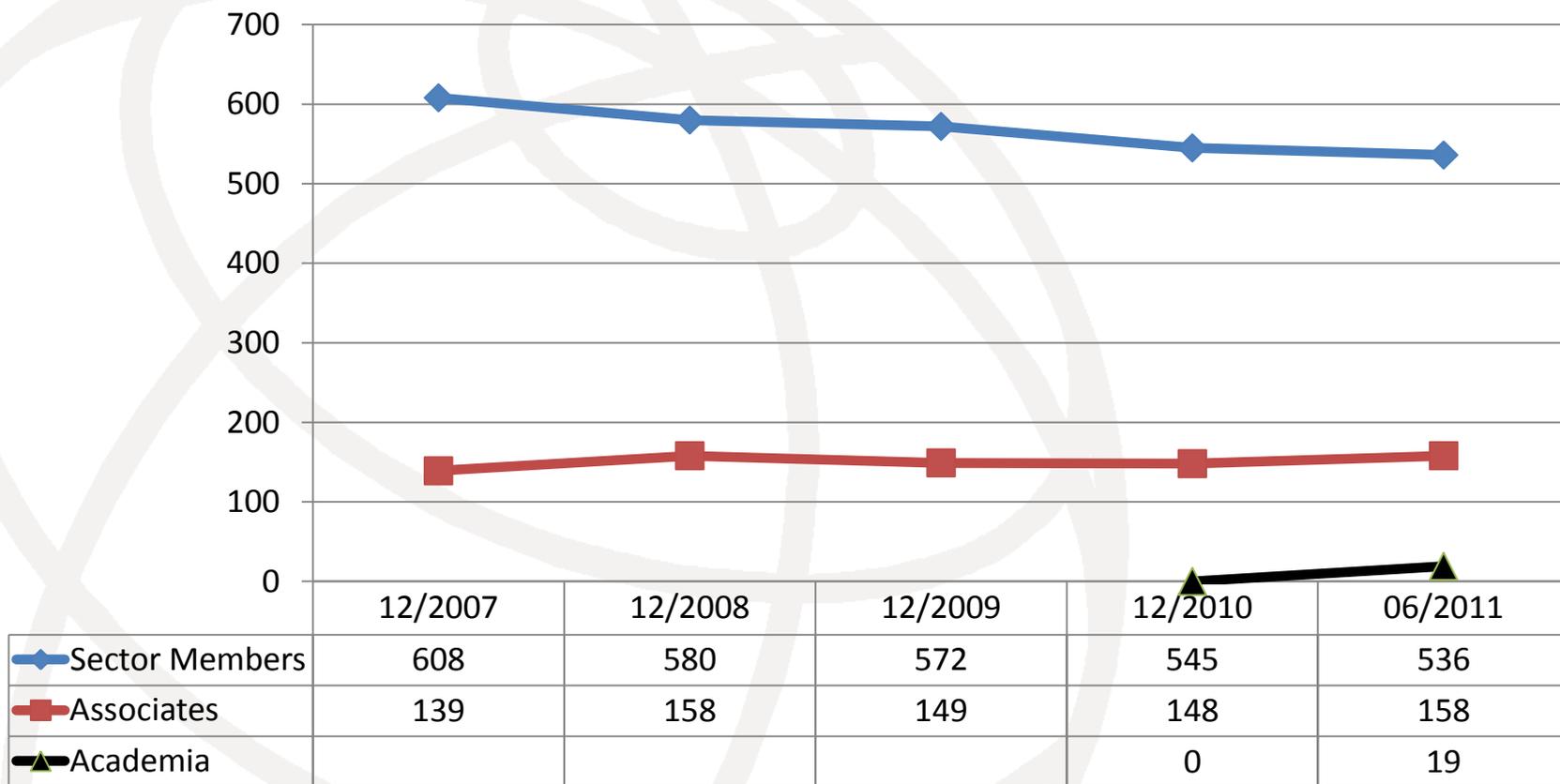Rights of members and participants

Associates (WTSA Resolution 31)

- Right to participate in the ONE study group they join, including chairing groups
- Cannot take part in decision-making
  - Carefully defined within AAP procedures
- Cannot take part in liaison activities
- An Associate is not a form of membership

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Academia

- Includes academia, universities and their associated research establishments
- Can participate in the ITU-T Sector
  - Broader than Associate rights
- Cannot take part in decision-making
- Authorized under Resolution 169 of the 2010 Plenipotentiary Conference
- Detailed rules in ITU-T have yet to be developed

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Member/Participant trends (2007-11)

Trend in Number of ITU Sector Members, Associates and Academia (12/07 - 06/11)

	12/2007	12/2008	12/2009	12/2010	06/2011
Sector Members	608	580	572	545	536
Associates	139	158	149	148	158
Academia				0	19

Source: Council 2011, Doc 11

MSs and SMs – working together

- Traditionally, a SG *adopts,* and formal consultation of MSs is needed to *approve,* a Recommendation
  - This is part of the TAP
- "MSs and SMs shall adopt questions in accordance with procedures … including the indication whether or not a resulting recommendation shall be the subject of a formal consultation of MSs" (ITU Convention CV246A, PP-98)

MSs and SMs – working together

- "Recommendations … are adopted by a SG in accordance with procedures…Those recommendations which do not require formal consultation of MSs for their approval shall be considered as approved" (ITU Convention CV246B, PP-98)
  - This is the basis for the AAP
- This shall not be used for Questions and Recommendations having policy or regulatory implications (CV246D, PP-98)

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Other rights to remember in your work

- In formal voting situations, only MSs have the right to vote

- Only SMs, MSs, Associates and academia participants can submit contributions to meetings

  - Other inputs are submitted as Temporary Documents (TD)

- The chairman of a meeting can invite an outside expert (WTSA Resolution 1, §2.3.1)

Thank you

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WTSA Res 1	http://www.itu.int/dms_pub/itu-t/opb/res/T-RES-T.1-2008-MSW-E.doc
WTSA Res 31	http://www.itu.int/dms_pub/itu-t/opb/res/T-RES-T.31-2008-MSW-E.doc
Rec ITU-T A.1	http://www.itu.int/rec/T-REC-A.1-200810-I/dologin.asp?lang=e&id=T-REC-A.1-200810-I!!MSW-E&type=items
Rec ITU-T A.13	http://www.itu.int/rec/T-REC-A.13-200010-I/dologin.asp?lang=e&id=T-REC-A.13-200010-I!!MSW-E&type=items
Liaison Statement Database - Outgoing	http://www.itu.int/net/itu-t/ls/ols.aspx?
Liaison Statement Database - Incoming	http://www.itu.int/net/itu-t/ls/ils.aspx?