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**SOURCE:** United States of America

**TITLE:** Proposed modifications to ITU-D Resolution 54 - Information and communication technology applications

## BACKGROUND:

Increasing access to broadband has been among the United States of America's highest priorities for a long time. The United States, as well as many developing countries, is consistently adopting policies and initiatives on a national, regional and international level, with the aim of promoting the development of broadband infrastructure to increase access to citizens, and promoting broadband as an essential service to all citizens.

Indeed, the Hyderabad Declaration of WTDC-2010 affirmed in its declaration that "broadband access and usage are increasingly considered as essential services, that need to be universally available to all citizens in order to develop networked economies and information societies" (Hyderabad Declaration, WTDC-10,§7). In fact, the ITU-D has long played a significant role in supporting initiatives to spur the access and uptake to broadband infrastructure in the developing world to help connecting all citizens. In the last work period, the establishment of this work was supported by three Resolutions, of which Resolution 54, *Information and communication technology applications*, was one.

Given the importance of access to broadband in developing as well as developed countries, the United States believes it is important that this Resolution accurately reflect the current state of affairs and updated resolves for the next four years.

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The United States proposes that Resolution 54 be updated as proposed in the Attachment.

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## RESOLUTION 54 (REV. DUBAI, 2014)

## Information and communication technology applications

The World Telecommunication Development Conference (Dubai, 2014),

*recalling*

- a) Resolution 54 (Rev. Hyderabad, 2010) of the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC);
- b) Action Line C7 of the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society, covering the following ICT applications:
- e-government
  - e-business
  - e-learning
  - e-health
  - e-employment
  - e-environment
  - e-agriculture
  - e-science,

*considering*

- a) the lessons learned from the implementation of Action Line C7 of the Tunis Agenda;
- b) that the goal of using and disseminating information and communication technology (ICT) is to bring benefits in all aspects of our daily life, and that ICTs are enormously important in facilitating citizens' access to these applications;
- c) that the sharing of infrastructure, when employed to support these applications, will lead to considerable savings in the cost of provision;
- d) that the dissemination of these applications must give due regard to local needs in terms of language, culture and sustainable development;
- e) that one of the principal advantages of satellite is access to remote, local communities without increased connection costs due to distance or to the geographical features of the areas in which the societies are located;
- f) that the security and privacy of these applications require the building of confidence in the use of ICT for this purpose,

*resolves to instruct the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau*

- 1 to continue to conduct detailed studies on these various applications, relying upon the expertise acquired in the implementation of Action Line C7, taking into consideration the means available for implementation (whether wireline, wireless, terrestrial, satellite, fixed, mobile, narrow-band or broadband), and giving priority to e-government, without however neglecting the other applications;

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- 2 to take into consideration the importance of the security and confidentiality of these applications and of protection of privacy in some applications;
- 3 to support projects relating to these applications through strategic partnerships;
- 4 to increase technical support and training for these various applications;
- 5 to give priority to international and regional initiatives in this field and encourage cooperation;
- 6 to continue to make these applications a major strand for the activities of the relevant programme and to focus on its key role for the implementation of Question [17] of Study Group 2 in relation to e-government for the previous and forthcoming study periods;
- 7 to circulate the outputs of these applications on a regular basis to all Member States;
- 8 to encourage greater coordination and linkage with the work being developed under Question [25/2] that, among others, focuses on case studies of countries using broadband access technologies with the aim of providing citizens with greater access to ICT applications (e.g., e-health, e-banking, e-learning, e-government, among others);
- 9 to take into account the outcome of Question [17-3/2] in relevant BDT Programmes, that are components of the toolkit BDT uses when solicited by Member States and Sector Members, in order to support their efforts to build confidence and greater access to ICT applications;
- 10 to continue to inform forthcoming WTDCs of the lessons learned in relation to these applications and of any amendments the Director may propose with a view to updating this resolution.

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