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**TITLE:** Proposal to revise Resolution 24, on authorization for the Telecommunication Development Advisory Group to act between world telecommunication development conferences

## **1 Introduction**

The mandate of the Telecommunication Development Advisory Group (TDAG) is defined by Article 17A of the ITU Constitution and WTDC Resolution 24, on authorization for the TDAG to act between WTDCs.

In the light of the experience of the work of TDAG in the period following WTDC-10, it seems appropriate to include in TDAG's mandate the examination of electronic working methods, decisions of the plenipotentiary conference and of other conferences and assemblies of the Union and the ITU Council of relevance to the activities of ITU-D, and coordination of activities with the advisory groups of the other Sectors.

## **2 Proposal**

To amend WTDC Resolution 24 as follows.

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RESOLUTION 24 (Rev. [Dubai, 2014](#))

**Authorization for the Telecommunication Development Advisory Group  
to act between world telecommunication development conferences**

The World Telecommunication Development Conference ([Dubai, 2014](#)),

*recalling*

Resolution 24 (Rev. [Hyderabad, 2010](#)) of the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC),

*considering*

- a) that, under the provisions of Article 17A of the ITU Convention, the Telecommunication Development Advisory Group (TDAG) is to continue to provide guidelines for the work of study groups and recommend measures to foster coordination and cooperation with other relevant development and financial institutions;
- b) that there is a need to evaluate the activities of study groups;
- c) that the rapid pace of change in the telecommunication environment and in industry groups dealing with telecommunications/information and communication technologies (ICTs) still demands that the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D) make decisions on issues such as work priorities, study group structure and meeting schedules in shorter periods of time, between WTDCs;
- d) that TDAG has demonstrated its capability to make proposals for enhancing the operational efficiency of ITU-D, for improving the quality of ITU-D Recommendations and for methods of coordination and cooperation;
- e) that TDAG can help improve coordination of the study processes and provide improved decision-making processes for the important areas of ITU-D activities;
- f) that flexible administrative procedures, including those related to budgetary considerations, are needed in order to adapt to rapid changes in the telecommunication environment;
- g) that it is necessary that TDAG continue to act in the four years between WTDCs in order to meet the needs of the members in a timely manner,

*recognizing*

- a) that the duties of WTDC are specified in the Convention;
- b) that the current four-year cycle for WTDCs effectively precludes the possibility of addressing unforeseen issues requiring urgent action in the interim period between two conferences;
- c) that TDAG, which meets at least on a yearly basis, is capable of addressing these issues as they arise;

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- d) that, in accordance with No. 213A of the Convention, a WTDC may assign specific matters within its competence to TDAG, indicating the recommended action on those matters;
- e) that TDAG has already demonstrated the capability to act effectively on matters referred to it by the previous WTDC,

*noting*

that there is still an ongoing need to identify an appropriate mechanism or mechanisms to address new emerging problems for developing countries that ITU-D may not yet have been able to consider,

*resolves*

- 1 to continue to assign to TDAG the following specific matters, between two consecutive WTDCs, acting in consultation with the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT), as appropriate:
- i) continue to maintain efficient and flexible working guidelines, and update them as necessary, including to provide opportunities for cross-regional sharing of experiences on the implementation of regional actions, initiatives and projects;
  - ii) evaluate periodically the working methods and functioning of the ITU-D study groups, to identify options for maximizing programme delivery and to approve appropriate changes thereto following an assessment of their work programme, including strengthening of the synergy between Questions, programmes and regional initiatives;
  - iii) conduct the assessment pursuant to *resolves 1 ii)* above, taking into account the following actions in relation to the current work programme of the study groups, if needed:
    - redefinition of the terms of reference of Questions in order to provide focus and eliminate overlap;
    - deletion or merging of Questions as appropriate; and
    - evaluation of criteria to measure the effectiveness of Questions, both in qualitative and quantitative terms, including a periodical review based on the ITU-D strategic plan with a view to further exploring performance measures in order to more effectively implement actions referred to in *resolves 1 ii)* above;
  - iv) restructure ITU-D study groups, if required, and, as a result of a restructuring or creation of ITU-D study groups, appoint chairmen and vice-chairmen to act until the next WTDC in response to the needs and concerns of the Member States, within the agreed budgetary limits;
  - v) continue to issue advice on study group schedules that meet development priorities;
  - vi) continue to advise the Director of BDT on relevant financial and other matters;
  - vii) continue to approve the programme of work arising from the review of existing and new Questions and determine the priority, urgency, estimated financial implications and time-scale for the completion of their study;
  - viii) in order to promote flexibility in responding rapidly to high-priority matters, if required, create, terminate or maintain other groups, appoint their chairmen and vice-chairmen, and establish their terms of reference with a defined duration, in accordance with Nos 209A and 209B of the Convention and taking into account the leading role of the study

groups in carrying out the studies on such matters; such other groups shall not adopt Questions or Recommendations;

ix) consult the Director of BDT on the development and implementation of an action plan on electronic working methods and, going forward, procedures and rules for electronic meetings, including legal aspects;

2 that, when dealing with restructuring of the study groups and the creation of new study groups, the decisions taken in TDAG meetings shall be unopposed by any Member State present at the meeting;

3 that TDAG, in carrying out its work, collaborate with the advisory groups of the other Sectors with the aim of coordinating efforts and eliminating duplication, consulting where appropriate with the Director of BDT;

4 that TDAG shall promptly consider at its meetings aspects of the decisions of the Plenipotentiary Conference and other conferences and assemblies of the Union that relate to the work of ITU-D,

*instructs the Telecommunication Development Advisory Group*

to take appropriate action for the implementation of this resolution and report the results to the next WTDC.

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