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TITLE: Proposal to revise Resolution 30, on the role of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector in implementing the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society

1 Introduction

In its Resolution 140 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010), the Plenipotentiary Conference resolved that ITU should complete the report on the implementation of WSIS outcomes concerning ITU in 2014. The United Nations Chief Executives Board (CEB) requested ITU to play the leading managerial role in terms of responsibility for the preparatory process for WSIS+10.

Further to the request by ECOSOC (resolution E/2011/31) in regard to assessment of the progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the WSIS outcomes, the plenary meetings on WSIS +10 of the WSIS Forum 2012 produced multi-stakeholder consensus on the following:

- preliminary indications for a vision beyond 2015;
- templates for the reports of the lead facilitators on the Action Lines;
- templates for the national self-evaluation reporting on the implementation of the WSIS outcomes.

ITU-D is actively involved in implementing the WSIS outcomes, including Action Lines C2 (Information and communication infrastructure), C5 (Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs) and C6 (Enabling environment) of the WSIS Plan of Action, for which ITU is sole facilitator and responsible for implementing the corresponding WSIS outcomes. The ITU Sector responsible for Action Lines C2 and C6 is ITU-D, which is also actively involved in the work being done under Action Lines C1, C3, C4, C5, C7, C9 and C11, as well as in the pursuit of other WSIS objectives, including the development of ICT indicators, whose importance as a monitoring and evaluation tool for measuring the digital divide among countries and within societies and in informing decision-makers when formulating policies and strategies for social, cultural and economic development was emphasized in an ECOSOC resolution prepared by the Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD) during its session in May 2012.

That same resolution re-emphasized the enabling role of ICTs for achieving the Millennium Development Goals and reiterated the importance of the contribution of the WSIS process to the achievement of those goals.

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ITU has recently become engaged in new areas of activity, including broadband access and mobile Internet, where centre stage is being taken by safety and security issues, including child online protection, environmental conservation and the use of telecommunication/ICT facilities for early warning, prevention, relief and recovery in relation to disaster situations, combating the negative impacts of climate change, creating a "green" information infrastructure and supporting persons with disabilities.

All of these issues fall within the scope of ITU-D's activities.

The Council session of 2013 in Resolution 1334 (Modified 2013) resolved to hold the ITU coordinated WSIS+10 High-Level Event hosted by Egypt in Sharm el-Sheikh, from 13-17 April 2014; this will be an extended version of the WSIS Forum to address the progress made in the implementation of the WSIS outcomes under the ITU's mandate, while providing a platform for multistakeholder coordination of the implementation of the WSIS outcomes, with involvement and participation of all WSIS action line facilitators, other UN agencies and all WSIS stakeholders.

The WSIS+10 High-Level Event should also review the WSIS Outcomes and develop proposals on a new vision beyond 2015, probably including new targets and an action plan beyond 2015 in the area of ITU's responsibility.

Regional preparation for WSIS+10 was carried out in conjunction with the regional preparatory meetings for WTDC-14, which made possible a closer coordination of likely areas of development of the information society after 2015 with the objectives of the Development Sector for the period 2014-2018.

ITU-D's objectives and role in implementing the WSIS outcomes are set out in Resolution 30 (Rev. Hyderabad, 2010).

Resolution 30 should be brought into line with the relevant decisions of PP-10 and the Council.

2 Proposal

Introduce appropriate amendments to WTDC Resolution 30.

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RESOLUTION 30 (Rev. Dubai, 2014)**Role of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector in implementing the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society**The World Telecommunication Development Conference (Dubai, 2014),*recalling*

a) Resolution 30 (Rev. Hyderabad, 2010) of the World Telecommunication Development Conference;

b) Resolution 71 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on the strategic plan for the Union for 2012-2015;

c) Resolution 130 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on strengthening the role of ITU in building confidence and security in the use of information and communication technologies;

d) Resolution 139 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on telecommunications/information and communication technologies to bridge the digital divide and build an inclusive information society;

e) Resolution 140 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on ITU's role in implementing the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS);

f) Resolution 172 (Guadalajara, 2010) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on overall review of implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society;

g) the documents adopted by both phases of WSIS:

- the Geneva Declaration of Principles and Geneva Plan of Action;
- the Tunis Commitment and Tunis Agenda for the Information Society,

h) ITU Council Resolution 1334 (Modified 2014) which resolved to hold the ITU-coordinated WSIS+10 High-Level Event at which the adoption of the following outcome documents is envisaged:

- draft WSIS+10 Statement on Implementation of WSIS Outcomes;
- draft WSIS+10 Vision for WSIS Beyond 2015 under mandates of the participating agencies.

recognizing

a) that WSIS stated that the core competencies of ITU are of crucial importance for building the information society, and identified ITU as a moderator/facilitator for implementing Action Lines C2 and C5, and as a partner in Action Lines C1, C3, C4, C6, C7 and C11, as well as Action Line C8 as stated in Resolution 140 (Antalya, 2006);

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b) that it was recently agreed among the parties to follow-up of the Summit outcomes to appoint ITU as moderator/facilitator for the implementation of Action Line C6, in which it was previously only a partner;

c) that the Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D), in view of its purposes and objectives, the nature of the existing partnership among Member States and ITU-D Sector Members, its accumulated experience over many years in dealing with different development needs and implementing a range of projects, including infrastructure projects and specifically telecommunication/information and communication technology (ICT) infrastructure projects specifically, financed by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and various funds and through possible partnerships, the nature of its five existing programmes adopted at this conference to meet the needs of the telecommunication/ICT infrastructure, including by building confidence and security in the use of telecommunications/ICTs and fostering an enabling environment, and achieve the WSIS goals, and the presence of its authorized regional offices, is a key partner in the implementation of WSIS outcomes, in respect of Action Lines C2, C5 and C6, which are the cornerstone of the Sector's work pursuant to the ITU Constitution and Convention, and also participates with other stakeholders, as appropriate, in the implementation of Action Lines C1, C3, C4, C7, C8, C9 and C11 and all other relevant action lines and other WSIS outcomes, within the financial limits set by the Plenipotentiary Conference,

recognizing further

that the Plenipotentiary Conference, in its Resolution 140 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010), resolved that ITU should complete the report on the implementation of WSIS outcomes concerning ITU in 2014,

taking into account

a) Resolution 75 (Rev. Dubai, 2012) of the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSAs), on the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector's contribution in implementing the WSIS outcomes;

b) Resolution 61 (Geneva, 2012) of the Radiocommunication Assembly, on the ITU Radiocommunication Sector's contribution in implementing the WSIS outcomes;

c) the programmes, activities and regional initiatives being carried out in accordance with the decisions of WTDC-10 for bridging the digital divide;

d) the relevant work already accomplished and/or to be carried out by ITU under the guidance of WG-WSIS for implementation of the WSIS outcomes,

noting

a) Council Resolution 1332, on ITU's role in the implementation of the WSIS outcomes up to 2015 and future activities beyond WSIS+10;

b) Council Resolution 1334 (Modified 2013), on ITU's role in the overall review of the implementation of the WSIS outcomes, which resolved to hold the ITU-coordinated WSIS+10 High-Level Event at which the adoption of the following outcome documents is envisaged:

- draft WSIS+10 Statement on Implementation of WSIS Outcomes;
- draft WSIS+10 Vision for WSIS Beyond 2015 under mandates of the participating agencies,

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c) Council Resolution 1336, on the Council Working Group on international Internet-related public policy issues,

noting further

that the ITU Secretary-General created the ITU WSIS Task Force, whose role is to formulate strategies and coordinate ITU's policies and activities in relation to WSIS, as noted by Council Resolution 1332,

resolves to invite the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector

1 to continue working in cooperation with the other ITU Sectors and with development partners (governments, specialized agencies of the United Nations, relevant international and regional organizations, etc.), through a clear plan and appropriate mechanisms for coordination among the different partners concerned at the national, regional, interregional and global levels, having particular regard to the needs of the developing countries¹, including in the field of building the telecommunication/ICT infrastructure, building confidence and security in the use of telecommunications/ICTs, and implementation of the other WSIS goals;

2 to continue to encourage the principle of non-exclusion from the information society and to devise appropriate mechanisms to this end (§§ 20-25 of the Tunis Commitment);

3 to continue to facilitate an enabling environment encouraging ITU-D Sector Members to give priority to investing in the development of the telecommunication/ICT infrastructure, encompassing rural, isolated and remote regions, through different technologies;

4 to assist Member States in finding and/or improving innovative financial mechanisms to develop telecommunication/ICT infrastructure (such as the Digital Solidarity Fund and others mentioned in § 27 of the Tunis Agenda, and partnerships);

5 to continue to assist developing countries in advancing their legal and regulatory frameworks in order to further the goal of building the telecommunication/ICT infrastructure and achieve the other WSIS goals;

6 to pursue its activities in the field of statistical work for telecommunication development, using the indicators required to evaluate progress in this area with a view to bridging the digital divide, *inter alia*, within the framework of the Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development and consistent with §§ 113-118 of the Tunis Agenda, acting on the content of Resolution 8 (Rev. Hyderabad, 2010) of this conference;

7 to develop and implement the ITU-D strategic plan, taking into account the need to give priority to building the telecommunication/ICT infrastructure, including broadband access, at the national, regional, interregional and global levels and to achieve the other WSIS goals related to the activities of ITU-D;

8 to continue to propose at the forthcoming plenipotentiary conference appropriate mechanisms for funding the activities flowing from the WSIS outcomes that are relevant to the core competencies of ITU, specifically those to be adopted in relation to:

i) Action Lines C2, C5 and C6, in which ITU is now identified as a moderator/facilitator;

¹ These include the least developed countries, small island developing states, landlocked developing countries and countries with economies in transition.

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ii) Action Lines C1, C3, C4, C6, C7 including its eight sub-action lines, C8 and C11, in which ITU is identified as a partner,

instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau

1 to provide WG-WSIS with a comprehensive summary of ITU-D activities on implementation of the WSIS outcomes;

2 to ensure that concrete objectives and deadlines for WSIS activities are developed and reflected in the operational plans of ITU-D in accordance with Resolution 140 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010), and with the objectives that will be set for ITU-D by the Plenipotentiary Conference in 2014 with regard to the implementation by ITU of the WSIS+10 Outcomes;

3 to provide information on emerging trends based on ITU-D activities;

4 to take appropriate action to facilitate the activities in implementing this resolution,

calls upon Member States

1 to continue to give priority to the development of the telecommunication/ICT infrastructure, including in rural, remote and underserved areas, to the building of confidence and security in the use of telecommunications/ICTs, to the fostering of an enabling environment and to ICT applications, in order to build the information society;

2 to submit contributions to relevant ITU-D study groups and to the Telecommunication Development Advisory Group, where appropriate, and contribute to WG-WSIS on implementing WSIS outcomes within the ITU mandate;

3 to support and collaborate with the Director of BDT in implementing relevant WSIS outcomes in ITU-D,

requests the Secretary-General

to transmit this resolution to the Plenipotentiary Conference (Busan, 2014) for consideration and appropriate action in this regard when reviewing Resolution 140 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010), in order to specify ITU-D's clear role in this area and the provision of the necessary funding.

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