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TITLE: Proposal to revise Resolution 73, on ITU centres of excellence

On the basis of experience gained in the operation of ITU centres of excellence, it is proposed to introduce a number of amendments in WTDC Resolution 73.

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RESOLUTION 73 (Rev. Dubai, 2014)

ITU centres of excellence

The World Telecommunication Development Conference (Dubai, 2014),

recalling

- a) Resolution 139 (Rev. Guadalajara 2010) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on telecommunications/information and communication technologies (ICTs) to bridge the digital divide and build an inclusive information society;
- b) Resolution 123 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on bridging the standardization gap between developing and developed countries;
- c) the terms of the ~~Doha~~ Hyderabad Declaration;
- d) Resolution 15 (Rev. Hyderabad, 2010), of the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC), on applied research and transfer of technology;
- e) Resolution 37 (Rev. Hyderabad, 2010) of WTDC, on bridging the digital divide;
- f) Resolution 40 (Rev. Hyderabad, 2010) of WTDC, on a group on capacity-building initiatives;
- g) Resolution 47 (Rev. Hyderabad, 2010) of WTDC, on enhancement of knowledge and effective application of ITU Recommendations in developing countries, including conformance and interoperability testing of systems manufactured on the basis of ITU Recommendations,

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considering

- a) the ongoing experience of the ITU centres of excellence working in the different regions of the world; b) that, in every country, specialists in the field of telecommunications/ICTs hold great potential for development of the sector;
- c) that there is a need for constant upgrading of the qualifications of telecommunication/ICT specialists;
- d) that key ITU Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D) projects in regard to the training of telecommunication/ICT staff, including the work of the ITU centres of excellence, make a significant contribution to upgrading the qualifications of telecommunication/ICT specialists;
- e) that there is an acute need for financial assistance, both from relevant institutions in the regions and from ITU, in order to ensure stable operation of ITU centres of excellence,

recognizing

- a) that telecommunication/ICT staff training and capacity building, taking into account gender equality, youth and persons with disabilities, as well as the population as a whole, should be constantly developed and improved;
- b) that ITU centres of excellence fulfil an important role in the ITU capacity-building scheme, along with Internet training centres under the ITU Academy;
- c) that partnerships and cooperation between ITU centres of excellence and with other education centres contribute to effective training of specialists;
- d) the sovereign right of each State to formulate its own policy in regard to the licensing of services for capacity building;
- e) the need to attract, first and foremost, qualified experts from academia to the work of the ITU centres of excellence;
- f) that activities in the field of human capacity building are being organized and held in parallel in the ITU centres of excellence and in the area/regional offices under the operational plan;

resolves

- 1 that the activity of ITU centres of excellence should be continued, so as to enhance their status as the leading mechanism for the systematic human capacity building undertaken by ITU;
- 2 to strive, going forward, to develop the work of ITU centres of excellence, by creating them within the framework of academic organizations that are licensed for professional development activities under the corresponding national legislation;
- 3 when setting priorities for the work of the ITU centres of excellence, to proceed from the current needs of the region, which are to be identified using the regional organizations in the ICT/telecommunication sector as well as through consultations with ITU members;
- 4 to consider that human capacity-building efforts should be concentrated in the ITU centres of excellence, whose activities should be included in the operational plans, with the corresponding institutional and financial support;
- 5 to recognize the need to standardize the format of the work of the ITU centres of excellence (duration of seminars and distance-learning courses), quality-control mechanisms

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(tests, peer review, scientific conferences, etc.), and the form of certificates to be issued and conditions for obtaining them;

6 to provide for the possibility for ITU centres of excellence established within the framework of academic organizations licensed for professional development activities under the corresponding national legislation to issue joint certificates signed by the Director of BDT and the head (rector) of the academic organization concerned,

instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau

1 to provide assistance for the work of the ITU centres of excellence, according it the necessary priority attention;

2 in drawing up ITU-D operational plans, to incorporate therein activities prepared and carried out by the ITU centres of excellence under the corresponding action plans;

3 to make the necessary organizational arrangements for the formulation of standards for ITU human capacity-building activities;

4 to make the necessary arrangements to put in place the procedures for certification of learning outcomes within the ITU human capacity-building scheme, including the form of certificates, the conditions for obtaining them, a consolidated register of certificates issued, authorized signatories, etc.;

5 to facilitate the work of the ITU centres of excellence, providing them with the necessary methodological, informational and financial support;

6 to make the necessary organizational arrangements for setting up, within the ITU area/regional offices, a database of experts and participants in ITU centres of excellence activities, for exchanges of experts in the field;

7 to take steps to involve academic organizations that are ITU Sector Members in the development of a network of ITU centres of excellence,

calls upon Member States and Sector Members of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector

to participate actively in the ITU centres of excellence activity, both as clients and as providers of expertise and also financial support.

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