
COMMITTEE 5

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COMMITTEE 5 INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS ON THEFT OF MOBILE DEVICES

Please find attached the proposal for a new Resolution on theft of mobile devices.

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DRAFT NEW RESOLUTION [COM5/XX] (BUSAN, 2014)

Assisting Member States to combat and deter mobile device theft

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Busan, 2014),

considering

- a)* that the positive impact of mobile phone communication, the technological progress and the great coverage and development generated by all the related services, have made the increasing penetration of mobile device possible, especially smartphones, because of the multiple benefits provided;
- b)* that the widespread use of mobile telecommunications in the world, has also been accompanied by a rise in the problem of mobile device theft;
- c)* that the act of mobile device theft sometimes can have a negative impact on the health and safety of our citizens and on their feelings of security;
- d)* that problems that occur around the crimes related to mobile device theft have become a worldwide problem since these stolen devices are often very easily resold in the international markets;
- e)* that the traffic of stolen mobile devices constitutes a risk to consumers and loss of revenue for the industry;
- f)* that some governments and industry have implemented regulations, law enforcement actions policies and technological functions to prevent and combat mobile device theft;
- g)* that ITU can play a positive role by offering all interested parties a platform for encouraging discussions, exchanging best practices, industry cooperation to define technical guidelines, and for the dissemination of information on combating mobile device theft;
- h)* that some manufacturers, as well as operators, offer solutions for consumers, such as free anti-theft applications, with the aim of reducing the rate of mobile device theft,

concerned

because the rate of mobile device theft in various regions of the world remains high, despite efforts made in recent years,

aware

that manufacturers, operators and industry associations have been developing different technological solutions and governments have been developing policies to address this global problem,

resolves

to explore all the ways and means to combat and deter mobile device theft,

instructs the Director of the Development Bureau, in coordination with the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau

- 1 to compile information on best practices developed by industry or governments in combating mobile device theft;
- 2 to consult within the ITU-R Study Groups, in particular experts in Study Group 5, amongst others, manufacturers of mobile devices, manufacturers of telecommunication network components, operators and industry organisations such as the GSMA and 3GPP to identify possible technological measures that may be developed, both software and hardware, to mitigate the use of stolen mobile devices;
- 3 to collaborate with the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau in the implementation of this Resolution;
- 4 to provide assistance, within the Union's expertise, and within available resources, as appropriate, in cooperation with relevant organizations, to Member States, if so requested, in order to achieve the reduction of mobile device theft and use of stolen mobile devices in their countries,

instructs the Secretary-General

to report annually to Council on the progress of the work,

invites Sector Members

to contribute to the studies in this area.
