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Arab States Common Proposals

PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO RESOLUTION 69

Arab States proposes the following revisions to Resolution 69 (Johannesburg, 2008) presented to WTSA-12 for approval.

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RESOLUTION 69

Non-discriminatory access and use of Internet resources

(Johannesburg, 2008; [Dubai, 2012](#))

The World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly ([Johannesburg, 2008](#)[Dubai, 2012](#)),

considering

that one of the purposes of ITU laid down in Article 1 of the ITU Constitution is "to maintain and extend international cooperation among all its Member States for the improvement and rational use of telecommunications of all kinds",

considering further

approved documents of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), Geneva 2003 and Tunis 2005, in its Declaration of Principles, especially §§ 11, 19, 20, 21 and 49 thereof,

considering further

[the United Nations human rights council resolution on "The promotion, protection and enjoyment of human rights on the Internet" \(A/HRC/20/L.13\)](#),

noting

that § 48 of the WSIS Declaration of Principles recognized that: "The Internet has evolved into a global facility available to the public and its governance should constitute a core issue of the Information Society agenda. The international management of the Internet should be multilateral, transparent and democratic, with the full involvement of governments, the private sector, civil society and international organizations. It should ensure an equitable distribution of resources, facilitate access for all and ensure a stable and secure functioning of the Internet, taking into account multilingualism",

recognizing

- a) that the second phase of WSIS (Tunis, November 2005) identified ITU as the possible moderator/facilitator for the following WSIS Action Lines from the Plan of Action: C2 (Information and communication infrastructure) and C5 (Building confidence and security in use of the ICTs);
- b) that the Plenipotentiary Conference ([Rev. Antalya, 2006](#) [Guadalajara, 2010](#)) entrusted the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T) with a range of activities aimed at implementing the WSIS (Tunis, 2005) outcomes, a number of those activities having to do with Internet-related issues;
- c) Resolution 102 (Rev. [Antalya, 2006](#)[Guadalajara, 2010](#)) of the Plenipotentiary Conference on ITU's role with regard to international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet and the management of Internet resources, including domain names and addresses;
- d) that management of the registration and allocation of Internet domain names and addresses must fully reflect the geographical nature of the Internet, taking into account an equitable balance of interests of all stakeholders;

e) Resolution 64 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010) of the Plenipotentiary Conference on non-discriminatory access to modern telecommunication/information and communication technology facilities, services and applications, including applied research and transfer of technology, on mutually agreed terms;

f) Resolution 20 (Rev. Hyderabad, 2010) of the WTDC on Non-discriminatory access to telecommunication/information and communication technology facilities, services and related applications;

g) Opinion 1 of the fourth World Telecommunication Policy Forum of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs, on Internet-related public policy matters, and the Lisbon Consensus 2009 on the same matters,

taking into account

a) that ITU-T is dealing with technical and policy issues related to IP-based networks, including the Internet and next-generation networks;

b) that a number of the resolutions of this assembly deal with Internet-related issues;

c) the global and open nature of the Internet as a driving force in accelerating progress towards development in its various forms;

d) that the discrimination of accessing internet could greatly affect the developing countries;

e) that ITU-T is playing a key role in bridging standardization gap between developed and developing countries,

resolves to invite Member States

1 to refrain from taking any unilateral and/or discriminatory actions that could impede another Member State from accessing ~~public~~ Internet sites and services, within the spirit of Article 1 of the Constitution and the WSIS principles;

2 to report to the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau on any incident referred to in 1 above,

instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau

1 to integrate and analyse the information on incidents reported from Member States;

2 to report this information to Member States, through an appropriate mechanism;

3 to report to TSAG on the progress of this resolution, in order for TSAG to evaluate the effectiveness of its implementation;

4 to report on the progress of this resolution to next WTSA,

further instructs the Secretary-General of ITU

to annually report to ITU Council on the progress of this resolution,

invites Member States and Sector Members

to submit contributions to the ITU-T study groups that contribute to the prevention and avoidance of such practices.