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Resolution 51 – Combating spam

FOREWORD

The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is the United Nations specialized agency in the field of telecommunications. The ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T) is a permanent organ of ITU. ITU-T is responsible for studying technical, operating and tariff questions and issuing Recommendations on them with a view to standardizing telecommunications on a worldwide basis.

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RESOLUTION 51

Combating spam

(Florianópolis, 2004)

The World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (Florianópolis, 2004),

recognizing

that the “Declaration of Principles” of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) states that:

37. Spam is a significant and growing problem for users, networks and the Internet as a whole. Spam and cybersecurity should be dealt with at appropriate national and international levels,

recognizing further

that the WSIS “Plan of Action” states that:

12. Confidence and security are among the main pillars of the information society.

d) Take appropriate action on spam at national and international levels,

considering

- a) relevant provisions of the basic instruments of ITU;
- b) that agreed measures to combat spam fall within Goal 4 of the strategic plan for the Union for 2004-2007 (Part I, clause 3) set out in Resolution 71 (Rev. Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference;
- c) Resolution 52 on countering spam by technical means;
- d) the report of the chairman of the ITU WSIS thematic meeting on countering spam, which advocated a comprehensive approach to combating spam, namely:
 - i) strong legislation,
 - ii) the development of technical measures,
 - iii) the establishment of industry partnerships,
 - iv) education, and
 - v) international cooperation,

instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau, in cooperation with the Directors of the other Bureaux and the Secretary-General

to prepare urgently a report to the Council on relevant ITU and other international initiatives for countering spam, and to propose possible follow-up actions for consideration by the Council,

invites Member States and Sector Members

to contribute to this work,

further invites Member States

to take appropriate steps within their national legal frameworks to ensure that appropriate and effective measures are taken to combat spam.