

The Need for a Resolution on Telecommunication/ICT accessibility for persons with disabilities



Side Event

ICT Accessibility

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This resolution responds to:

- ❑ The UN Convention on the rights of people with disabilities
- ❑ Official recognition that accessibility issues are important.



Importance of this resolution:

- ❑ Accessibility issues go beyond standards development
- ❑ Highlights best practice
- ❑ Promotes awareness raising, information exchange, direct action and collaboration



Other Regional views on Disability Resolution

- ❑ CITEEL Proposal (56E, Rev. 1 – Res. H) is very close to the APT Proposal (C78 Addendum 24, Rev. 1)
- ❑ Welcome opinions and views from other Regions and Member States
- ❑ Recognise need for incorporating other's views in APT proposal



Recommendations

- ❑ Invitation to collaborate on final resolution during WTSA-08
- ❑ Seeking support from ITU members for a new resolution to be approved at WTSA-08
- ❑ Collaborate with other organisations outside the ITU?



Current Best Practice

- ❑ Disability Action Plans – Australia (Telstra and TIO)
- ❑ Public procurement legislation – USA
- ❑ Standards, Codes and Guidelines (eg, Japan and Korea)



Next Frontiers

- ❑ Relay services taking calls originating on IP based networks
- ❑ Video based relay for deaf people to communicate in their first language
- ❑ Access to telephone screen displays and to screen-based menus for blind people through synthetic speech

