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| OVERVIEW OF THE DISCUSSION ON THE TOPIC OF STREAMLINING RESOLUTIONS AT WTDC-17 REGIONAL PREPARATORY MEETINGS (RPMs)  |
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## Introduction

Various proposals related to the work of the TDAG Correspondence Group on Streamlining Resolutions (CG-SR) were put forward at ITU Regional Preparatory Meetings (RPMs) towards the forthcoming World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-17). A summary of those contributions and the related discussions is provided below, for all RPMs except Europe (to be held later in April 2017).

## RPM-CIS

A summary document on the work of TDAG CG-SR was submitted to RPM-CIS. The meeting welcomed the document and took note of it.

The following proposals were put forward at RPM-CIS:

* [Document 24](http://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMCIS-C-0024/en) entitled ***Proposed aggregation of Resolutions 17 and 32***
* [Document 13](http://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMCIS-C-0013/en) entitled ***Proposed modifications to Resolution 32***
* [Document 25](http://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMCIS-C-0025/en) entitled ***Proposed aggregation of Resolutions 37 and 50***

Documents 24 and 25 were already presented and discussed during the Second meeting of TDAG CG-SR in September 2016.

RPM-CIS supported Documents 24 and 25 and agreed to prepare on this basis an RCC common proposal to WTDC‑17. Document 13, the suggested modifications of which had already been included in Document 24, will not be submitted to WTDC-17.

## RPM-Africa

A summary document on the work of TDAG CG-SR was submitted to RPM-AFR. The meeting welcomed the document and took note of it. No proposals were discussed at that stage.

## RPM-ARB

A summary document on the work of TDAG CG-SR was submitted to RPM-ARB. The meeting welcomed the document and suggested the approach could be used by other ITU Sectors. Several proposals were made, including a proposal of increasing the number of Study Groups.

Participants also noted that while the Draft guiding principles can be used by regional groups in developing their common proposals, they need not be adopted and discussed as a rule in WTDC. The Secretariat confirmed that Member States make decisions and noted that the RPM-ARB discussions will be taken into consideration at the next meeting of the CG‑SR.

## RPM-Americas

A summary document on the work of TDAG CG-SR was submitted to RPM-AMS. The meeting welcomed the document and took note of the contribution and agreed that further work will be carried out on streamlining resolutions for WTDC‑17. In this regard, it was proposed to take into account the implications these resolutions have on human and financial resources during future regional meetings in preparation for WTDC‑17.

The following proposals were put forward at RPM-AMS:

* [Document 17](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMAMS-C-0017/en) entitled **"*Preliminary considerations to reduce the number of Resolutions*"** was introduced by the Argentine Administration. It proposes a number of guidelines for streamlining resolutions. RPM-AMS welcomed the document and took note of the contribution.
* [Document 28](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMAMS-C-0028/en) entitled **"*Draft merger of Resolution 46 (Assistance and promotion for indigenous communities in the world: Information society through information and communication technology) and Resolution 68*"**, was introduced by the Republic of Paraguay Administration. It proposes merging Resolution 46 (Rev. Doha, 2006) with Resolution 68 (Rev. Dubai, 2014) "Assistance to indigenous peoples within the activities of the Telecommunication Development Bureau in its related programmes". Documents 28 and 31 were considered together.
* [Document 31](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMAMS-C-0031/en) entitled **"*Proposed deletion of Resolution 68, Assistance to Indigenous Peoples within the Activities of the Telecommunication Development Bureau in its related programmes*"**, was introduced by the Republic of Paraguay Administration. It proposes the deletion of Resolution 68, following the proposed merging of Resolution 46 (Rev. Doha, 2006)" with Resolution 68 (Rev. Dubai, 2014).

The Secretariat clarified that RPM-AMS is not expected to take a decision on the proposed merger of Resolutions. The Chairman's Report will reflect the proposal with the understanding that Administrations will continue to work on proposals with the aim of revising, merging and abrogating Resolutions.

On this basis, RPM-AMS welcomed the documents and took note of the contributions from Paraguay and agreed that more detailed discussion on these proposals would take place in future regional meetings in preparation for WTDC‑17.

* [Document 29](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMAMS-C-0029/en) entitled **"*Draft merger of Resolution 50*** **(Optimal Integration of Information and Communication Technologies and Their Applications) *with Resolution 54*"**, was introduced by the Paraguay Administration. It proposes merging Resolution 50 (Rev. Dubai, 2014) with Resolution 54 (Rev. Dubai, 2014) "Information and communication technology applications". Documents 29 and 30 were considered together.
* [Document 30](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMAMS-C-0030/en) entitled **"*Draft elimination of Resolution 54*"**, was introduced by the Republic of Paraguay Administration. It proposes the deletion of Resolution 54 (Rev. Dubai, 2014) following the proposed merging of Resolution 50 with Resolution 54.

RPM-AMS welcomed the documents and took note of the contributions from Paraguay and agreed that more detailed discussion on these proposals would take place in future regional meetings in preparation for WTDC‑17.

## RPM-ASP

A summary document on the work of TDAG CG-SR was submitted to RPM-ASP. The meeting welcomed the document and expressed its support for the streamlining exercise. The meeting also noted that the exercise of streamlining resolutions should not lead to the loss of substance of existing resolutions. Clarifications were sought on the submission of new resolutions, as well as on references in the WTDC-17 Action Plan to PP and WTDC resolutions, and to resolutions from other Sectors. It was noted that the [draft WTDC Action Plan](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMASP-C-0008/en), includes reference to PP and WTDC resolutions and recommendations. The meeting also recommended that during the streamlining exercise, countries should take into account the need to avoid proposing too many resolutions. However, issues dealing with new developments could be considered.

The following proposals were put forward at RPM-ASP:

* [**Document 21**](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMASP-C-0021/en) entitled *“****Proposal to streamline Resolution 37 and 50***", was introduced by Singapore. The contribution proposes the merger of Resolution 37 and 50, with the latter to be abrogated considering the broad scope of Resolution 37 that sets the context for bridging the digital divide, and the aim of Resolution 50 to narrow the digital gap through ICT integration.
* [**Document 22**](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMASP-C-0022/en) entitled *“****Proposal to streamline Resolution 17 and 32***", was also introduced by Singapore. The contribution proposes edits to streamline Resolution 17 and suppression of Resolution 32, noting that both Resolution 17 on implementation of regionally approved initiatives at the national, regional inter-regional and global levels and Resolution 32 on international and regional cooperation on regional initiatives cover the implementation of regional initiatives at the international and regional levels.

RPM-ASP welcomed the two documents and took note of the contributions. The meeting suggested that if the two sets of resolutions are merged, important elements in those Resolutions should not be lost.

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