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| **Abstract:** | In this contribution is considered the modification of Resolution 71 of WTSA‑12: Admission of academia in the work of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector. |

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RESOLUTION 71 (REV. HAMMAMET, 2016)

Admission of academia[[1]](#footnote-1)1 to participate in the work of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector

 (Johannesburg, 2008; Dubai, 2012; Hammamet, 2016)

The World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (Hammamet, 2016),

considering

*a)* that Resolution 169 (Rev. Busan, 2014) of the Plenipotentiary Conference to continue to admit academia to participate in the work of the Union, pursuant to the provisions of this resolution, without the need for any amendment to Articles 2 and 3 of the ITU Constitution and Article 19 of the ITU Convention or any other provision of the Convention;

*b)* Resolution 80 (Dubai, 2012) of this Assembly about the acknowledging the active involvement of the membership in the development of ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector deliverables;

*c)* that academia have significant roles in research, nurturing and development of emerging technologies and applications in the field of telecommunications/ICT, and that their participation in the work of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU‑T) is essential for ITU‑T to remain at the cutting edge of technology standardization;

*d)* that academia shall not have a role in decision-making, including the adoption or approval of resolutions, Questions, reports and Recommendations, regardless of the approval procedure,

recognizing

*a)* that the Goal T.2 of Resolution 71 (Rev. Busan, 2014) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on the strategic plan for the Union for 2016-2019, expects to increase the ITU-T membership, including Sector Members, Associates and Academia;

*b)* that the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly 2012 (WTSA-12), in the Resolution 80, emphasizes that it is important to acknowledge significant contributors to the work of ITU-T; and instructs the Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group to study options on how to clearly acknowledge significant contributors to the development of study groups deliverables, particularly the academia;

c) that Kaleidoscope, held annually since 2008, is an ITU initiative to strengthen cooperation with academia that has been highly successful and brought about cooperation between ITU-T and academia, thereby helping to foster dialogue between academia and experts working in the field of the telecommunications/ICT standardization;

*c)* that the academy contributes to distribute information on the activities of the Union in academic fields related to telecommunications / ICT worldwide;

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bearing in mind

that acceptance of applications for participation in ITU-T by academia shall be conditional on the support of the ITU Member States to which the academia belong, on the condition that this shall not constitute an alternative for academia currently listed with the Union as Sector Members or Associates,

resolves

1 to promote the participation of academia in the framework of Resolution 169 (Busan, 2014);

2 to enable the academia access to ITU-T documents;

3 to allow the participation of academia in the various ITU-T Questions and study groups, workshops and working parties and the Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group (TSAG), bearing in mind that academia should not have a role in decision-making;

4 to invite the academiato participate and formulate its contributions through remote participation, as appropriate, according with the Resolution 167(Rev. Busan 2014) about the sstrengthening and developing ITU capabilities for electronic meetings and means to advance the work of the Union;

5 that a representative from academia may serve as rapporteur and vice chair of study groups and questions;

6 to allow the participation of academia in the Global Standards Symposium (GSS) and the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA), in a non-advisory capacity;

7 to allow the participation of academia in WTSA and other related events and exhibitions;

8 to promote the participation of academia in the elaboration of technical reports and the publications of the Union, such as the ITU News, the Technical Journal and others technical publications, taking into account that the academia does research, studies and follow up the development of future technology, corresponding to the competence of the ITU. At the same time the academia has a perspective and a future vision that allow to address timely the future technology and applications

9 to assign to TSAG study of the need for any additional measures and/or arrangements to facilitate the participation of academia and to benefit from their technical and intellectual expertise, and to report the results, through the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau, to the Council and to the next WTSA in 2020;

instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau

1 to continue his successful efforts to explore and recommend, based in part on advice from TSAG, various mechanisms, such as the use of voluntary financial and in-kind contributions, to encourage cooperation with, and facilitate the increased participation of, academia in all six regions[[2]](#footnote-3)3;

2 to continue to organize the Kaleidoscope event annually and on the basis of rotation between the six regions, to the greatest extent possible;

3 to cooperate with ITU-TELECOM in order to spread awareness of the value of the academia participation in the ITU-T,

invites the Council

to consider, in submitting its report to the next plenipotentiary conference of 2018, the positive contribution to ITU's various activities made by academia, and recommend continuing to promote and expand its participation in the ITU-T,

invites the ITU membership

to inform academia of this resolution and to support and encourage academia to join ITU-T and participate in its activities.

1. 1 This includes colleges, institutes, universities and their associated research establishments concerned with the development of telecommunications/ICT. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. 3 Taking into account Resolution 58 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010) of the Plenipotentiary Conference in regard to the six regional telecommunication organizations, namely: the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT), the European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations (CEPT), the Inter-American Telecommunications Commission (CITEL), the African Telecommunications Union (ATU), the Council of Arab Ministers of Telecommunication and Information represented by the Secretariat-General of the League of Arab States (LAS), and the Regional Commonwealth in the field of Communications (RCC). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)