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| **Abstract:** | This contribution presents a proposal for a new Resolution on the implementation of Recommendation ITU-T D.98, recognizing the importance of the ongoing work on efforts of lowering international mobile roaming rates by taking regulatory measures when applicable. |

Introduction

The Recommendation ITU-T D.98 was successful in empowering consumers and promoting regulatory measures and solutions, in the international mobile roaming market. It highlights the need to encourage competition in roaming, to educate consumers, to consider appropriate regulatory actions such as the use of price or rates caps by regulators.

Therefore, it’s important that the Administrations must work in view to create standards that will allow the Regulators to avoid that wholesale international mobile roaming (IMR) tariffs, decoupled from underlying costs, affect competition in the market as well as impact innovation, consumer well-being, trade, and the economy as a whole.

This proposal also recognize that, considering the status of the global economy, especially regarding the international telecommunications market, it’s necessary, as long as possible, the provision of approaches to the reduction of excessive roaming rates, highlighting the need to encourage competition in the roaming market, educate consumers and consider appropriate regulatory actions such as the introduction of caps on roaming rates.

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DRAFT NEW RESOLUTION [IAP-4]

International mobile roaming (IMR)

(Hammamet, 2016)

The World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (Yasmine Hammamet, 2016),

considering

a) the results of the ITU High Level Workshop on International Mobile Roaming held in Geneva on 23-24 September 2013;

b) the results of the ITU Global Dialogue on International Mobile Roaming (IMR) held in Geneva on 18 September 2015,

recognizing

a) that the tasks undertaken in the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T) cover Recommendations, conformity assessment and matters having policy or regulatory implications;

b) that the economy is increasingly dependent on reliable, cost-effective, competitive and affordable mobile communications technology on a global scale;

c) that the wholesale international mobile roaming (IMR) tariffs are decoupled from underlying costs, which may have an effect on retail rates, including inconsistent and arbitrary charges;

d) that a competitive international telecommunications market may not exist if significant differences persist between national prices and international mobile roaming prices;

e) that there are differences in costs between countries and regions,

noting

a) that the Recommendation ITU-T D.98 is an agreement concluded between Member States and Sector Members in 2012;

b) that the Recommendation ITU-T D.97, under determination, proposes possible approaches to the reduction of excessive roaming rates, highlighting the need to encourage competition in the roaming market, educate consumers and consider appropriate regulatory actions such as the introduction of caps on roaming rates,

resolves

that ITU-T Study Group 3 must continue to study the economic effects of international mobile roaming rates,

instructs the TSB, in close collaboration with BDT

1 to organize initiatives to raise awareness on the consumer’s benefits of lowering international mobile roaming rates;

2 to study and propose cooperative approaches to foster the implementation of ITU-T Recommendation D.98 [and D.97], and to lower the international mobile roaming rates among the Member States, by promoting capacity building programs, workshops and guidelines for international cooperation agreements,

invites Member States

1 to take measures towards the implementation of Recommendation ITU-T D.98 [and ITU-T D.97];

2 to collaborate in the efforts of lowering international mobile roaming rates by taking regulatory measures when applicable.