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| **Keywords:** | Res. 44; Bridging the Standardization Gap (BSG) |
| **Abstract:** | This contribution proposes an implementation of Resolution 44 (BSG), Section 9, to provide support and assistance to developing countries, if requested, in drafting/developing a set of guidelines on the application of ITU-T Recommendations.  |

**Discussion.** Resolution 44 (Rev. Hammamet, 2016) – bridging the standardization gap between developing and developed countries, revised at the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly 2016 (WTSA 16), in *instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau, in collaboration with the Directors of the Telecommunication Development Bureau and the Radiocommunication Bureau, within available resources,* section 9, instructs the Director to “provide support and assistance to developing countries, if requested, in drafting/developing a set of guidelines on the application of ITU-T Recommendations at the national level [in] order to enhance their participation in ITU-T study groups, with assistance of the ITU regional offices, for bridging the standardization gap.” To assist the Director in carrying out this instructs, developing countries are encouraged to identify ITU-T Recommendations, under Study Group 20’s mandate, where application guidelines are needed. Question Rapporteurs and/or the Editors for the identified Recommendations, could develop those guidelines. After study group approval, the draft guidelines should be provided to the Director for his coordination with the other ITU Directors, as described in Resolution 44. The need for these guidelines was highlighted at WTSA 16 and should be a priority for action in this new study period.

**Proposal.** We propose that Study Group 20 encourage contributions to identify those Recommendations for which application guidelines should be developed and instruct the relevant Editors and Rapporteurs to develop the appropriate guidelines for the use of the Director in implementing this section of Resolution 44. The United States requests that this contribution be made publicly available without restriction.

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