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| **Keywords:** | BSG; Application Guidelines |
| **Abstract:** | Resolution 44 (Rev. Hammamet, 2016) – bridging the standardization gap between developing and developed countries, revised at the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly 2016 (WTSA 16) 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 should be encouraged to identify ITU-T Recommendations, under each Study Group’s mandate, where application guidelines are needed. TSAG is asked to instruct each Study Group to encourage this activity. |

**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,* 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.” The United States submitted a similar contribution to study group meetings and received a variety of reactions, including that “this should be a decision for TSAG.” As a way forward, and to unify the approach taken by all ITU-T study groups, the United States proposes that TSAG instruct each study group to encourage developing country participants to identify ITU-T Recommendations, under each Study Group’s mandate, where application guidelines are needed. Each Study Group should then provide this information to the TSB Director and, in coordination with the other ITU Directors, the Director may then determine how to best implement the request for application guidelines 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. Finally, each Study Group should report to TSAG the number of contributions received and the Recommendations identified to the Director.

**Proposal.** The United States proposes TSAG instruct each Study Group to encourage developing countries to identify, through contributions, those Recommendations for which application guidelines should be developed, that each Study Group share this information with the Director for his use in implementing section 9 of Resolution 44, and that each Study Group report to TSAG the number of contributions received and the Recommendations identified to the Director. A draft liaison from TSAG to all Study Groups to provide this instruction is attached in Appendix 1. The United States requests that this contribution be made publicly available without restriction.

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**Appendix 1**

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TSAG met in Geneva, 1-4 May 2017 and instructs all ITU-T Study Groups, pursuant to Resolution 44 (Hammamet, 2016) – bridging the standardization gap between developing and developed countries, section 9 of *instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau, in collaboration with the Directors of the Telecommunication Development Bureau and the Radiocommunication Bureau*, to encourage developing countries to identify, through contributions, those Recommendations for which application guidelines should be developed by the Director, for each Study Group to share this information with the Director for his use in implementing section 9 of Resolution 44, and that each Study Group report to TSAG the number of contributions received and the Recommendations identified to the Director.