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| **Keywords:** | Regional Groups; Sector Membership; Plenipotentiary Recommendation; |
| **Abstract:** | The Plenary of the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (Dubai 2018) approved COM5 Recommendation 8 asking WTSA to clarify criteria for creation, participation and termination of regional groups of Study Groups, and the role of TSAG in this regard. Brazil proposes the establishment of an ad-hoc group within TSAG to advance this issue. |

**Introduction**

Committee 5 of the 2018 ITU Plenipotentiary Conference examined proposals IAP/63A1/47, B/67/1, CAN/USA/66/2 and EUR/48A2/7, and recommended that the Plenary adopt the following recommendation:

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| Recommendation 8:  PP-18 invites the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly to review, in the context of Article 3 of the ITU Constitution, and revise, as appropriate, WTSA Resolution 1, WTSA Resolution 2, WTSA Resolution 22 and WTSA Resolution 54 to clarify the criteria for creation, participation and termination of regional groups of Study Groups, and the role of TSAG in this regard. |

It was so agreed and approved by the PP-18 Plenary.

TSAG should promote discussions ahead of WTSA-20 on this issue to advance and facilitate the work of the Assembly in discussing and establishing such criteria, as invited by PP-18.

**Proposal**

Brazil proposes that TSAG establish an ad-hoc group to clarify the criteria for creation, participation and termination of regional groups of Study Groups, and the role of TSAG in this regard, and that the findings that arise from such a review are submitted to WTSA-20 for consideration.

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