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**Summary report from the 24 September 2019 TSAG-RG-ResReview** **meeting to the TSAG plenary:**

The TSAG Rapporteur Groupon “Review of WTSA Resolutions” met on 24 September 2019, 09:30-11:00 hours and is pleased to bring the following conclusions to the attention of the TSAG plenary:

1) **TSAG to approve** outgoing liaison statement on streamlining to ITU Inter-Sector Coordination Group (ISCG), ITU secretariat’s Inter-Sector Coordination Task Force (ISC-TF), TDAG, RAG, all ITU-T study groups, and all regional organizations ([TD618](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-190923-TD-GEN-0618)-R1).

2) **TSAG to authorize** one interim e-meeting if contributions are submitted on reviewing WTSA resolutions, including streamlining as in the scope of this Rapporteur Group.

RG-ResReview will meet at the fifth TSAG meeting.

3) **TSAG to note** the meeting report in [TD455](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-190923-TD-GEN-0455).

**1 Opening**

1.1 The report contained herein covers the meeting of the TSAG Rapporteur group meeting on “Review of WTSA Resolutions” during 24 September 2019, 09:30-11:00 hours and completed its agenda.

1.2 Prof. Dr Vladimir Minkin, Rapporteur, opened the meeting on 24 September 2019, at 09:30 hours.

1.3 The meeting adopted the agenda as contained in TSAG-[TD454](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-190923-TD-GEN-0454)-R3.

1.4 Live interpretation in the six official UN languages, facilities for remote participation and captioning were provided, but there were no interventions from remote.

1.5 TSAG contributions and TSAG TDs are available on the TSAG website: <http://www.itu.int/go/tsag>.

**2 Contributions on streamlining of WTSA and PP Resolutions**

2.1 The meeting considered several contributions with proposals for streamlining-by-shortening and streamlining-by-suppression of WTSA Resolutions.

**2.2 WTSA Resolution 18**

2.2.2 Russian Federation presented in [C092](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-C-0092) “Proposal on modification WTSA Resolution 18 “Principles and procedures for the allocation of work to, and strengthening coordination and cooperation among, the ITU Radiocommunication, ITU Telecommunication Standardization and ITU Telecommunication Development Sectors”.

2.2.3 France, United States, and China Information Communication Group gave support for this contribution and supported the approach.

2.2.4 It was agreed that Russian Federation and France consult off-line to discuss the proposed deletion of WTDC Resolution 45, and invited Russian Federation to consider this feedback.

**2.3 WTSA Resolution 22, WTSA Resolution 45**

2.3.1 Germany presented in [C074](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-C-0074) “Proposed Revision of WTSA Res. 22 and Suppression of WTSA Res. 45” which proposes to incorporate elements of WTSA Resolution 45 into WTSA Resolution 22 “Authorization for the Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group to act between world telecommunication standardization assemblies”, and to suppress WTSA Resolution 45 “Effective coordination of standardization work across study groups in the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector and the role of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group”.

2.3.2 The meeting agreed to this preliminary proposal and approach.

**2.4 WTSA Resolution 43**

2.4.1 Russian Federation presented in [C093](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-C-0093) “Proposal on modification WTSA Resolution 43” which proposes to modify WTSA Resolution 43 “Regional preparations for world telecommunication standardization assemblies”.

2.4.2 Two Member States felt the proposed *recalling* provision being too long; and suggested to shorten it by just mentioning the titles of the Resolutions but not to replicate the elements of the Resolutions.

2.4.3 The meeting agreed to invite Russian Federation to take the feedback and suggestions on-board.

**2.5 WTSA Resolution 67**

2.5.1 Russian Federation presented in [C094](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-C-0094) “Proposal on modification WTSA Resolution 67” which proposes to modify WTSA Resolution 67 “Use in the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector of the languages of the Union on an equal footing”.

2.5.2 The meeting accepted the proposal with an editorial comment.

**2.6 WTSA Resolution 72**

2.6.1 Russian Federation presented in [C095](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-C-0095) “Proposal on modification WTSA Resolution 72” to modify WTSA Resolution 72 “Measurement and assessment concerns related to human exposure to electromagnetic fields”.

2.6.2 France supported the approach of streamlining, and found the approach to shorten the pre-amble parts acceptable. France raised a question on the proposed addition of “…ensure compliance with guidelines produced by ITU and with relevant international recommendations...” in *further invites Member States.*

2.6.3 The meeting invited France and Russian Federation to consult bilaterally on this question.

**2.7 WTSA Resolution 73**

2.7.1 Germany presented in [C073](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-C-0073) “Proposed revision of WTSA Res. 73: Information and communication technologies, environment and climate change” which proposes to shorten the “preamble” part of WTSA Resolution 73 and to broaden its scope to cover also circular economy aspects.

2.7.2 [C096](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-C-0096) (Russian Federation) “Proposal on modification WTSA Resolution 73”, which also proposes to modify WTSA Resolution 73, is similar to Germany proposal due to a preliminary coordination.

2.7.3 United States supported shortening of Resolution 73.

2.7.4 It was suggested to have a definition on circular economy in this Resolution, as the term was not well understood. While some words on circular economy could be found in the mandate of ITU-T SG5 and in WTSA Resolution 2, an opportunity could be to develop a brief definition for circular economy in Resolution 73.

2.7.5 The meeting recognized the importance of being sensitive when shortening pre-amble parts which are of importance to developing countries and their needs; to carefully double-check with relevant provisions found in related Resolutions of the Plenipotentiary Conference; and to invite review and feedback from developing countries.

2.8 The meeting found the proposals on streamlining WTSA Resolutions going in the right direction, and encouraged members to consider the preliminary proposals, and invited the regional organizations to consider them as part of their preparatory work for WTSA-20.

**3 Incoming liaison statements on streamlining Resolutions**

3.1 The meeting considered a number of received incoming liaison statements in response to [TSAG-LS15](http://ifa.itu.int/t/2017/ls/tsag/sp16-tsag-oLS-00015.zip), in particular, from SG2 ([TD516](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-190923-TD-GEN-0516)), SG5 ([TD559](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-190923-TD-GEN-0559)), SG11([TD520](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-190923-TD-GEN-0520)), SG13 ([TD531](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-190923-TD-GEN-0531)), and SG20 ([TD552](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-190923-TD-GEN-0552)), and took note of them.

3.2 The ITU-T SG11 Chairman expressed fear, that SG11 being a technical study group, does not want to lose technical elements in certain WTSA Resolutions if they were subject to streamlining, and preferred to exclude several WTSA Resolutions from streamlining. Likewise concerns were also raised by the ITU-T SG13 Vice Chairman.

3.3 The meeting believed that such fears probably pertain to some misunderstanding what streamlining means, but the overall perspective is not to detract from the spirit in the *resolves* provisions; whereas the task of streamlining is more on shortening the preamble parts. The meeting invited Study Groups 11 and 13 to further consider the approach of streamlining.

3.4 The meeting did not agree with removing certain WTSA Resolutions from being considered for streamlining at this point in time, but certainly will want to consider again when proposals and contributions will be submitted.

3.5 The meeting concluded that the considered approach of streamlining is the right approach going into the right direction, and solicited more contributions on streamlining Resolutions.

**4 Identification of Resolutions for streamlining**

4.1 TSB presented in [TD587](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-190923-TD-GEN-0587)-R2 “Mapping of WTSA, WTDC Resolutions, and RA Resolutions onto PP Resolutions with the purpose of identifying candidate Resolutions for streamlining” which provides an updated mapping (reflecting the liaison inputs and agreement reach as per section 3) of the WTSA Resolutions, WTDC Resolutions, and RA Resolutions onto PP Resolutions, with the purpose of identifying candidate Resolutions for streamlining.

4.2 The meeting appreciated the efforts of TSB for this update, and asked TSB to reconsider TD587-R2 in light of the agreements reached for the incoming liaison statements (see section 3).

4.3 TSB presented in [TD601](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-190923-TD-GEN-0601) “Analysis of WTSA Resolutions and their potential for streamlining-by-shortening” which provides detailed quantitative information on each ITU-T Resolution and identifies various candidates Resolutions for potential streamlining by shortening.

4.4 The meeting found this analysis very useful, and supported the idea of streamlining-by-shortening, and for sharing the material with study groups for their consideration.

4.5 The TSAG Chairman raised the question if the forthcoming ITU Radiocommunication Assembly should be made aware of, e.g. via the TSB Director, on the streamlining approach in ITU-T, and certain Resolutions (e.g. WTSA Resolution 18) being of mutual interest? Another question pertained to the issue of Inter-Sector Coordination groups (ICGs) as defined in ITU-R Resolution 1 and ITU-R Resolution 6, Annex 3, but that do not exist anymore, and a potential name conflict with the ITU Inter-Sector Coordination Group (ISCG).

4.6 The meeting suggested considering those questions during the ISCG meeting on Wednesday evening.

4.7 In any case, the meeting was clear about to avoid duplication and misunderstanding, and to leave intact the agreements in place. The general understanding is that streamlining is merely a tool as part of the Resolution review process; but is not a goal in itself; and there might be other review techniques as well for the review of the substance of Resolutions.

**6 Outgoing liaison statement**

6.1 [TD618](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-190923-TD-GEN-0618) contains a draft outgoing liaison statement on streamlining Resolutions to ITU Inter-Sector Coordination Group (ISCG), ITU secretariat’s Inter-Sector Coordination Task Force (ISC-TF), TDAG, and RAG and regional organizations.

6.2 The meeting supported sending a liaison statement by TSAG; and agreed to make the liaison for information and action (if any).

**7 Future meetings**

7.1 RG-ResReview calls for contributions with further proposals on reviewing WTSA resolutions, including streamlining, and seeks authorization from TSAG to organize one interim e-meeting, in case contributions are submitted.

7.2 RG-ResReview will meet at the fifth TSAG meeting in 2020.

**8 Other business**

None.

**9 Closure of the meeting**

9.1 Mr Minkin thanked all participants for their attendance in this meeting, the contributors for their contributions, TSB, and Martin Euchner for the support, the interpreters, and the captioner.

9.2 The meeting was closed around 11:00.

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