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| **Abstract:** | TD519R2 reflects the RG-WTSA result after WP1 closing plenary discussions.  This TD contains the draft **report** of the TSAG Rapporteur Group on WTSA Preparations (TSAG RG-WTSA) session during this TSAG meeting (Geneva, 29 July – 2 August 2024).  The following **actions for TSAG** are requested through TSAG-WP1to authorize RG-WTSA to:  RG-WTSA-1: Approved A.Sup7 (ex. A.SupWTSAGL) "WTSA preparation guideline on Resolutions" in [TD612R3](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-240729-TD-GEN-0612) by agreement following A.13 procedure.  RG-WTSA-2: Approved A.BN "Briefing note for WTSA ad hoc group chairs and drafting group chairs" in [TD613R4](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-240729-TD-GEN-0613) by agreement as an **Annex of this TSAG meeting report**.  RG-WTSA-3: Send a liaison statement as drafted in [TD678](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-240729-TD-GEN-0678) to all ITU-T SGs and RTOs on A.Sup7 "WTSA preparation guideline on Resolutions" and latest WTSA Action Plan.  RG-WTSA-4: Send a liaison statement as drafted in [TD679](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-240729-TD-GEN-0679) to ISCG, TDAG and RAG on A.Sup7 "WTSA preparation guideline on Resolutions".  RG-WTSA-5: Approved updated RG-WTSA work programme in [TD683](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-240729-TD-GEN-0683).  RG-WTSA-6: Approved this RG-WTSA meeting report as found in [TD519R2](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-240729-TD-GEN-0519). |

**0 Introduction**

A meeting of the TSAG Rapporteur Group on WTSA Preparations (RG-WTSA) took place during TSAG on 29 July – 2 August 2024, at 14:45-16:15 on Tuesday 30 July 2024 with captioning.

Ms Fang LI (CAICT, MIIT, China), Rapporteur of TSAG RG-WTSA, chaired the meeting together with two associate Rapporteurs, Mr Samuel K. Agyekum (NCA, Ghana) and Mr Evgeny Tonkikh (Russian Federation), with the help from Ms. Xiaoya Yang as the TSB secretary to this RG.

**1 Opening and approval of the agenda**

The Rapporteur welcomed participants to this RG-WTSA meeting.

The agenda of the RG-WTSA meeting as found in [TD518](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-240729-TD-GEN-0518) was introduced by the Rapporteur and approved.

**2 List of documents**

A list of documents identified by Rapporteur as relevant for discussion in RG-WTSA as in [Annex A](#AnnexA) of [TD518](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-240729-TD-GEN-0518) was reviewed in the meeting.

**3 Review of RG-WTSA interim progress**

The Rapporteur noted that RG-WTSA interim progress report in [TD528R1](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-240729-TD-GEN-0528R1) with progress made in two RG-WTSA interim e-meetings since last TSAG January 2024 meeting, and four actions proposed for this TSAG meeting was agreed in WP1 opening plenary on Monday 29 July 2024.

**4 Keep track of the implementation of WTSA Resolutions and Opinion**

## 4.1 Resolution 11 - Collaboration with UPU

The meeting noted [C114](https://www.itu.int/md/T22-TSAG-C-0114/en): ‘UPU/ITU-T Relationships: identification of untapped opportunities’ with observation of Broadcom that there are untapped opportunities for collaboration between the UPU and the ITU-T on global digital transformation that could concrete ‘on the ground’ collaboration.

The meeting noted[TD639](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-240729-TD-GEN-0639): ‘Update on Collaboration with UPU’ which is an update of the joint working group on digital financial services between ITU and UPU Secretariats for the period June 2023 – July 2024.

## 4.2 LS/r on draft analysis of operational parts (resolves, instructs etc) of WTSA/PP/‌WTDC/Council/ITU-R Resolutions (reply to TSAG-LS42) from ITU-T SGs

The meeting noted [TD581](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-240729-TD-GEN-058) from ITU-T SG11, [TD603](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-240729-TD-GEN-0603) from ITU-T SG2, and [TD643](http://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-240729-TD-GEN-0643) from ITU-T SG20 confirmed no need for streamlining of resolves and instructs in WTSA/PP/WTDC/Council/ITU-R Resolutions, respective to these SGs.

The meeting noted [TD621](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-240729-TD-GEN-0621) from ITU-T SG15 identified Res 90, 92 and 93 as obsoleted because these Resolutions contain operative parts that are already part of SG15 mandate.

The meeting noted [TD622](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-240729-TD-GEN-0622) from ISCG confirmed that ISCG finds extremely important and necessary to streamline resolutions ITU-wide which has long been part of its mandate. ISCG will present part of RG-WTSA analysis of operation parts of all ITU Resolutions to RAG and TDAG. Following the successful review of Resolution 1 ‘Rules of procedure’ of the three ITU Sectors, ISCG suggests that a similar exercise may be extended, in order to streamline among resolutions, future meetings of PP/Council/WRC/ RA/WTSA/WTDC may consider suppressing or merging some of their specific resolutions.

The meeting had active discussion and highlighted again the importance of streamlining ITU Resolutions and recognized discussions and efforts of TSAG, TDAG and ISCG to develop guidelines on streamlining ITU Resolutions over several past cycles. Serious concerns were shared on the substantial overhead caused by inflation of Resolutions among ITU high level Conferences and Assemblies, as well as regrets that little streamlining progress has been achieved in putting TSAG, TDAG and ISCG guidelines into practice.

The meeting noted there are different understandings on whether it’s necessary or not to conduct the streamlining of resolves and instructs in WTSA/PP/WTDC/ Council/ITU-R Resolutions when a SG’ mandate in WTSA Resolution 2 is align with those Resolutions, and related standards activities are also ongoing.

Recognizing streamlining of ITU Resolutions cross all ITU Sectors needs highest level of consensus and commitment of ITU Membership, pursuit to PP Resolution 191, the meeting agreed to escalate this issue to ISCG to invite ITU Membership to make proposals to ITU Council and Plenipotentiary Conference on effective mechanisms to streamline ITU Resolutions.

## 4.3 LS/r on latest WTSA Action Plan and draft "WTSA preparation guideline on Resolutions" (reply to TSAG-LS32) from ITU-T SGs

The meeting appreciated [TD578](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-240729-TD-GEN-0578) from ITU-T SG11, [TD610](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-240729-TD-GEN-0610) from ITU-T SG2, [TD620](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-240729-TD-GEN-0620) from ITU-T SG15, [TD633](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-240729-TD-GEN-0633) from ITU-T SG3 and [TD645](http://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-240729-TD-GEN-0645) from ITU-T SG20 provided updates to the WTSA Action Plan and TSB has reflected them in [TD496](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-240729-TD-GEN-0496).

## 4.4 WTSA Action Plan

The meeting noted [TD496](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-240729-TD-GEN-0496): WTSA Action plan: WTSA Resolutions and Opinion prepared by TSB, which covers the complete report on implementation of WTSA-20 Resolutions and Opinion in 2022-2024 study period and called special attention from ITU membership on the 83 (20%) red-highlighted action items where no action could be reported.

The meeting greatly appreciated TSB’s effort in maintained this detailed report with implementation status of 409 action items to each TSAG meeting and strongly recommended this WTSA Action Plan report should be taken into consideration by RTOs in their preparation for common proposals to and during their discussion in WTSA-24.

**5 Streamlining WTSA Resolutions and Opinion**

5.1 [TD612R2](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-240729-TD-GEN-0612): RG-WTSA Rapporteurs  
Title: RG-WTSA deliverable: Draft A.SupWTSAGL "WTSA preparation guideline on Resolutions" for agreement

RG-WTSA Rapporteur identified the latest baseline text of work item A.SupWTSAGL *"WTSA preparation guideline on Resolutions"* unchanged from last TSAG meeting as contained in [TD612R1](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-240729-TD-GEN-0612). TSB presented [TD612R2](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-240729-TD-GEN-0612) with TSB suggestions to add more explicit references to WTSA Action Plan and WTSA Resolution 2 in draft A.SupWTSAGL for consideration by RG-WTSA.

The meeting discussed this TD together with next agenda item 5.2, see below.

5.2 [C94R1](http://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-C-0094) Korea (Rep. of)   
Title: Proposed modifications to the draft A.SupWTSAGL for agreement

Korea introduced [C94R1](http://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-C-0094) which proposes modification to further enhance with clear explanations including editorial changes.

The meeting appreciated editorial improvement suggested by Korea in [C94R1](http://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-C-0094) and discussed how Inter-Regional Meetings could realistically facilitate streamlining of WTSA Resolutions .

The meeting agreed on the importance of WTSA Action Plan for streamlining WTSA Resolutions. Due to lack of time, the meeting instructed RG-WTSA Rapporteur to capture all editorial modification suggested, the addition proposed by TSB in [TD612R2](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-240729-TD-GEN-0612) and meeting discussion progress on draft A.SupWTSAGL for bilateral offline drafting consultation.

With agreement of consulted parties, finalized draft A.SupWTSAGL was submitted in [TD612R3](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-240729-TD-GEN-0612) to WP1 and TSAG close plenary for agreement following the A.13 procedure as A.Sup7.

RG-WTSA prepared two TSAG liaison statements: [TD678](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-240729-TD-GEN-0678) to all ITU-T SGs and RTOs on A.Sup7 "WTSA preparation guideline on Resolutions" and latest WTSA Action Plan, and [TD679](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-240729-TD-GEN-0679) to ISCG, TDAG and RAG on A.Sup7 "WTSA preparation guideline on Resolutions".

**6 Development of a briefing note for WTSA Sub-committee/Ad Hoc Group chairpersons**

RG-WTSA Rapporteur identified the latest draft of A.BN "Briefing note on how to chair WTSA Sub-committee/Ad Hoc Group meetings" as contained in [TD613](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-240729-TD-GEN-0613). TSB presented [TD613R1](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-240729-TD-GEN-0613) with one addition of EdCom suggested by TSB, and [TD613R2](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-240729-TD-GEN-0613) with some more feedback TSB collected from ITU members in the past few days to improve draft A.BN for consideration by RG-WTSA.

The meeting appreciated the usefulness of such a briefing note and reviewed draft A.BN in [TD613R2](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-240729-TD-GEN-0613) very briefly without much discussion except the TSB suggested addition on EdCom. Due to lack of time, RG-WTSA added also for bilateral offline drafting consultation.

Considering sub-committee or ad-hoc group of WTSA has no authorization to submit agreed text directly to EdCom or WTSA plenary, added text on EdCom was rejected during offline consultation.

Finalized draft A.BN in [TD613R3](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-240729-TD-GEN-0613) was submitted to WP1 closing plenary. WP1 decided to remove text on "informal polling" and changed its title to "Briefing Note for WTSA ad hoc group chairs and drafting group chairs" as contained in [TD613R4](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-240729-TD-GEN-0613) for TSAG close plenary for agreement as an **Annex to this TSAG meeting report**.

**7 WTSA-24 preparation**

The meeting took note of two living documents prepared by TSB which have facilitated document allocation of this TSAG meeting:

* [TD611R1](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-240729-TD-GEN-0611) Regional proposals and focal points for WTSA-24 Resolutions based on input to 2nd IRM
* [TD614](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-240729-TD-GEN-0614) Proposed mapping of WTSA Resolutions and regional proposals to TSAG RGs/WTSA-24 Committees, and.

**8 Completion of RG-WTSA work plan**

Due to lack of time, the RG-WTSA meeting skipped this agenda item.

However, it should be noted that RG-WTSA is completing all its four deliverables identified (ref. [TD319R1](https://www.itu.int/dms_pub/itu-t/md/22/tsag/td/240122/GEN/T22-TSAG-240122-TD-GEN-0319!R1!MSW-E.docx) Report of RG-WTSA meeting during last TSAG Jan. 2024 meeting), namely:

1. Analysis of all ITU (WTSA/PP/WTDC/RA/Council) Resolutions for potential streamlining of WTSA Resolutions and Opinion (ref. [TSAG-LS42](https://www.itu.int/net/itu-t/ls/ls.aspx?isn=30193))
2. A.SupWTSAGL "WTSA preparation guideline on Resolutions" (see Section 5 above).
3. A.BN "Briefing note on how to chair WTSA Sub-committee/Ad Hoc Group meetings" (see Section 6 above).
4. Summary of regional proposals of WTSA Resolutions, proposed mapping to TSAG RGs/WTSA-24 Committees, and a List of regional focal points and ‘coordinator’ for proposals of WTSA Resolutions (see Section 7 above).

**9 Any other business**

After thanked contributors and meeting participants for their active involvement and fruitful discussions, associate Rapporteurs and TSB counsellors for their important assistance, Ms Fang Li, RG-WTSA Rapporteur, announced her resign of TSAG RG-WTSA Rapporteurship after this TSAG meeting.

**10 Report of this TSAG RG-WTSA meeting**

Due to lack of time, the meeting reviewed very briefly a preliminary draft report of the TSAG RG-WTSA meeting in [TD519](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-240729-TD-GEN-0519).

**11 Closure**

The Rapporteur closed the RG-WTSA meeting at 16:13 on 30 July 2024, promised a draft report of RG-WTSA meeting will be posted as [TD519R1](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-240729-TD-GEN-0519) soon and before TSAG-WP1 closing plenary.

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