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Resolution 34 – Voluntary contributions

FOREWORD

The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is the United Nations specialized agency in the field of telecommunications. The ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T) is a permanent organ of ITU. ITU-T is responsible for studying technical, operating and tariff questions and issuing Recommendations on them with a view to standardizing telecommunications on a worldwide basis.

The World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA), which meets every four years, establishes the topics for study by the ITU-T study groups which, in turn, produce Recommendations on these topics.

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RESOLUTION 34

Voluntary contributions

(Montreal, 2000; Florianópolis, 2004)

The World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (Florianópolis, 2004),

considering

- a) Resolution 71 (Rev. Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference on the strategic plan for the Union 2004-2007, targeting ambitious strategic objectives in the activities of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T);
- b) Decision 5 (Rev. Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, limiting expenditure of the Union for the period 2004 to 2007;
- c) Resolution 44 adopted by this assembly on bridging the standardization gap between developing¹ and developed countries,

recalling

- a) that the ITU Constitution, Convention and Financial Regulations stipulate that the Secretary-General of the Union may accept voluntary financial contributions in cash or in kind, in addition to the regular contributions from the Member States, Sector Members and Associates;
- b) that expenditures under voluntary contributions are outside the limits of expenditure set by ITU plenipotentiary conferences;
- c) that important voluntary contributions made to ITU-T in the past permitted ITU-T to make significant progress in its work,

considering further

that voluntary contributions are valuable, rapid and efficient instruments in the financing of extra activities for the Sector,

resolves

- 1 to encourage the financing of specific projects, focus groups or other new initiatives by voluntary contributions;
- 2 to invite Member States, Sector Members and Associates from both developing and developed countries to submit to the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau projects and other initiatives of interest for ITU-T to be financed under voluntary contributions.

¹ In this resolution, the term "developing countries" is used in the generic sense and includes also countries with economies in transition and least developed countries.