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Resolution 42 – Implementation of results-based budgeting – Impact on planning in ITU-T

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.

The approval of ITU-T Recommendations is covered by the procedure laid down in WTSA Resolution 1.

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RESOLUTION 42

Implementation of results-based budgeting –
Impact on planning in ITU-T

(Florianópolis, 2004)

The World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (Florianópolis, 2004),

considering

a)   Resolution 71 (Rev. Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, which contains the strategic plan for the Union in an annex;

b)   Resolution 72 (Rev. Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, which addresses the linkage between strategic, financial and operational planning in ITU;

c)   Resolution 107 (Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, which highlights the need to strengthen the integration of strategic, financial and operational planning based on a results-based budgeting foundation;

d)   the Report on the Consultancy Project submitted to the 2004 session of the Council, which urges the implementation of results-based budgeting based on UN best practices and includes a recommendation to introduce a consistent planning 'hierarchy' across all of ITU that will link Sectors' objectives to budget "outputs" and to operational plans, and that will form the basic structure of the budget presentation;

e)   the decision of the 2004 session of the Council to revise the mandate of the Council Group on the Financial Regulations to identify implementation strategies for various financial management issues, including the linkage of the budget structure to strategic and operational planning,

considering further

a)   that, pursuant to Resolution 122 (Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly:

  i)   shall address strategic issues in standardization and, through the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau (TSB), provide its comments to the Council; and

  ii) should take into account the Union's strategic plan and give consideration to the financial status of the Sector;

b)   that, in accordance with that resolution, the Director of TSB, in preparing a report to WTSA and providing support to the chairmen of the study groups, is instructed to include a report on the financial status of the Sector in order to assist WTSA in its functions,

recognizing

that there are major obstacles to an integrated planning and budgeting function at ITU, and that there is an urgent need to address the issue of coordinating the ITU strategic plan with the various strategic documents and resolutions adopted at the Sector level (and reflected in Sector operational plans),

resolves to invite the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau

1   to request advice from TSAG on a set of pre-defined objectives and outputs (i.e. what the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T) aims to achieve over the budget period), taking into account all relevant results of this assembly and the priorities of ITU-T;

2   to prepare the draft budget of the Sector, taking into consideration such priorities and relevant results of this assembly.