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| **RESOLUTION GSC-17/24: (IPR WG) Open Standards (Reaffirmed)** |

The 17th Global Standards Collaboration meeting (Jeju,13-16, May, 2013)

**Recognizing:**

1. that the issue of how to define “open standards” is gaining attention on a global scale. The reasons for this may differ regionally and are linked to a combination of factors including, but not limited to, policy considerations, legal implications, business strategies and the dynamics of the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) market; and
2. that standards should:

* facilitate interoperability;
* support fair trade and fair competition;
* increase user, consumer, and government confidence; and
* stimulate innovation.

**Considering:**

1. that the characteristics set forth above are achieved through the adoption of certain proven, widely-accepted principles.

**Resolves:**

1. that the Participating Standards Organizations (PSOs) define an “open standard” to include the following fundamental elements:

* the standard is developed and/or approved, and maintained by a collaborative consensus-based process;
* such process is transparent;
* materially affected and interested parties are not excluded from such process;
* the standard is subject to RAND/FRAND Intellectual Property Right (IPR) policies which do not mandate, but may permit, at the option of the IPR holder, licensing essential intellectual property without compensation; and
* the standard is published and made available to the general public under reasonable terms (including for reasonable fee or for free).

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