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**ITU’s role with regard to International Public Policy Issues  
concerning Creating a Safer Internet Environment for Children**

The Council,

*considering*

1. that the purposes of the Union are, *inter alia*, to promote, at the international level, the adoption of a broad range of issues of telecommunications/information and technologies (ICTs), helping in promoting the extension of the benefits of new telecommunication technologies to all the world’s inhabitants and to harmonize the efforts of Member States and Sector Members in the attainment of those ends;
2. that the Internet is playing an increasingly important and valuable role in the provision of education of children of the world, enriching the curriculum and helping to bridge language and other barriers between the children of all nations;
3. that the Internet has become a major platform for many different kinds of educational, cultural and fun activities for children;
4. that children are among the most active participants online;
5. that parents, guardians, and educators are not always aware of children’s activities on the internet;
6. that child online protection initiatives always consider the empowerment of the child online and have due regard to an equal balancing of children's right to be protected from harm and their civil and political rights;
7. that in order to address the issue of cybersecurity for children, it is critical that proactive measures be taken in order to protect children online on an international level;
8. that child online protection is a subject of valid international global interest and shall be listed in the priorities of the world community’s global agenda

*Recognizing*

(a) Resolution 67 (Rev. Dubai, 2014) of the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC), on the role of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU D) in child online protection;

b) Resolution 45 (Rev. Dubai, 2014) of WTDC, on mechanisms for enhancing cooperation on cybersecurity, including countering and combating spam;

*emphasizing*

1. the commitment of the ITU to connecting the world responsibly to ensure cybersecurity, enable cyberpeace, and protect children online;
2. the ITU's role to facilitate the implementation of WSIS Action Line C5 *“Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs”*;
3. the assistance and support given to Member States, especially developing countries, in developing and implementing roadmaps for the COP initiative,

*noting*

1. the discussions and observations made at the meetings of the Council Working Group on Child Online Protection (CWG-COP);
2. the need to continue working at global, regional and national levels to find available technological, managerial and organizational solutions to protect children online, along with innovative applications to make it easier for children to communicate with child online protection helplines;
3. the activities undertaken by many countries in recent years;
4. the call of the world's youth at the BYND2015 Global Youth Summit (San José, Costa Rica, 2013) for Member States to develop policies to make online communities safe and secure,
5. the activities undertaken by ITU in the area of child online protection at the national, regional and international levels

*resolves to instruct the Secretary-General*

1. to bring this resolution to the attention of other COP members and of the United Nations Secretary-General, with the aim of increasing the engagement of the United Nations system in child online protection;
2. to encourage Member States and Sector Members to submit and exchange best practices on issues of child online protection, and to regularly collect, analyse, and share relevant statistics
3. to continue identifying those activities that are carried out by other United Nations organizations in this domain and to coordinate with them appropriately, with the objective of establishing partnerships to maximize and synergize efforts in this important area;
4. to coordinate ITU efforts with other United Nations agencies and entities concerned with this issue, in order to contribute to existing global repositories with useful information, statistics and tools concerning child online protection;
5. to continue the coordination of ITU activities with other similar initiatives being undertaken at the national, regional and international levels, in order to eliminate possible overlaps;
6. to submit a progress report on the results of implementation of this resolution to the next plenipotentiary conference;
7. to continue to disseminate the documents and reports of CWG COP to all international organizations and stakeholders involved in such matters, so that they can collaborate fully;

*instructs the* *Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau*

1 to report to the Council annually, as appropriate, on the implementation of Resolution 67 (Rev. Dubai, 2014);

2 to collaborate closely with CWG COP and CWG Internet in order to avoid duplication of effort and to gain the best possible outputs through the work on the relevant ITU D study questions and the regional initiatives relevant to protecting children online;

3 to coordinate with other similar initiatives being undertaken at national, regional and international level with the objective of establishing partnerships to maximize efforts in this important area;

4 to assist developing countries in drawing the greatest possible attention to the problem of child online protection and in collecting and analysing relevant statistics;

5 to disseminate the guidelines created by ITU, in collaboration with COP partners, through the ITU regional offices and relevant entities;

6 to consider the needs of children with disabilities in current and future awareness campaigns undertaken in coordination with the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau (TSB) and in cooperation with relevant stakeholders and interested countries,

*resolves*

1. to maintain CWG COP, in order to facilitate the membership's input and guidance on ITU's role in child online protection;

2. to facilitate the contribution and participation of all relevant stakeholders in the work of the CWG COP to ensure maximum collaboration in implementing this resolution;

3. to encourage CWG COP to conduct one-day online consultations for youth prior to its meetings to listen to their views and opinions on different matters related to child online protection;

4. to continue to make output documents related to child online protection issues publicly accessible without password protection.