

Recommendation A.23

COLLABORATION WITH THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR STANDARDIZATION (ISO) AND THE INTERNATIONAL ELECTROTECHNICAL COMMISSION (IEC) ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(Helsinki, 1993 amended at Geneva 1996)

The WTSC,

considering

- a) the purposes of the International Telecommunication Union set forth in Article 1 of its Constitution (Geneva, 1992) relating to the harmonization of telecommunication facilities;
- b) the duties of the Telecommunication Standardization Sector (Chapter III of the Constitution, Geneva, 1992) of the International Telecommunication Union;
- c) Resolution 7 (Geneva, 1996) recognizes common interests with ISO and IEC concerning telecommunication and information technologies as well as some other topics and cooperation with them by appropriate means,

decides

- 1 that in accordance with Resolution 7, every effort should be made in establishing respective study programmes to identify overlapping studies with a view to avoiding duplication of work;
- 2 that for those subjects in the fields of information technology including data transmission, multimedia, open system communications and telematic services, etc., where there is a common interest and where it is agreed that coordination is desirable, then text should be drawn up mutually and kept aligned;
- 3 that in carrying on the respective studies, collaborative meetings at appropriate levels should be scheduled, where necessary. In drafting aligned text, it is necessary to take into account the respective timing for approvals and publication, particularly with the ISO/IEC Joint Technical Committee 1 (JTC 1) on Information Technology.

A Guide for ITU-T and ISO/IEC JTC 1 Cooperation is given in Annex A, which contains a set of procedures for cooperation between the two sides. These procedures, which have also been adopted by ISO/IEC JTC 1, should be used, with flexibility, according to need. The "Rules for presentation of ITU-T | ISO/IEC common text"¹ in Annex A should be respected in the drafting of common texts.

¹ The Guide is published as a separate booklet and is available from TSB.