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Resolution 67 – Creation of a Standardization Committee for Vocabulary

FOREWORD

The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is the United Nations specialized agency in the field of telecommunications, information and communication technologies (ICTs). 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 67

Creation of a Standardization Committee for Vocabulary

(Johannesburg, 2008)

The World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (Johannesburg, 2008),

recognizing

- a) the adoption by the Plenipotentiary Conference of Resolution 154 (Antalya, 2006) on the use of the six official languages of the Union on an equal footing, which instructs the Council and the General Secretariat on how to achieve equal treatment of the six languages;
- b) the decisions by the ITU Council centralizing the editing functions for languages in the General Secretariat (Conferences and Publications Department), calling upon the Sectors to provide the final texts in English only (this applies also to terms and definitions),

considering

- a) that it is important for the work of ITU, and in particular of the Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T), to continue liaising with other interested organizations about terms and definitions, graphical symbols for documentation, letter symbols and other means of expression, units of measurement, etc., with the objective of standardization of such elements, etc.;
- b) the difficulty of achieving agreement on terms of definitions when more than one ITU-T study group is involved as well as updating the existing SANCHO database, for terms and definitions already frozen at the end of the year 2005;
- c) that there is a continuing need for the publication of terms and definitions appropriate to the work of ITU-T;
- d) that unnecessary or duplicated work can be avoided by effective coordination and adoption of all work on vocabulary and related subjects carried out by the ITU-T study groups and other relevant ITU-T groups;
- e) that the long-term objective of the terminology work must be the preparation of a comprehensive vocabulary of telecommunications in the official languages of ITU;
- f) that it is essential that the terminology work done within ITU should be widely disseminated, as regards both terms and definitions;
- g) that texts on vocabulary and glossaries are not as a rule directly available to users interested in a particular ITU-T publication;
- h) that there are definitions contained in the Annexes to the ITU Constitution and Convention;
- i) the importance of avoiding misunderstanding within ITU and in particular with the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), respectively, in the use of common terms and definitions;
- j) the excellent work carried out by International Telegraph and Telephone Consultative Committee (CCITT) in the past regarding terms and definitions,