

RESOLUTION ON THE MANAGEMENT AND FOLLOW-UP ON MEMBERSHIP IN ARREARS

(Resolution 13 (GA-15, Bangkok, 2020, Rev.1))

The General Assembly of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (Bangkok, Thailand, 2020)

considering

that pursuant to paragraph 6 (g) of Article 8 of the Constitution of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity, the General Assembly is required to take appropriate action with respect to a Member, an Associate Member or an Affiliate Member which is in arrears in its payments to the APT for two or more consecutive years,

recognizing

that the withdrawal of membership is provisioned under Article 14 of the Constitution of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity, and such withdrawal is to be initiated by the respective member,

recognizing further

the efforts of the Secretary General in taking measures to encourage all members in arrears to settle all payments as quickly as possible in order for them to enjoy the benefits of membership,

noting that

- a) in the past, the General Assembly has provided special arrangements for a Member in arrears to restore its rights through a Resolution;
- b) the number of Affiliate Members who are in arrears is still significant and requires specific action by the General Assembly,

further noting

that the 29th Session of the Management Committee made the following decisions considering the provisions in the Constitution of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity regarding arrears in its payments by members:

- a) that full members which are in arrears for two or more consecutive years are no longer able to vote according to the Constitution therefore such members should not receive fellowships or host meetings but they are able to participate in meetings by paying participation fee;
- b) that for Affiliate Members who have two or more years contribution outstanding, they are not able to participate in meetings or receive services without charge;
- c) to consider termination of membership for those Affiliate Members following a recommendation from the country members to which they belong,

urges

all members in arrears, to settle all payments as quickly as possible including encouraging establishment of repayment schedule, as necessary,

resolves

to take the following action, as appropriate, with respect to a member which fails to fulfil its financial obligation and which is in arrears of its payments to the APT for two or more consecutive years:

- a) suspension of its voting rights in the case of a Member; and
- b) suspension of its rights to participate in APT meetings and other events, except with a payment of a participation fee as determined by the Secretary General, and exclusion from the benefits of APT fellowships,

resolves further

to take any actions, in respect of an Affiliate Member, as it may deem appropriate with regard to all relevant circumstances, without limitation,

invites Members and Associate Members

- 1 to recommend that an Affiliate Member which is in arrears in its payments to the APT for two or more consecutive years to withdraw from the APT in accordance with Article 14 of the Constitution; and
- 2 to assist the Secretary General in facilitating measures taken with regard to the recovery of arrears by Affiliate Members, as appropriate,

instructs the Management Committee

to act between Sessions of the General Assembly to provide the necessary rules and guidelines to the Secretary General in implementing this resolution,

instructs the Secretary General

- 1 to implement this resolution in consultation with the Management Committee;
- 2 to negotiate with members who have difficulties on timely payment of its dues to the APT;
- 3 to report to the Management Committee on the implementation of this Resolution, highlighting any difficulty that may be encountered and proposing further improvements, as appropriate,

urges members

to assist the Secretary General and the Management Committee in the application of this Resolution.