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**PRELIMINARY apt cOMMON pROPOSAL: proposed Revision of resolution 183**

**1 Introduction**

The purpose of the revision of PP-10 (Guadalajara) Resolution 183 is to reference WTSA-12 (Dubai) Resolution 78 and other related outputs of ITU-T since PP-10 (Guadalajara). The revision is to also make Resolution 183 more consistent with the new resolution 54 of WTDC-14 (Dubai), which merged 3 resolutions of WTDC-10, namely Resolution 54 (Rev. Hyderabad, 2010) of WTDC, on ICT applications; Resolution 65 Improving access to healthcare services by using information and communication technologies (Rev. Hyderabad, 2010) of WTDC; Resolution 74 (Hyderabad, 2010) of the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC), on more effective adoption of e government services.

**2 Proposal**

APT members propose the following revision of Resolution 183 for consideration.

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RESOLUTION 183 (Rev. Busan, 2014)

**Telecommunication/ICT applications for e-health**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Busan, 2014),

*considering*

*a)* the definition of e-health made by Resolution 58/28 of the World Health Assembly, Geneva 2005 as "... *the cost-effective and secure use of information and communications technologies in support of health and health-related fields, including health-care services, health surveillance, health literature, and health education, knowledge and research*";

*b)* that the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC) (Doha, 2006) recommended that ITU continue to study the potential of using telecommunications for e-health in order to meet the needs of developing countries;

*c)* Resolution 54 (Dubai, 2014) of WTDC, on Information and communication technology applications, which merged Resolution 54 (Rev. Hyderabad, 2010), Resolution 65 (Rev. Hyderabad, 2010) and Resolution 74 (Hyderabad, 2010) of WTDC;

d) Resolution 78 (Dubai, 2012) of WTSA on information and communication technology applications and standards for improved access to e-health services,

*considering further*

*a)* that the World Health Organization (WHO) and ITU have a key role to promote stronger coordination among the key players in all technical areas of e-health standardization;

*b)* the need to provide effective, efficient and patient-safe clinical care using e-health ICTs;

*c)* that e-health applications and telecommunication/ICT applications supporting them are already extensive, but far from fully optimized and integrated;

*d)* the importance of maintaining momentum so that the potential advantages of telecommunication/ICT technologies in the healthcare sector are supported by appropriate regulatory, legal and policy frameworks in both the telecommunication and the health sectors,

*recognizing*

*a)* the ongoing work of Study Group 2 of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D) through Question 14-3/2, on information and telecommunications for e-health;

*b)* that there are European regional initiatives to share best practices in the implementation of e-applications, including e-health;

*c)* that healthcare ICT standards was considered a high-interest subject by the Global Standards Collaboration (GSC-13);

*d)* that healthcare ICT standards need to be adapted, as necessary, to fit the context of each Member State, and that this requires a strengthening of capacity building and support;

*e)* the ongoing work in ITU-D to bridge the digital e-health divide;

*f)* the publication under ITU-D Study Group 2 Question 14-2/2 entitled "Mobile e-health solutions for developing countries";

*g)* the ongoing work in Study Group 16 of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T) through Question 28/16 “Multimedia framework for e-health applications”, including interoperability on e-health devices, services and technology platforms;

*h)* the work of the ITU-T Focus Group on Machine-to-Machine (M2M) communications , which is considered to be a key enabler of applications and services across a broad range of vertical markets such as health care,

*resolves to instruct the Secretary-General*

1 to give priority consideration to the expansion of telecommunication/ICT initiatives for e‑health in the work of ITU and to coordinate e-health-related activities between the ITU Radiocommunication Sector (ITU-R), the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU‑T), ITU‑D and other relevant organizations;

2 to continue and further develop ITU activities on telecommunication/ICT applications for e-health in order to contribute to the wider global efforts concerning e‑health,

*instructs the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Directors of the Bureaux*

1 to identify and document examples of best practice for e-health in the field of telecommunication/ICT for dissemination among ITU Member States and Sector Members;

2 to report information and developments to Member States through an appropriate mechanism;

3 to coordinate on e-health-related activities with ITU‑R, ITU‑T and ITU‑D, and in particular to promote awareness, mainstreaming and capacity building in the creation of telecommunication/ICT e-health standards, reporting findings to the ITU Council as appropriate;

4 to work collaboratively on e-health-related activities with WHO and other organizations external to the ITU, as well as ITU-R, ITU-T and ITU‑D and, in particular, develop programmes that enable developing countries to introduce e‑health services safely and effectively,

*invites Member States*

to consider developing appropriate legislation, regulations, standards, codes of practice and guidelines to enhance the development and application of e-health telecommunication/ICT services, products and terminals,

*encourages Member States and Sector Members*

to participate actively in e-health-related studies in ITU-R, ITU-T and ITU-D through contributions and by other appropriate means.