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**PRELIMINARY APT COMMON PROPOSAL: PROPOSED NEW RESOLUTION ON HARNESSING THE BENEFITS OF CONVERGENCE THROUGH THE UTILIZATION OF ICT APPLICATIONS**

# 1. Introduction

The deployment of networks and diffusion of ICT applications are considered as key elements to integrating and enhancing coherent global economic development. This approach can improve the consistency of policies, as well as the efficiency and effectiveness of investment.

Sound policy and regulatory environment, infrastructure, and ICT applications and services form the three pillars of the information society. ITU can facilitate the realization of the information society by supporting membership programs that deploy networks and implement ICT applications in an integrated manner. ITU’s support in leveraging convergence and ICT applications for economic growth is expected to create more jobs and economic opportunities for Member States.

As illustrated above, the utilization of ICT applications will contribute to the economic growth of Member States. However, each Member States’ program must be coordinated accordingly in order to leverage the effects of ICT applications. In addition, the lack of economic and financial competence of developing countries should be taken into account by ITU and Member States.

**2. Proposal:**

In this regard, APT Member States would like to propose the following Draft New Resolution, in Annex, to raise awareness on the importance of the coordination among Member States and due consideration for developing countries on the utilization of ICT applications.

**Annex**

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DRAFT NEW RESOLUTION [APT/AAA] (Busan, 2014)

**Harnessing the benefits of convergence through the utilization of ICT applications**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union [Busan, 2014],

***recalling***

a) Resolution of 54 (Rev. Dubai, 2014) of the World Telecommunications Development Conference, on Information and Communication Technology Applications;

b) Resolution 137 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on next-generation network deployment in developing countries;

c) Resolution 139 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on telecommunications/information and communication technologies to bridge the digital divide and build an inclusive information society;

d) Resolution 140 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on ITU’s role in implementing the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society,

***recalling further***

a) Resolution 136 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on the use of telecommunications/information and communication technologies for monitoring and management in emergency and disaster situations for early warning, prevention, mitigation and relief;

b) Resolution 182 (Guadalajara, 2010) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on the role of telecommunications/information and communication technologies in regards to climate change and protection of the environment;

c) Resolution 183 (Guadalajara, 2010) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on the telecommunication/ICT applications for e-health’,

***noting***

a) that ITU Council Working Group for the Elaboration of the Draft Strategic Plan and the Draft Financial Plan 2016 – 2019 identified ICT application and services as one of key priorities of ITU-D objective 3.2.***;***

b) that ITU, along with UNESCO, established the Broadband Commission for Digital Development in 2010 in its efforts to strengthen the activities aimed at the expansion of broadband and to give more weight to the utilization of ICT applications;

c) that ITU has played a key role in the implementation of the outcomes of WSIS for both network and applications, the role of a mediator/facilitator for Information and Communication;

d) infrastructure (Action Line C2) and the role of a co-facilitator in the more active implementation of ICT Applications (Action Line C7),

***recognizing***

a) that telecommunications/ICT can improve competitiveness by raising the productivity of other industries, as well as increase efficiencies and bring benefits in all aspects of our daily life;

b) that the benefits of deploying networks, like broadband, will be fully realized through the introduction and active utilization of various ICT applications and services;

c) that in order to facilitate the deployment of networks and the expansion of ICT applications, cooperation and coordination among various respective players are necessary at various levels,

d) in order to familiarize people in using ICT application, it is important to develop an approach or framework to adopt local culture in ICT application

***resolves to instruct the Council***

1 to consider the Report of the Secretary General referred to in *instruct the Secretary-General**4* above;

2 to consider ways and means to further explore this topic, as appropriate, including the possible inclusion of this topic the agenda of the next WTPF,

***instructs the Secretary-General***

1 to continue monitoring the progress and achievements of goals set by the UN MDGs, WSIS and the Broadband Commission;

2 to continue actively participating in the Post-2015 Development Agenda in order for the Union to play a pivotal role in, enabling achievements of the goals and targets of the agenda through the expansion of essential ICT applications;

3 to continue consultations with all relevant organizations and institutions in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) sectors as well as non-ICT sectors in order to explore ways to cooperate in promoting the expansion and active utilization of ICT applications in various areas;

4 to report to the Council on the progress of activities related to ICT applications,

***instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau in close collaboration with the Director of Telecommunication Standardization Bureau***

1 to further elaborate the ICT Development Index (IDI) to reflect the utilization of ICT applications and their impact;

2 to enhance awareness on ICT applications’ role and benefits regarding socioeconomic development and the need for an integrated and coordinated approach toward ICT application policies;

3 to assist, to the extent practicable and within the budgetary limitation, the introduction and deployment of ICT applications in developing countries, taking into account their level (capacity, speed, character) of telecommunication/ICT infrastructures,

***instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau***

1 to continue developing relevant recommendations in collaboration with other international standards bodies relating to interoperability among a wide range of new ICT applications in consultation with industries and/or Sector members;

2 to explore ways and means that interoperability could be further implemented among a wide variety of ICT applications,

***invites Member States, Sector Members, Associates and Academia***

1 to identify the scope of ICT applications in connection with the Post-2015 Development Agenda;

2 to promote the introduction of ICT applications in order to harness the benefits of convergence and improve competitiveness by raising the productivity of other industries;

3 to consider how the regulations and institutional framework can support the utilization of the ICT applications;

4 to promote policy measures to bridge the gap in terms of the access to and utilization of ICT applications in each country;

5 to explore measures for greater collaboration and coordination with other Member States, Sector Members and various entities such as international organizations, development institutes, industries, and other relevant organizations in order to strengthen the roles and activities in relation with ICT applications.

6 to foster local content in ICT applications to encourage their adoption and preserve local culture and lifestyle