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Country code top-level and internationalised (multilingual) domain names

(Florianópolis, 2004; Johannesburg, 2008, Dubai, 2012)

The World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (Johannesburg, 2008),

recognizing

a) relevant parts of Resolution 102 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010) of the Plenipotentiary Conference;

b) Resolution 133 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010) of the Plenipotentiary Conference;

c) relevant outcomes of the two phases of the World Summit on the Information Society;

d) the evolving role of the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly, in accordance with Resolution 122 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010) of the Plenipotentiary Conference,

considering

a) that issues persist in some cases with respect to the delegation of country code top-level domain names (ccTLD) to entities designated by national authorities;

b) that Member States represent the interests of the population of the country or territory for which a ccTLD has been delegated, as noted in *recognizing further h)* of Resolution 102 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010);

c) that countries should not be involved in decisions regarding another country's ccTLD, as noted in *recognizing further i)* of Resolution 102 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010);

d) that intergovernmental organizations have had, and should continue to have, a facilitating role in the coordination of Internet-related public policy issues;

e) that international organizations have also had, and should continue to have, an important role in the development of Internet-related technical standards and relevant policies;

f) that ITU has a record of successfully handling similar issues, especially as to the use of non-Latin character sets

g) that international organizations have also had, and should continue to have, an important role in the development of Internet-related technical standards and relevant policies;

h) the ongoing activities of other relevant organizations,

*noting*

*the development and advances that have been made by existing Internet organisations in the deployment of non-latin scripts and that further action in this area is envisaged*

instructs Study Group 2

1. to continue studies, and to work with Member States and Sector Members, in their respective roles, recognizing the activities of other appropriate entities, as stated in Resolution 102 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010) resolves, to review Member States' ccTLD experiences,

b) to study internationalized (multilingual) domain names, and to continue to liaise and cooperate with appropriate entities, whether intergovernmental or non-governmental, in this area,

instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau

to take appropriate action to facilitate the above and to report to the ITU Council annually regarding the progress achieved in this area,

invites Member States

to contribute to these activities,

further invites Member States

to take appropriate steps within their national legal frameworks to ensure that issues related to delegation of country code top-level domains are resolved.