

**RECOMMENDATION APPROVAL PROCEDURES IN THE ITU-T**

The VI Meeting of the Permanent Consultative Committee I: Telecommunication Standardization,

**CONSIDERING:**

- a) That the procedures that have been applied in the Standardization Sector of the ITU for the approval of recommendations have demonstrated a very significant flexibility and effectiveness as confirmed by the fact that nearly 800 recommendations have been approved by the Alternative Approval procedure (AAP) process since it was approved in 2000 and a Member State has only used twice, since the approval of the AAP, its veto power, and they ensure the world acceptance of the recommendations, preserving the beginning of world standardization in charge of ITU;
- b) That the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission, CITEL, submitted its opinion on the issue to the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA) in the proposal captioned “Approval Procedure for Recommendations”, which stated the reasons why both Traditional Approval Procedures (TAP) and Alternative Approval Procedures (AAP) should be maintained;
- c) That the power of any Member State to veto a recommendation is consistent with the sovereign right of each State to regulate its telecommunication;
- d) That the decisions adopted in the frame of the Union must respect a Member State’s ability to voice governmental concerns about technical recommendations in particular in the ITU-T’s standardization portfolio, and
- e) That elimination of the single Member State veto goes beyond a "work method" issue and has broader implications for the Union,

**RESOLVES:**

1. To request Telecommunications Standardization Advisory Group (TSAG) to consider whether elimination of the single Member State veto in A.8 paragraph 5.4:
  - Weakens or strengthens, the Alternative Approval Process (AAP), and
  - Affects historic ITU-T practices regarding inclusive consensus critical to securing world-wide acceptance of ITU-T recommendations.
2. To request the Council to examine the implications that the elimination of the veto capacity that a Member State has would have on world telecommunication standardization since it would change the way the ITU-T does business and modify the foundation for securing world-wide acceptance of ITU-T recommendations.

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