



American Model United Nations
International Telecommunication Union

ITU/I/1

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Telecommunication/information and communication technology accessibility for persons with disabilities and persons with specific needs

SUBMITTED TO: The International Telecommunication Union

The International Telecommunication Union,

1 *Affirming* the rights of disabled persons outlined by the Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities
2 (CRPD),

3 *Recognizing* the critical role that accessing governmental resources play in the lives of citizens, especially
4 those with disabilities and with specific needs,

5 *Taking into consideration* the growing prevalence of instances where government resources are not available
6 outside of an online context,

7 *Realizing* the difficulties that disabled persons face when trying to utilize many information and communi-
8 cation technologies (ICTs),

9 *Taking into account* the continuous evolution of both the definition of disabilities and the technologies
10 available,

11 *Guided by* the goals and provisions outlined in the Connect 2020 agenda, specifically Target 2.5.B,

12 *Noting* how certain private resources can have equal importance to governmental resources in the modern
13 age,

14 1. *Recommends* Member States governmental resources, meaning any application or website detailing infor-
15 mation provided by the government, implement accessibility options for persons with disabilities and persons with
16 specific needs;

17 2. *Further invites* individual Member States to offer incentives such as subsidies to businesses that comply
18 with these standards for their websites;

19 3. *Establishes* an ITU project to raise necessary funds for Member States through voluntary contributions
20 through the preexisting ITU framework, which may be petitioned by Member States for funds in order to properly
21 facilitate these subsidies;

22 4. *Encourages* partnerships with non-governmental organizations, such as but not limited to Disabled Peoples
23 International and Daughters of Charity Technology and Research in Disability in order to fund and research new
24 and innovative ways to better reach disabled people, specifically those previously overlooked;

25 5. *Recommends* the creation of The Inclusive Accessibility Technology Foundation designed with the purpose
26 of:

27 (a) Researching specific technologies that would allow those with physical, mental or other disabilities
28 to access governmental resources provided on ICTs;

29 (b) Developing specific accessibility recommendations that would work with the various platforms
30 which ICTs encompass;

31 (c) Continuously updating and adapting information on the technologies available to address both
32 the evolution of technology and the changing definitions of disabilities.

Passed, Yes: 44 / No: 0 / Abstain: 0