

American Model United Nations International Telecommunication Union

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION:

 ${\it Telecommunication/information \ and \ communication \ technology}$

accessibility for persons with disabilities and persons with spe-

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1 Recalling International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Resolution 70 (Rev. Busan, 2014), which makes 2 foundational efforts to promote access to telecommunications technologies,

Recalling also ITU Resolution 175 (Rev. Dubai, 2018), which begins to encourage Member States to make efforts to create widespread internet access,

Recognizing access to the internet is a need that, when not met, inhibits an individual's ability to access equal opportunities in the job and education sectors as well as to communicate effectively,

Acting to defend the rights of all people in respect to telecommunications technologies, regardless of their Member State of origin,

Understanding that in order to provide information and communication technology (ICT), accessibility for persons with disabilities and specific needs, Member States must first address the lack of widespread internet access across the globe,

- 12 1. Urges Member States to, within their own capabilities, set up safe, secure and stable mobile service providers and carriers within their borders, which could include but would not be required to contain:
- 14 (a) The proliferation of 4G data that prevents latency and makes available stronger internet access for communication purposes;
 - (b) Adequate download speeds to provide more convenient access to any downloadable content;
 - (c) Specific attention to the needs of individuals with disabilities or specific needs and providing access to those individuals;
- 2. Recommends that Member States pursue greater cooperation and coordination in efforts to increase widespread internet access to those Member States that do not yet have it by:
- 21 (a) Providing, at a government's own discretion, funding to other Member States to support this 22 goal;
- 23 (b) Incentivizing, by a Member State's own feasible means and through nationally appropriate channels, funding from private entities to support this goal;
- 25 (c) Making a clear commitment to aid individuals with disabilities or specific needs in their access 26 to ICTs;
- 3. Expects that Member States, as well as private entities that provide or encourage assistance to other Member States in order to develop accessible internet services, will respect the privacy and confidentiality of Member States receiving said assistance, especially with regards to cybersecurity;
- 4. Supports research by private and public entities to research ways to make internet access more available to those who do not already have it in conjunction with each individual Member State's interests and by the prioritization of those with the lowest current access rates.

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