



American Model United Nations
International Telecommunication Union

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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 *Reaffirming* Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

2 *Affirming* the importance of ensuring telecommunication services to people with disabilities,

3 *Welcoming* the cooperation between Member States and telecommunication providers to ensure universal
4 service to all people,

5 *Appreciating* the cooperation between websites and Member States,

6 1. *Recommends* Member States to establish Universal Service Obligation (USO) policies, which meet the
7 following requirements:

8 (a) Contribute to the build out and development of infrastructure in communities in actual need of
9 these services;

10 (b) Establish a regime for the sharing of USO costs between Member States and providers;

11 (c) License operators as providers of universally accessible technology (UATs);

12 (d) Evaluate the material competitive disadvantage claims made by providers to determine the
13 material competitive disadvantages suffered by each provider;

14 (e) Monitor the availability of UATs for the disabled and support services for the disabled provided
15 by all licensed operators;

16 (f) Review plans for the provision of services to the disabled and subsequently to approve an agreeable
17 plan;

18 (g) Determine the communities that are to receive funding for the introduction of UATs;

19 (h) Determine the amount of funding to be provided for the introduction of UATs and the method
20 of dispersing such funds;

21 2. *Further recommends* that Member States establish accessibility guidelines on websites run within their
22 country, which meet the following requirements:

23 (a) Providing text to accompany non-text elements;

24 (b) Organizing documents in an orderly, readable and sensible manner;

25 (c) Ensuring that information conveyed through colored digital content can be perceived or be
26 available without color;

27 (d) Ensuring that foreground and background colors have sufficient contrast for those who struggle
28 with differentiating colors.

Passed, Yes: 28 / No: 0 / Abstain: 2