

WTSA-24 Update

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World Telecommunications Standards Assembly

- High-profile event
- Defines what ITU-T does for the next 4-year Study Period
 - Remit and restructuring of Study Groups
 - Approve mandates for Study Groups
 - Appointing SG leadership
 - Updates to Resolutions (core principles of ITU-T)
- I* needs to be present to resist attempts for mission creep

Outcomes

- Mostly good
- Little controversy
 - Russia got **very** angry and invoked Godwin's law
 - Called their opponents neo-nazis
 - Meeting just let them rant
 - Few complaints in public about their behaviour

Weird New Resolutions

- ITU-T remit to continue dabbling in blockchain and DPI
 - Digital Public Infrastructure (whatever that is)
- Metaverse! (sigh)
 - Follow-on from FG-MV

Streamlined Resolutions - Res 64

- IPv6
- Initial proposal was for no change
- Updated and agreed text doesn't hint at IP address allocation by ITU
 - => Future attempts to have an ITU-run RIR look doomed (for now)
 - Lots of security wording removed
- New text says RIRs have a key role in IP address allocation
- ITU-T to have a role in raising awareness

Streamlined Resolutions - Res 96

- Anti-counterfeiting
- Couldn't get the references to DOA removed (sigh)
 - Two MS insisted these remain even though that text is incorrect and has been wrong for over a decade
- No consensus, no change

Streamlined Resolutions - Res 48

- IDNs
- Nothing to see here, move along...
- Revised Res mandates ITU-T to encourage adoption, share experiences, collaborate with ICANN and related stakeholders but no operational role

New IP

- This looks to be dead
- Nothing was proposed for WTSA-22
 - Efforts then to introduce it got killed at SG level
- No New IP-flavoured stuff surfaced at WTSA-24
- Huawei's New IP group seems to have been disbanded

Special Thanks

- Joyce Chen (APNIC), Einar Bohlin & Nate Davis (ARIN) did a wonderful job protecting the RIR and broader Internet community's interests
 - Also had backup from ICANN
- Great support from 5 Eyes, EU member states, Japan and beyond
 - Lots of cooperation and coordination on the ground
- Marco Hogewoning (who he?) excellently chaired several ad-hoc sessions