



**[IAFI/India(Republic of)**

**PROPOSAL FOR SUPPRESSION OF WTSA RESOLUTION 47 - DELEGATION  
AND MANAGEMENT COUNTRY CODE TOP LEVEL DOMAIN (CCTLDS)  
NAMES**

**Background**

Country code top-level domains (ccTLDs), is a two-letter code at the end of a web address that identifies the country or territory where the website is registered. It is like a digital flag, indicating the website's geographic origin (.au –for Australia, .in –for India etc).

Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) is a global organization that manages the domain name system, including ccTLDs. Country Code Managers in each country or territory has a designated manager responsible for assigning ccTLDs within their region.

This Resolution-47 was adopted by the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA) in Dubai, 2012, deals with the issues concerning with the delegation and management Country Code Top Level Domain (ccTLDs) names.

**Introduction:**

Resolution-47 was adopted by the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA) in Dubai, 2012, deals with the delegation and management of ccTLDs. It recognizes the importance of previous resolutions and outcomes related to ccTLDs, the evolving role of WTSA, and on-going challenges. Resolution considers the role of Member States in representing their populations and avoiding interference in other countries' ccTLDs, as well as the facilitating roles of intergovernmental and international organizations.

Overall, this resolution aims to improve the governance and management of ccTLDs by encouraging collaboration, transparency, responsible national policies, ensuring transparency and fairness in ccTLD delegation, avoiding political interference or abuse of ccTLDs, and supporting Member States in effectively managing their ccTLDs.

**Proposal:**

Resolution - 47 was adopted long back by the WTSA-12 at Dubai in 2012 and since then no further study was submitted in subsequent WTSAs by any Member State. It appears that none of the Member State is willing to work further on the resolution.

IAFI believes that, considering the ITU's enforcement limitations, Resolution 47 may have reached its natural conclusion. We propose collaborative efforts to determine the most effective way forward for ccTLD governance.

Therefore IAFI proposes that APT develop a common proposal to suppress this resolution

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