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To Observer Organisations by virtue of Nos. 287 to 289, 291 and 292 of the Convention of the International Telecommunication Union

Subject: **World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-02)  
Istanbul (Turkey), 18-27 March 2002**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to inform you that, following the kind invitation of the Government of Turkey, the Council decided at its 2001 session, in accordance with No. 42 of the ITU Convention, that the forthcoming World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-02) would take place in Istanbul (Turkey), from 18 to 27 March 2002. The draft agenda of the conference is contained in Council resolution 1184 (Annex 1).

Pursuant to Nos. 287 to 289, 291 and 292 of the Convention of the International Telecommunication Union, I am pleased to invite your organization to send observers to the conference.

I should be grateful if you would kindly let me know by 1 December 2001 your decision regarding participation in the conference by returning Annex 2 to this letter duly completed.

Yours faithfully,

Yoshio UTSUMI  
Secretary-General

**Annexes: 2**

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## RESOLUTION 1184

(approved at the fifteenth Plenary Meeting)

### **World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-02)**

The Council,

*considering*

Resolution 77 of the Kyoto Plenipotentiary Conference on future conferences of the Union, pursuant to paragraph 1.6 of which the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-02) is to be held during the first quarter of 2002,

*welcoming*

the invitation of the Government of Turkey,

*resolves*

1 that the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-02) shall be convened in Istanbul (Turkey) for a duration of 10 days from 18-27 March 2002;

2 to appeal to the participants of the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-02) to make a special emphasis on the problem of “bridging **the digital divide**”;

3 to adopt the draft agenda contained in Annex A subject to the consultation of the Member States of the Union in application of No. 213 of the Convention of the ITU,

*instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau*

to prepare draft guidelines for the preparation of WTDC-02 and to annex them to the invitation to attend the Conference,

*instructs the Secretary General*

1 to make all necessary arrangements, for the convening and holding of the conference;

2 to communicate this Resolution to concerned international and regional organizations.

## ANNEX A

### DRAFT AGENDA WTDC-02

#### **I      Assessment of implementation of WTDC-98 Resolutions and Recommendations:** consideration of the main activities undertaken in the context of the Valletta Action Plan (VAP)

- a) Programmes of the Valletta Action Plan (VAP)
- b) Report of the Telecommunication Development Advisory Group
- c) Special programme for LDCs
- d) Direct assistance and implementation of technical cooperation projects within the framework of agreements with UNDP and other financing sources
- e) Report of Study Group 1
- f) Report of Study Group 2

#### **II      General policy and strategy issues**

- a) Report on the state of telecommunication development in the world
- b) Consideration of proposals for reform of the Telecommunication Development Sector
- c) Contributions by the regional preparatory meetings to WTDC-02
- d) Consideration of the results of the symposia for regulators
- e) Consideration of the results of the Third World Telecommunication Policy Forum (Geneva, 2001)
- f) Strategic plan for the Telecommunication Development Sector

#### **III      Operational and technical issues**

- a) Universal access and information and communication technologies
- b) Policies, regulations and economic aspects of telecommunication development
- c) Human resources development and strengthening of capacities
- d) Infrastructure development and the introduction of new technologies and new services
- e) Special Programme for LDCs

#### **IV      Implementation mechanisms**

- a) Framework (programmes, draft declaration, study groups, etc...)
- b) Mobilization of resources
- c) Strategic partnerships
- d) International cooperation
- e) Specific actions for LDCs

#### **V      Internal functioning mechanisms**

- a) Ways and means for the rapid and efficient provision of BDT products and services

#### **VI      Special session on bridging the digital divide**

- a) Current situation in developing countries
- b) Short-term action plan to bridge the digital divide
- c) Long-term action plan to bridge the digital divide

ANNEX 2

**WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE (WTDC-02)**  
(Istanbul, Turkey, 18-27 March 2002)

**CONFERENCE OBSERVERS:**

SECTOR MEMBER/  
ORGANIZATION

Probable number  
of observers

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