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To the Member States of the 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).

I have great pleasure in hereby inviting your government to send a delegation to WTDC-02. In this respect, I would like to remind you that delegations sent by Member States to development conferences will not need to present credentials.

In order to prepare for the conference, I would kindly ask you to let me know by **1 December 2001** if you intend to participate and to inform me of your requirements for conference preparatory documents by returning Annex 2 to this letter, duly completed.

I hereby request that you submit your proposals for the work of the conference as soon as possible. Time constraints imposed by translation in six languages obliges us to request that these proposals should reach the ITU secretariat by **8 January 2002**. Additional information on the WTDC-02 will be provided to you shortly by way of an administrative circular.

Yours faithfully,

Yoshio UTSUMI
Secretary-General

Annexes: 2

ANNEX 1

INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION



COUNCIL

GENEVA — 2001 SESSION — (18 - 29 JUNE)

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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)

MEMBER
STATE:

Probable number of
participants:

CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS

PROPOSALS FOR THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE

We intend to submit proposals **YES / NO** (*delete as appropriate*).

They will amount to about **3 or 4 pages** and will be made available in electronic form.

They will be written in **ARABIC / CHINESE / ENGLISH / FRENCH / RUSSIAN / SPANISH** (*delete as appropriate*).

They will reach the Secretariat on _____ and by 8 January 2002 at the latest

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

Number of copies^{*)}:

We wish to receive copies of documents in:

Arabic

Chinese

English

French

Russian

Spanish

(*delete as appropriate*)

^{*)} Further to **Council Resolution 1141**, the number of paper copies dispatched by mail is limited to a maximum of **five** per Member State.

Address to which these documents should be sent:

(Place)

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