



SECOND MEETING OF STUDY GROUP 1: GENEVA, 30 AUGUST - 3 SEPTEMBER 1999
SECOND MEETING OF STUDY GROUP 2: GENEVA, 6 - 10 SEPTEMBER 1999

Question 8/1: Establishment of an independent regulatory body

STUDY GROUP 1

SOURCE: RAPPORTEUR FOR QUESTION 8/1

TITLE: REPORT OF THE RAPPORTEUR'S GROUP MEETING ON QUESTION 8/1

The Rapporteur Group on Question 8/1 held their first meeting on 30 August 1999. The meeting was opened by the Chairman of Study Group 1, Mr. Gabrielli, who introduced the newly appointed Rapporteur, Alexandra Ho (Telecommunication Authority of Singapore).

Main Results

The Rapporteur presented the agenda. No comments were made and the agenda was approved. Document 1/054 was presented by OFCOM (Switzerland). This document proposed changing the title of Question 8/1. Much debate ensued on the proposed change. The French Administration agreed to the OFCOM proposal with a slight amendment. The meeting agreed to accept the Swiss proposal, as modified by France for the French and Spanish text only. The title remains unchanged for the English version. The new title for (French and Spanish only) would be:

French:

"Etablissement d'organes de régulation indépendants ou autonomes et d'organes de réglementation "

Spanish:

"Establecimiento de órganos de regulación independientes o autónomos y de órganos de reglamentación"

Document 1/062 and 1/084 were presented by the Secretariat. The delegate of Syria pointed out that Document 1/062 should mention that the seminar referred to was carried out within the framework of the

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Valetta Action Plan Programme 1. In regards to document 1/084, the representative of OFCOM, citing the situation in Switzerland, suggested that future versions of the survey include collection of telecommunication indicators as one of the possible examples of functions of a regulator. He volunteered to provide a contribution on this aspect. The Rapporteur agreed to include this in the study of this Question.

Document 1/091 is also a document for this Question but was not presented, as the presentation was made during the Rapporteur Group meeting on Question 6/1.

The Rapporteur presented the draft outline for the final report (Document 1/074). Several comments were made and modifications are included in the attached revised outline.

The Rapporteur requested volunteers to prepare case studies on national experiences. Somalia, Sri Lanka, and Tanzania have volunteered. Other volunteers are always welcome.

Future work programme

The next meeting of the Rapporteur Group will tentatively take place the week of 21 February 2000 in Geneva (or Singapore).
