



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

Question 6/1: Interconnection

STUDY GROUP 1

SOURCE: CO-RAPPORTEUR FOR QUESTION 6/1

TITLE: REPORT OF THE RAPPORTEUR'S GROUP MEETING ON QUESTION 6/1

MAIN RESULTS

The Rapporteur's Group for Question 6/1 met on 30 and 31 August 1998 and reached the following conclusions:

1 Election of a rapporteur

After the resignation of Mr John Giusti (FCC, United States), the group is still without a rapporteur. The meeting accepted a proposal of Mr Gabrielli, Chairperson of Study Group 1, to designate Mr Cristian Jara Villarroel (Telefónica, Argentina) as co-rapporteur until the election of a new rapporteur.

2 Document 1/055

This document outlines interconnection reference models and establishes various types of telecommunication services as interpreted by OFCOM, the Swiss regulatory body. Clarifications were made by the contributor to different requests and the document was adopted, with reservation that the document be aligned in the three different languages. Further work on this document would be done in order to obtain a complete reference model, covering other situations (fixed network with mobile, fixed network with data, etc.).

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3 Document 1/084

The meeting took note of reports related to interconnection, extracted from the ITU/BDT Telecommunication Database, and based on responses to the 1999 Telecommunications Survey.

4 Document 1/090

This late document was presented in English only. It provides a general overview of interconnection issues and principles with some illustrations on how various countries handle these issues. Then, the United States' experience on the development of an interconnection regime was also presented. Some discussion took place with the help of simultaneous interpretation, but the meeting postponed its decision until a translation of the document is provided in French and Spanish.

5 Document 1/091

The meeting took note of the information about recent United States' assistance activities in the telecommunication field. Requests were made for contributions from other countries having similar activities.

6 Future work programme

The meeting adopted an action plan for further study of the question in two phases. This plan is attached to the present report. Consequently, a group of volunteers was created for the first phase, which goes to the next meeting of Study Group 1 (September 2000). The group will work by electronic means:

- 1) to define a scope for a benchmarking of interconnection practices;
- 2) to propose a structure of a report for the first phase;
- 3) to collect contributions.

A meeting of the rapporteur's group will take place from 21 to 25 February 2000 in a country still to be announced. The group is open and the meeting has accepted proposals from Argentina, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Germany, Ghana, Spain and Syria. Further proposals should be addressed to the co-rapporteur or to the BDT focal point for the question.

ANNEX

Action plan for Question 6/1 of ITU Study Group 1

Date	Working method	Objectives
30-31 August 1999	Meeting of Study Group 1	1 To set up a group of volunteers and experts to work on the development of the first phase
31 August 1999 - 21 February 2000	Electronic means	1 To define the scope of benchmarking 2 To propose a structure for the report for the first phase 3 To collect contributions
21-25 February 2000	Meeting of the rapporteur's group and interconnection experts	1 Approval of the structure of the report and of the scope of benchmarking 2 Analysis of the contributions and of their incorporation into the report 3 Expert presentations on the subject
25 February - 15 June 2000	Electronic means	1 Collection of new contributions and consolidation of the final report 2 Approval by the rapporteur's group
15 June - 15 September 2000	Electronic means	1 Presentation of the report to ITU 2 Translation of the documentation and distribution to the future participants of the meeting of Study Group 1 in September 2000
15 September 2000	Meeting of Study Group 1	1 Approval by Study Group 1
15 September 2000 to 2001-2002		1 Work phase for recommendations concerning Question 6/1