



Question 15/1: Technology transfer and informatization

### **STUDY GROUP 1**

SOURCE: RAPPORTEUR FOR QUESTION 15/1

TITLE: REPORT OF THE RAPPORTEUR'S GROUP MEETING ON QUESTION 15/1

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#### **SUMMARY**

The Rapporteur's Group on Question 15/1 considered Documents 1/049 and 1/095. It was noted that the major issues relating to "informatisation" were addressed in Document 1/049 and those relating to "technology transfer" were addressed in Document 1/095.

It was further identified that, while research institutions contributed significantly to the inputs, there was little direct contribution by member states.

Discussion centred on clarifying definitions of "informatisation impacts" and "outputs" of technology transfer, adding dimensions of "employment impacts". Some specific comments were offered on experiences in "property rights" transfer and data on the "Internet" question.

#### **ACTIONS PROPOSED**

The Rapporteur's Group agreed to the following actions:

1. September - December 1999: Invitation to members to submit contributions
2. January - April 2000: Compilation of contributions, review of data, and submission of findings
3. Parallel action with item 2 in identifying appropriate data from other Study Group 1 Questions and from the Radiocommunication and Telecommunication Standardization Sectors of ITU

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4. Submission of proposals relevant to items in
    - a. The Year 2000 Global Knowledge Conference
    - b. Preparatory issues on IT in WTO round of negotiations
    - c. Broad policy guidelines on Question 15/1
  5. September 2000: Submission of draft Final Report
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