



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

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Question 14/1: The role of telecommunications in social and cultural development, including the protection and promotion of indigenous culture and identity

### **STUDY GROUP 1**

SOURCE: RAPPORTEUR FOR QUESTION 14/1

TITLE: REPORT OF THE RAPPORTEUR'S GROUP MEETING ON QUESTION 14/1

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#### **MAIN RESULTS**

The meeting examined three documents:

**Document 1/097:** Status and proposed workplan, was presented in detail by the Rapporteur.

**Document 1/072:** La radiodiffusion télévision rurale et communication pour les zones rurales isolées, presented by Mali, will be presented in detail during the meeting of Study Group 2, as it relates mainly to the rural question.

**Document 1/078:** Transducteur tactile-acoustique, was presented by the representative of A.U.L.M. (Switzerland).

There was then an intervention from Mr. Everton from New Zealand, connected to the meeting by a video-conferencing link. Mr. Everton, who was the originator of the Question in WTDC-98 (Malta), explained the situation of the Maori indigeneous population in his country.

#### **FUTURE WORK PLAN**

The proposed plan for 1999 and 2000 is as follows:

- 1) 1999 Renew call for participation from members
- 2) 1999 Establish liaison with Question 10/2 and Task Force on Gender issues;  
Formalize committee of experts from aboriginal communities and rural telecentre communities;

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Activate an Internet-based discussion group;

Engage a graduate student to perform literature searches and to moderate the discussion group;

Issue the questionnaire and a call for case studies;

Convene an informal workshop in connection with the African Development Forum organized by the UN-ECA (Adis Ababa, 24-28 October 1999).

3) 2000 Convene an informal workshop on March 5-6, 2000 in Kuala Lumpur in connection with the Global Knowledge 2000 Conference organized by the World Bank.

4) 2000 Produce the initial report and some representative case studies.

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