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FOR ACTION

STUDY GROUPS 1 AND 2

SOURCE: TELECOMMUNICATION DEVELOPMENT BUREAU

TITLE: REVISION OF RESOLUTION 5 (WTDC-1998) ON ENHANCED

PARTICIPATION BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Action required:

Participants are invited to comment on the document in order to finalize it and submit it to the next ITU-D Study Group meeting in September 2001.

Abstract:

This contribution is a modification of Resolution 5 (WTDC-1998). The additional revisions are the result of discussions during the meeting of the Group in November 2000.

RESOLUTION 5

Enhanced participation by developing countries

The World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-2002Valletta, 1998),

considering

- a) Articles 11 and 14 of the Convention (Geneva, 1992) concerning study groups, and in particular Nos. 159 and 196;
- b) Article 18 of the Convention (Geneva, 1992) concerning the Telecommunication Advisory Board (TDAB), and in particular No. 227;
- e) Resolution 17 of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Kyoto, 1994) on the advisory groups of the Radiocommunication and Telecommunication Standardization Sectors:
- <u>bd</u>) the desirability of broad-based participation of administrations, duly authorized entities and organizations in the activities and the work of ITU;
- e) Recommendation 2 of this Conference;
- f) the increasing role of the Sector advisory bodies in the light of ITU-2000 recommendation 25, Resolution 22 of the World Telecommunication Standardization Conference (WTSC 96) and Resolution ITU-R 3-1 of the ITU-Radiocommunication Assembly;
- cg) the need to improve participation of developing countries in the work of ITU as expressed in RA-2000 Resolution ITU-R 7 and WTSC-96AMNT-2000 Resolution 17;
- h) ITU-2000 recommendation 27, and in particular paragraph 4,

recognizing

- the multifarious difficulties encountered by the developing countries, in particular least developed countries (LDCs), in ensuring their effective and efficient participation in the work of ITU-D;
- that the harmonious and balanced development of the worldwide telecommunication
 network is of mutual advantage to the developed and the developing countries, and the need
 to identify a mechanism for developing countries to participate in and contribute to the
 work of the ITU-D study groups,

convinced

of the need to enhance the participation of developing countries in the work of the three Sectors of the ITU,

instructs the Director of BDT

in close collaboration with the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau and with Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau, to consider and implement the best ways and means to assist developing countries, and in particular least developed countries, in preparing for and participating actively in the work of the three Sectors, and notably in the Sector advisory bodies and conferences and in the study groups of particular relevance to developing countries,

further instructs the Director of BDT, as far as possible,

- a) to strengthen the cooperation with the ITU regional offices, and to continue to hold ITU-D study group meetings in the regions;
- b) to continue to encourage, as and when required, the establishment and the functioning of regional groups of experts to address specific Questions and prepare contributions of quality,

instructs the Secretary-General

to transmit the present Resolution to the Plenipotentiary Conference,

invites

the Plenipotentiary Conference, in application of No. 250 of the Convention (Geneva, 1992), to give the necessary attention to implementation of the present Resolution within the ceiling for the expenditure of the Union.