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**FOR ACTION**

## **STUDY GROUPS 1 AND 2**

**SOURCE:** TELECOMMUNICATION DEVELOPMENT BUREAU

**TITLE:** DRAFT NEW RESOLUTION: STRENGTHENING THE USE OF ELECTRONIC  
DOCUMENT HANDLING (EDH) FOR THE WORK OF ITU-D STUDY GROUPS

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### **Abstract:**

This document is a proposal for a Resolution on Strengthening the use of electronic document handling for the work of ITU-D. It has been based on ITU-T Resolution 32 . This draft was adopted by the fourth meeting of the Group on the structure and working methods of the ITU-D Study Groups, held in Berlin, Germany, from 23 to 25 January 2001

N.B.

An EDH system, called Documentum, is being developed at ITU, and will also be installed for BDT. The purpose of this resolution is to draw attention to the importance of EDH for the work of the ITU-D Study Groups.

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## DRAFT NEW ITU D RESOLUTION XX

### **Strengthening the use of electronic document handling for the work of ITU-D Study Groups**

The World Telecommunication Development Conference (2002),

*considering*

- a) that electronic document handling (EDH) is a tool for open, rapid and easy collaboration between participants in the activities of ITU-D Study Groups;
- b) that the implementation of EDH capabilities and associated arrangements has significant benefits by allowing timely and effective access to information regarding development activities;
- c) that EDH will be advantageous towards improving communication among members of ITU-D Study Groups and between other relevant development organizations and ITU;
- d) the key role of the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) in providing support to EDH services, such as facilitating access to documentation through EDH;
- e) the decisions contained in Resolution 65 (Kyoto, 1994), Resolution 66 (Rev. Minneapolis, 1998) and Resolution 104 (Minneapolis, 1998) of the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference,

*noting*

- a) the desire of Study Groups members to receive documents in electronic format and the need to reduce the amount of hard copy documentation generated during meetings and dispatched by mail;
- b) the desire of ITU-D Study Groups members to progress the work by using electronic means;
- c) the increasing use of personal computers by members during meetings;
- d) the advantage to the membership of facilitating greater electronic participation in the development of Recommendations and Reports between meetings, in particular by Study Group members unable to participate in study group meetings in Geneva and elsewhere;
- e) the economies possible from enhancing ITU-D EDH capabilities (e.g. reduced costs for distribution of paper documentation, etc.);

*resolves*

that the principal EDH objectives of ITU-D are:

- that contributors should, as far as possible, submit all meeting documents to BDT in electronic format;
- that collaboration between Study Groups members should be, as far as possible by electronic means;
- that BDT should provide all members of ITU-D Study Groups with appropriate access to electronic documentation for their work; and

- that BDT should provide appropriate systems and facilities to support the conduct the work of the ITU-D Study Groups by electronic means;

*instructs*

the Director of BDT to take the appropriate actions to reach the above mentioned objectives

*invites the Member States and Sector Members:*

to encourage all participants in the work of ITU-D Study Groups to submit as far as possible their documents in electronic format.

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