

RESOLUTION ITU-R 48

**Strengthening the regional presence in
the Radiocommunication Study Group work**

(2000)

The ITU Radiocommunication Assembly,

considering

- a) that the rights and obligations of Member States and Sector Members are stated in Article 3 of the Constitution and that this includes rights of equal access to participation in the work of ITU-R;
- b) that the Plenipotentiary Conference (Marrakesh, 2002) modified Resolution 25 directing a greater regional presence in the work of ITU;
- c) the difficulty that many developing countries, and countries remote from Geneva, have in participating in the work of Radiocommunication Study Groups,

considering

- a) that the ITU regional presence should be viewed as an asset to the Union rather than as a liability,

recognizing

- a) the difficulty faced by many countries, particularly developing countries with stringent budgetary constraints, in participating in the activities of ITU-R, including the Radiocommunication Study Group meetings;
- b) the decision by the World Radiocommunication Conference (Geneva, 1997), in its Resolution 72 and by the Plenipotentiary Conference in its Resolution 80 (Rev.Marrakesh, 2002), to instruct the Director of Radiocommunication Bureau to consult regional telecommunication organizations on the means by which assistance can be given to their preparations for future world radiocommunication conferences, and that a significant component of such preparations is done in Radiocommunication Study Groups;
- c) that ITU-R and Members' resources are limited, and that efficiency and effectiveness are therefore key considerations for activities to be undertaken by ITU,

noting

- a) that Resolution 25 (Rev.Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, which defined the general functions of the regional presence and instructed the Council to establish a group of experts to carry out a detailed evaluation of regional presence, with a view to improving its structure and management;
- b) the confirmation by recent Council sessions, stressing the need to adapt the organization and activities of the regional presence to the requirements and priorities of each region, as well as the need to strengthen the regional presence by enhancing its usefulness and effectiveness in all the regions of the world, particularly by broadening the range of its activities, where appropriate, to encompass all the activities undertaken by ITU,

resolves

- 1** to request the Director of Radiocommunication Bureau to work with the ITU regional offices to encourage the holding of ITU-R meetings in the Regions;
 - 2** to cooperate with the Director of Telecommunication Development Bureau in enhancing the ability of the ITU regional and area offices to provide support for Study Group activities, as well as the necessary expertise, to strengthen cooperation and coordination with the relevant regional organizations and to facilitate the participation of all Member States and Sector Members in the activities of ITU-R.
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