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Resolution 26 – Assistance to the regional tariff groups

FOREWORD

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RESOLUTION 26

Assistance to the regional tariff groups

(Geneva, 1996; Montreal, 2000; Florianópolis, 2004)

The World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (Florianópolis, 2004),

considering

- a) that the regional tariff groups have been established within Study Group 3;
- b) that the activities of most of these groups have become increasingly important;
- c) that the study of accounting rates and the study of most of the economic aspects of telecommunication services call for human and financial resources which are not always available to developing countries, and in particular to the least developed countries;
- d) that, for determining accounting rates, national network costs at both ends of the relation are the most important component;
- e) that Study Group 1 of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D) has been instructed to study, *inter alia*, the question of balanced tariff structures in the developing countries;
- f) that the existing regional tariff groups (TAF, TAL, TAS) have, to a large extent, developed their cost methodology;
- g) that the implementation of those existing cost methodologies needs to be pursued, while adapting them to evolution,

calls upon the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau

to cooperate with the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau in order to:

- i) continue to provide specific assistance to the regional tariff groups for pursuing the study of the methods and/or methodologies and criteria to be used in setting rates and collection charges;
- ii) encourage the continuing development by the members of the regional groups of computerized application tools related to their cost methodology;
- iii) take appropriate steps to facilitate meetings of the regional tariff groups and promote the necessary synergies between the two Sectors.