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SUMMARY

1.1 Introduction

The first World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-94) took place in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from 21 to 29 March 1994. The Conference was attended by 957 participants, including delegations from 133 Member countries of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), headed by ministers or senior officials, representatives of 31 organizations and agencies, ITU elected officials and staff members, as well as many private sector representatives. The purposes of the Conference were:

to review the progress made in telecommunication development in the last decade;
to set the goals and objectives and to define and establish a common vision and strategies for achieving balanced telecommunication development by and beyond the end of the century; and
to develop an action plan translating the goals and objectives agreed upon into a concrete work programme to be implemented over the next four years.

1.2 The inaugural ceremony

The Conference was inaugurated by His Excellency Dr. Carlos Menem, President of the Argentine Republic. Dr. Pekka Tarjanne, Secretary-General of the ITU and Mr. Al Gore, Vice-President of the United States of America also addressed the Conference in the inaugural ceremony.

1.3 Election of Chairmen

The following persons were elected Chairmen of the Conference:

<u>Chairman of the Conference</u>: Dr. O. F. GONZALEZ (Argentina)

<u>Vice-Chairmen of the Conference</u> : Mr. ZHAO GAOFENG (China)

Mr. A. KRUPNOV (Russia)

Mr. S. AL BASHEER (Saudi Arabia)

Mr. R. RODRIGUEZ (United States of America)

H.E. Mrs. A. LIPOU MASSALA (Congo)

The Conference established five Committees and one Working Group of the Plenary on the Special Programme for the Least Developed Countries. The following persons were elected Chairmen of these Committees and of the Working Group:

<u>Committee 1</u> : Composed of the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen (Steering of the Conference and its Committees and chaired

Committee) by the Conference Chairman.

(Budget Control)

<u>Committee 2</u> : <u>Chairman</u> : Mr. U. MOHR (Germany)

<u>Vice-Chairman</u>: Mr. T. DE BONO (Malta)

Committee 3 Chairman : Mr. A. BERRADA (Morocco)

(Development policies, investment

strategies and mobilization of resources) Vice-Chairmen: Mr. C. COLAVITO (Italy)

Mr. L.M. BROWN HERNANDEZ (Mexico)

Committee 4 Chairman : Mr. N. VITTAL (India)

(Harmonization of telecommunication

networks, and human resources <u>Vice-Chairmen</u>: Mr. K. SUZUKI (Japan) development and management)

Mr. R. SHINGIRAH (Kenya)

Committee 5 : Chairman : Mr. T. PILLET (France)

(Editorial)

<u>Vice-Chairmen</u>: Mr. V. RUBIO CARRETON (Spain)

Mr. M. JOHNSON (United Kingdom)

Working Group of the Plenary Chairman : Mr. H. VIGNON (Benin)

(Least Developed Countries (LDCs))

Vice-Chairmen: Mr. T. ZEITOUN (Canada)

Mr. M.A. YUSOFF (Malaysia)

1.4 Study Groups

As elaborated in Resolution No. 2, the WTDC decided to establish two study groups to enable the ITU and its members to study, at the global level, issues relating to the institutional, technical, commercial, regulatory and economic evolution of the sector. In the ITU Development Sector, study groups are fora in which BDT Members can work together to find solutions to problems identified in the form of 'Questions'. Thus, study groups are means of pooling resources and drawing upon the accumulated experience of Members for studies, development of guidelines, handbooks and tools, etc. for the benefit of developing countries. The study groups will also provide essential inputs to the 12 programmes of the Buenos Aires Action Plan.

The Chairmen elected for the two Study Groups are shown below.

Study Group1

Telecommunication development strategies Chairman : Mr. A. HAMZA (Algeria) and policies, including financing policies,

Mr. P. HORVÁTH (Hungary) having regard to the current institutional, Vice-Chairmen: structural and regulatory reforms taking

Mr. A. SALIM (Bangladesh) place in the telecommunication sector.

Study Group 2

Means to be implemented by developing countries, with the assistance of the BDT and the cooperation of the other two Sectors, for applying new technologies, having regard to the economic and commercial advantages they offer and considering also other related issues, such as:

- network planning and harmonization;
- management and organization; and
- management and development of human resources (also considered in Study Group 1).

<u>Chairman</u>: Mr. C. KILLIAN (Argentina)

<u>Vice-Chairmen</u>: Mr. M.A. YUSOFF (Malaysia)

Mr. S.D. MATANKARI (Nigeria)

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BUENOS AIRES DECLARATION ON GLOBAL TELECOMMUNICATION DEVELOPMENT FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

- 1. The first World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-94) held by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) since the establishment of its Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D), took place in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from 21 to 29 March 1994. Delegations from 133 Member countries of the ITU, headed by ministers or senior officials, and representatives of 31 organizations and agencies, as well as many private sector representatives, participated in the Conference. The purposes of the Conference were: (a) to review the progress made in telecommunication development since publication in December 1984 of the Report of the Independent Commission for World-Wide Telecommunications Development "The Missing Link"; (b) to set the goals and objectives up to the year 2000 and to define and establish a common vision and strategies for achieving balanced telecommunication development by and beyond the end of the century; and (c) to approve an action plan which translates the goals and objectives agreed upon into a concrete work programme to be implemented over the next four years, identifying those priorities specific to the ITU and those areas of cooperation with its development partners.
- 2. In his opening address, Dr. Pekka Tarjanne, Secretary-General of the ITU, reviewed developments since the Maitland Report ("The Missing Link") and briefly outlined the challenges facing the world telecommunication sector. In his keynote address, United States Vice-President Al Gore called on legislators, regulators and business people to work together to build and operate a Global Information Infrastructure which would bring improved social and economic conditions to all people. He emphasized the need for all countries of the world to participate fully in the benefits of this "network of networks" and urged the Conference to bring this goal quickly within the reach of developing countries.
- 3. The Conference was inaugurated by His Excellency Dr. Carlos Menem, President of the Republic of Argentina. He convincingly articulated the intimate link between telecommunications and development, not only in his own country but in all countries of the world.
- 4. The Conference was chaired by Dr. Oscar González, Undersecretary of Communications of Argentina.
- 5. The Conference was addressed by many ministers responsible for telecommunications and other senior representatives of governments and international and regional organizations. They stressed the importance of translating the indisputable potential of telecommunications into concrete action to improve the lives of all peoples of the world, especially those in developing countries. They also stressed the serious imbalance in world telecommunication development which constrains the development of the global economy and should be a common concern of the whole international community. Practical remedies should be adopted.

- 6. The Conference expressed its appreciation to the Government of the Republic of Argentina for hosting the Conference and providing the conditions which contributed to its success.
- 7. The Minister of Transport and Communications of Malta extended an invitation to host the next WTDC in 1998. This proposal was gratefully accepted by the Conference.
- 8. The Conference was the culmination of a process highlighted by:
 - (a) the Maitland Report;
 - (b) the Arusha Declaration on World Telecommunications Development (May 1985);
 - (c) the decision of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Nice, 1989) to strengthen the Union's development role by establishing the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT);
 - (d) the ITU High Level Committee's Report "Tomorrow's ITU: The Challenges of Change", which recommended that "... the ITU [should] play a more clearly-defined catalytic role, as envisaged in Nice Resolution No. 14, by working cooperatively with international, regional and bilateral development and financial agencies, and by presenting to developing countries the range of policy and structural options that will generate greater resources for telecommunications development";
 - (e) the ITU Constitution and Convention (Geneva, 1992) which refer, inter alia, to the Union's catalytic role in stimulating telecommunication development, call for special attention to be given to the requirements of the least developed countries, and establish the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector;
 - (f) the Resolutions and recommendations of the first cycle of regional telecommunication development conferences:
 - Harare, 1990 for Africa
 - Prague, 1991 for Europe
 - Acapulco, 1992 for the Americas
 - Cairo, 1992 for the Arab States
 - Singapore, 1993 for Asia and the Pacific;
 - (g) the insights provided in the message from the Telecommunication Development Advisory Board;
 - (h) the concept of sustainable development emphasized by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, June 1992.
- 9. Taking note of the above and with a view to setting goals and objectives for the future, the Conference declares that:
 - (a) Telecommunications is an essential component of political, economic, social and cultural development. It fuels the global information society and economy which is rapidly transforming local, national and international life and despite physical boundaries is promoting better understanding between peoples. Thus, ITU Members have the duty to provide for communications to be made available to all individuals, groups and peoples. A dynamic area of economic activity in its own right, telecommunications underlies practically all areas of economic activity and facilitates trade.

- (b) New technological developments in telecommunication and information technologies have the potential to close the development gaps between developing and developed countries and, in individual countries, between densely and sparsely populated areas. Telecommunications may unintentionally perpetuate the development gaps without a more determined, integrated and strategic approach to the challenges of telecommunication development by governments, the private sector and international and regional organizations.
- (c) Any strategic cooperation for the development of telecommunications must recognize the varying levels of development in developing countries. While encouraged by the convergence between medium and high teledensity countries, there is still a growing divergence between medium and low teledensity ones. This fact underscores the need to pay special attention to the requirements of the least developed countries.
- (d) Given that the telecommunication requirements of most developing countries are vast, and the resources available to meet them limited, governments should establish appropriate telecommunication policies and regulatory structures.
- (e) The development of telecommunications may be fostered by liberalization, private investment and competition in appropriate circumstances. Their introduction in any restructuring exercise should be compatible with national development goals and with improving service to underserved areas. Such a restructuring should include a regulatory system which will:
 - create a stable and transparent environment to attract investment;
 - facilitate access of service providers to the network with a framework that promotes fair competition while protecting network integrity;
 - ensure the provision of universal service helping to achieve integrated rural development as well as promoting innovation and the introduction of new services and technologies; and
 - guarantee the rights of users, operators and investors.

Restructuring should promote partnerships between telecommunication organizations in developing and developed countries that equitably take account of the interests of developing countries.

- (f) The ITU has a special role to play in advising policy-makers on the options available in tailoring policies and regulatory structures to fit a country's particular requirements. The ITU should work in close cooperation with regional telecommunication organizations and international, regional and national development and financing agencies.
- (g) Since the resources available through multilateral cooperation will not be sufficient to meet the requirements of developing countries, the ITU must play a creative catalytic role in concert with all the entities forming part of its wide family, and with global, regional and national organizations and agencies, and the private sector. These development, financing and investment agencies, both global, regional and national, are urged to attach higher priority to the development of telecommunications in developing countries.
- (h) The studies carried out in the ITU Radiocommunication and Telecommunication Standardization Sectors play a significant role in the transfer of knowledge and technology. Close cooperation between these Sectors and the Telecommunication Development Sector is necessary to bring about new dynamism to this transfer.
- (i) Development strategies should encompass sound and television broadcasting via terrestrial and satellite systems as one of the key factors in promoting social and cultural development. The new broadcasting technologies being developed will provide opportunities, including those of distance learning, for a greater contribution to development.

- (j) No telecommunication network can be designed, installed and operated efficiently without appropriately skilled staff at all levels. Human resources development and management require innovative approaches to meet the challenges of the rapidly changing telecommunication environment.
- (k) The Buenos Aires Action Plan, adopted by this Conference, establishes a programme of cooperation among the members of the Telecommunication Development Sector (development conferences, study groups, etc.), a programme of assistance to developing countries, and a special programme to enable the least developed countries to reach a threshold of sustainable telecommunication development.

BUENOS AIRES ACTION PLAN FOR THE GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Work Programme of the Telecommunication Development Sector for the period 1994-1998

INTRODUCTION

This work programme for the Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D) for the period 1994-1998 was developed by the first World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC, Buenos Aires) which was convened from 21 to 29 March 1994. It comprises the following parts:

Chapter I: A programme of cooperation among the members of the Telecommunication Development Sector

Chapter II: A plan of action by the BDT for assisting the developing countries

Chapter III: A special programme for the Least Developed Countries

These three parts are based on the Buenos Aires Declaration, specifying the long-term goals and orientation and a Resolution defining the policy and strategy for the Sector over the same period.

This work programme also contains in chapter III a certain number of activities which could be financed by extrabudgetary resources (including voluntary contributions) in accordance with Nos. 486 and 487 of the Convention of the ITU (Geneva, 1992) and Resolution 24 and Recommendation 1 of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Nice, 1989).

CHAPTER 1

Programme of cooperation among the members of the **Telecommunication Development Sector**

1.1 Introduction

This programme is intended to include all meetings in world and regional development conferences, in study groups, in associated working parties and in the Telecommunication Development Advisory Board (TDAB).

World telecommunication development conferences 1.2

It is assumed that in accordance with the Convention, the Council will convene a world telecommunication development conference in 1998.

1.3 Regional telecommunication development conferences

Taking into account the programme of meetings in the period 1994-1998 and considering the need to plan for meetings of the study groups set up by this Conference, the Director of the BDT in consultation with the Secretary-General shall propose to the Council the regions for which such conferences should be convened.

1.4 Study groups

In accordance with Resolution No. 2, this Conference sets up two study groups as well as the Questions to be studied by them and their working methods. Each of the two study groups shall normally have two meetings within the study period. Study groups may set up working parties and decide on their meetings within their budgetary limits.

The following Questions were adopted by the Conference for study by Study Groups 1 and 2 during the period 1994-1998. Council (1994) may consider the order of priority.

Study Group 1

Question 1/1: Role of telecommunications in economic, social and cultural development

Question 2/1: Telecommunication policies and their repercussions at the level of institutional, regulatory and operational aspects of services

Question 3/1: Impact of the introduction and utilization of new technologies on the commercial

and regulatory environment of telecommunications

Policies and ways for financing telecommunication infrastructures in developing Question 4/1:

countries

Question 5/1: Industrialization and transfer of technology

Study Group 2

Question 1/2: Special concerns of developing countries in relation to the work of the

Radiocommunication and Telecommunication Standardization Sectors¹

Question 2/2: Preparation of handbooks for developing countries

Question 3/2: Planning, management operation, and maintenance of telecommunication

networks

Question 4/2: Communications for rural and remote areas

Question 5/2: Human resources development and management

Question 6/2: Impact of telecommunications in health-care and other social services

Question 7/2: Telecommunication support for the protection of the environment

Question 8/2: Public service broadcasting infrastructure in developing countries

I.5 Priority

The Conference agreed that the special programme for the LDCs will be the first priority.

I.6 <u>Telecommunication Development Advisory Board (TDAB)</u>

The Conference considered that a more efficient management of the Sector would require a review of the membership and the function of the TDAB and adopted in this respect a Resolution recommending to the Plenipotentiary Conference (Kyoto, 1994) to make consequential changes to the Convention. Six meetings of the TDAB are foreseen for the period 1994-1998.

The study of the work of the Radiocommunication and Telecommunication Standardization Sectors relating to regulation and tariff aspects as well as to the development of new services will be dealt with jointly by Study Groups 1 and 2.

CHAPTER II

Plan of action by the BDT for assisting the developing countries

II.1 Introduction

This chapter covers all BDT activities in supporting the study groups in carrying out global or regional programmes and studies, in assisting individual countries, and in executing United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Funds-in-Trust projects.

II.2 Global and regional programmes and studies

These programmes and studies are either in support of the study group or are undertaken within the framework of the normal assistance provided by the BDT.

II.2.1 Updating existing programmes and studies

A number of programmes and studies were carried out by the former Technical Cooperation Department. Other programmes and studies have been initiated by the BDT and are on the way to completion. Appropriate manpower is required for updating and compiling these programmes and studies.

II.2.2 New programmes

The Buenos Aires Action Plan proposes 12 new programmes which will provide a focus for the work of the ITU Development Sector. The underlying philosophy is to use resources available within the budget of the ITU Development Sector to leverage a much wider, coordinated effort on the part of the telecommunication community.

The Action Plan refers mainly to coordinated activities of regional and global relevance. It is expected that these activities will be complemented by multilateral and bilateral projects, executed or supported by the BDT and its development partners. The impact of such projects and their contribution to the goals and objectives of the Buenos Aires Action Plan will be greatly enhanced if they are designed and implemented in a coordinated manner within the framework of this Plan. This should be taken into account when assigning priorities related to proposals and requests for multilateral and bilateral programmes and projects.

a) Programme No. 1: POLICIES, STRATEGIES AND FINANCING

1. Programme goals, objectives and strategies

The purpose of this programme is to develop models and guidelines for the harmonization of national policies, regulations, including national regulation of the spectrum and its pricing, and institutional structures conducive to accelerated and balanced development of telecommunication systems worldwide.

Such policies and strategies would enable all nations in the world to fully exploit all telecommunication tools for sustainable social, economic, and cultural development, for international and regional cooperation, for protection and improvement of the environment, for rescue and relief operations, and for peaceful coexistence. One of the objectives of the programme is to facilitate the exchange of information and experiences between and among members of the ITU Development Sector and other development partners.

2. Proposed actions:

The following actions are recommended and shall be reviewed by Study Groups 1 and 2.

- 1. To organize roundtables, seminars, and workshops on telecommunication policies, strategies, and financing.
- 2. To develop documentation on national telecommunication policies, strategies, finance and regulation. (Can also be useful for Programme No. 11.)
- 3. To produce surveys and studies (handbooks) on the specific policies carried out in various countries, and to bring the results of these studies to the attention of national policy-makers and planners.²
- 4. To train national policy-makers, regulators, and planners in this field and provide other assistance that may be necessary.

Refer to Questions 1/1, 2/1, 3/1 and 4/1 of Study Group 1 and 4/2 and 5/2 of Study Group 2.

b) Programme No. 2: HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT (HRM/HRD)

1. Programme goals, objectives and strategies

The long-term goal is to provide human resources, particularly in developing countries, with the competencies and motivation required for regulatory bodies and telecommunication service providers to operate efficiently in the changing telecommunication environment and contribute effectively to the achievement of the goals of the Buenos Aires Action Plan.

These goals also imply that the HRM/HRD programme, besides providing a framework for coordination of ITU Members' and other development partners' efforts to develop the human resources within the telecommunication sector, should contribute to the development of flexible and open learning systems which particularly address the needs of people and small enterprises in rural and low-income urban areas (see also Programmes Nos. 9 and 12 - Integrated Rural Development and Development of Telematics and Computer Networks).

Thus, the HRM/HRD programme will contribute to improve the relevance and accessibility of distance education and training offered at regional and global levels and support current initiatives to bring together academic and R&D institutions as well as other potential suppliers of distance learning in a global effort for the transfer of know-how and harmonization of diplomas and certificates. In particular, the competent study group and the BDT should continue to play a leading role in the development of models and standards for the cooperative design of flexible, portable and adaptable, modular distance learning programmes as well as standardized management information systems—capable of handling both needs for and supply of such programmes, i.e. an "electronic market place" easily accessible by users as well as providers of training courses.

2. Proposed actions:

The following programmes are recommended and shall be reviewed by Study Groups 1 and 2.

- 1. Management Development for Telecommunications (MANDEVTEL)
- 2. TeleProject
- 3. Needs analysis, provision of training (joint ventures, etc.)
- 4. Global distance learning system for technicians³
- 5. Development of standards, models, guidelines and other tools
- 6. Global Telecommunication University
- 7. Development of R&D capabilities
- 8. Direct assistance for improvement of HRM/HRD
- 9. Distance education and training for rural and low-income areas⁴
- 10. Information system on HRM/HRD activities ("electronic market place" for training).

Feasibility studies and pilot projects.

⁴ In coordination with Programmes Nos. 9 and 12 (Integrated Rural Development and Development of Telematics and Computer Networks).

c) Programme No. 3: GUIDELINES FOR THE ELABORATION OF A BUSINESS-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT PLAN

1. Programme goals, objectives and strategies

The long-term goal is to enable national administrations to produce and update their businessoriented development plan.

The immediate objective of the programme is to prepare a guide, to prepare the corresponding training material, and to organize regional seminars to disseminate the know-how. In view of the large number of countries in the developing regions, regional ITU-sponsored training centres such as the ESMT (multinational telecommunication high school) and AFRALTI (African Advanced Level Telecommunication Institute) could be used to achieve a faster and sustainable penetration.

2. Proposed actions:

The following actions are recommended and shall be reviewed by Study Group 2.

- 1. Preparation of guidelines for the elaboration of a business-oriented development plan
- 2. Development of training material
- 3. Field trial(s)
- 4. Training courses.

d) Programme No. 4: DEVELOPMENT OF MARITIME RADIOCOMMUNICATION SERVICES

1. Programme goals, objectives and strategies

The goal of this programme is to provide a framework for the development of maritime radiocommunication services which will: provide facilities for the introduction of the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) within the time limit established by the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) Convention; provide facilities for the efficient operation of maritime transport systems and the development of trade; promote further use of maritime activities, such as commercial fishing, off-shore oil exploration, tourism and transport of people, animals and goods.

The immediate objective is to prepare for each country a plan for the development of maritime radiocommunication services including the implementation of the GMDSS, and to train national counterparts to undertake this work. Such plans will contain all information needed to be submitted to national and multinational financial institutions. The projects for all regions are planned to be concluded two years before the deadline for implementation of the GMDSS.

The following actions are recommended and shall be reviewed by Study Group 2.

- 1. Training courses
- 2. Preparation of plans
- 3. Review of plans
- 4. Resource mobilization for implementation of plans.

e) Programme No. 5: COMPUTER-AIDED NETWORK PLANNING

1. Programme goals, objectives and strategies

The long-term objective is to develop telecommunication network planning capabilities in all interested organizations, particularly in developing countries, in order to increase their self-reliance in this field. Participation in these activities will promote the acceptance of globally standardized tools, including the further development of ITU software (PLANITU), for telecommunication network planning, reduce duplication of software development and maintenance, and facilitate cooperation between Members. Administrations participating in this programme will have: network planning unit(s) established and work procedures organized; network planning software installed; and staff trained in traffic engineering and network planning activities.

2. Proposed actions:

The following actions are recommended and shall be reviewed by Study Group 2.

- 1. Software development
- 2. Development of training material
- 3. Training courses
- 4. Software support
- 5. Equipment procurement.

f) Programme No. 6: FREQUENCY MANAGEMENT

1. Programme goals, objectives and strategies

The objective is to assist developing countries in this field in computerizing their spectrum management. A Basic Automated Spectrum Management System (BASMS) is to be developed. Furthermore, it is envisaged to develop in the near future an Advanced Spectrum Management System (ASMS) based on the BASMS' functional requirements, to provide increased flexibility and networking capabilities in a multi-user environment. Training programmes on both systems in all ITU official languages will be organized for developing countries. Expected outcomes include: the establishment of national spectrum management units in administrations; the installation of software for national computerized spectrum management; and the training of staff in computerized spectrum management.

The following actions are recommended and shall be reviewed by Study Group 25.

- 1. Development of national spectrum management software
- 2. Development of guidelines for radio spectrum management
- 3. Development of basic spectrum management specifications
- 4. Training programmes.

g) Programme No. 7: IMPROVEMENT OF MAINTENANCE

1. Programme goals, objectives and strategies

The objectives of this programme are to improve the maintenance organization, including the Management Information System (MIS) designed to monitor quality of service, handling of customers' complaints and fault repair, and to improve material and spare-parts management in developing countries, as required to reach the quality of service (e.g., call completion rates, fault repair time) presently achieved in developed countries. This is expected to increase considerably the return on investment in the countries concerned. It is also planned to develop maintenance guidelines, support software and pilot maintenance organizations and centres in some 10-20 countries in developing regions, with priority given to the LDCs. The experience gained would be shared through regionally organized seminars and through the mechanism of study groups. BDT experts and consultants would assist in the introduction of guidelines and support tools in the participating countries and later in other countries. The participation of telecommunication entities in advanced countries in the development of handbooks and support software will be necessary to achieve these goals initially. BDT experts, particularly those based in the regions, and in some cases consultants employed by the BDT, would provide assistance to individual countries.

2. Proposed actions:

The following actions are recommended and shall be reviewed by Study Group 2.

- 1. Develop guidelines and handbooks (refer to Question 3/2)
- 2. Development of a MIS for maintenance
- 3. Planning of maintenance organization
- 4. Implementation of maintenance organization (measuring equipment, etc.)
- 5. Training of staff (see also Programme No. 2).

The Radiocommunication Sector is requested to study appropriate spectrum pricing strategies for effective utilization and management of this natural resource.

h) Programme No. 8: MOBILE CELLULAR RADIO TELEPHONE SYSTEMS

1. Programme goals, objectives and strategies

The programme will: prepare manuals through Study Group 2 that would assist in planning and engineering of mobile cellular radio telephone systems; using manuals and handbooks, train engineers from developing countries in the planning and engineering aspects; compile software tools for planning and engineering and provide training programmes on such software tools; assist administrations in the development of mobile cellular radio telephone systems infrastructure and in the transfer of related know-how. Manuals and handbooks will be drafted by Study Group 2, external experts and BDT staff. Pilot training programmes will be implemented by BDT staff and consultants at the regional level, with fellowships given to LDCs from the BDT budget and possibly from external sources. Training and dissemination of manuals and handbooks will then be ensured at country level by national entities.

2. Proposed actions:

The following actions are recommended and shall be reviewed by Study Group 2.

- 1. Development of planning methodology (refer to Questions 1/2 and 2/2)
- 2. Development of manuals and training material on planning and engineering
- 3. Training seminars.

i) Programme No. 9: INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT

1. Programme goals, objectives and strategies

In the long term, the goal is to provide 'community telecentres', equipped to offer telematic services and support, and public phone booths for all rural communities in developing and, where needed, in developed countries, serving approximately 10,000 inhabitants. This will be piloted during the next cycle (1994-1998) by the establishment of community telecentres in some 20 countries in developing regions, priority being given to the LDCs. The experience gained, including an evaluation of the telecentres' contribution to sustainable development, will be shared through the study groups, seminars, etc. Policy guidelines for integrated rural development will also be produced in conjunction with Programme No. 1. Bearing in mind the importance of trade and international cooperation, regional programmes will create the critical mass required to bring about and demonstrate the benefits of this concept which are so difficult to realize in isolated country programmes. Networking rural community telecentres, not only among themselves but also with telecommunication networks in developed countries, will contribute significantly to sustain this development (see also Programme No. 12 - Development of Telematics and Computer Networks).

The following actions are recommended and shall be reviewed by Study Groups 1 and 2.

- 1. Develop appropriate national policy guidelines 6
- 2. Coordination with other UN specialized agencies at international level in the promotion of integrated rural development
- 3. Participate in long-term planning of integrated rural development at regional and national levels
- 4. Planning of rural networks⁷ (e.g. satellite, cellular radio, fibre optics)
- 5. Implementation of networks (providing access to global networks)
- 6. Provision of terminal equipment
- 7. Training of community telecentre staff8
- 8. Evaluation of pilot project
- 9. Promotion of the community telecentre concept and services.

j) Programme No. 10: BROADCASTING INFRASTRUCTURE

1. Programme goals, objectives and strategies

The long-term objective is to develop the planning, management and operational capabilities of those broadcasting organizations and independent broadcasting service providers, particularly from the developing countries, that are willing to increase their self-reliance and efficiency.

The immediate objective is to produce guidelines that serve both the nationwide service providers and the independent broadcasters and, in particular, to develop and test in a real environment, software, manuals and procedures to improve the planning of the sound and television broadcasting services.

The experience gained would be shared by means of regionally-held seminars/workshops organized specifically to ensure a transfer of know-how and to enable an exchange of experience at the national level.

⁶ To be integrated into Programme No. 1 (Policies, Strategies and Financing).

In coordination with Programmes Nos. 5 and 12 (Computer-Aided Network Planning and Development of Telematics and Computer Networks).

In cooperation with Programme No. 12 (Development of Telematics and Computer Networks). As the Community Telecentre obtains equipment for distance learning and technology-based training (TBT), and after initiation in the use of multimedia, the continuous training of Community Telecentre staff will increasingly be carried out through distance learning and electronic networking.

The following actions are recommended and shall be reviewed by Study Group 2.

- 1. Elaboration of guides and preparation of development master plans for broadcasting infrastructure (related to the business-oriented development plans)
- 2. Preparation of a planning manual for broadcasting technologies
- 3. Development of PC user-friendly software for the FM/TV planning of a broadcasting transmitter coverage area with adjacent and co-channel interference calculations within a transmitter service area applicable at the national level
- Regular organization of regional seminars on new technologies in sound and TV broadcasting
- 5. VHF/UHF propagation measurement campaign for tropical areas.

k) Programme No. 11: INFORMATION SERVICES

1. Programme goals, objectives and strategies

The long-term goal of the programme is the establishment of a comprehensive databank of information including broad coverage of the communication sector, organizational profiles, responsibilities and activities; regulatory environments; multilateral and bilateral project assistance; private sector activities and financing indicators, to benefit the worldwide telecommunication community. This will allow the BDT to provide a better range of services and to be more responsive to requests for information from its members and its information services customers. The short-term objectives are to:

- establish a Working Group on telecommunication indicators to identify and define required information and to serve as a forum for presenting research on the impact of telecommunications, and for reviewing draft documents before publication; Study Groups 1 and 2 will coordinate the work of this Working Group;
- increase the frequency of publication and expand the coverage of the BDT indicators to include projections and more detailed regional and global telecommunication outlooks.
- increase resources to expand the database and to collect, harmonize, verify, analyse and disseminate information.

The following actions are recommended and shall be reviewed by Study Groups 1 and 2.

- 1. To extend and enhance the database and electronic information dissemination
- 2. To produce indicator series and analytical reports
- 3. To create a Working Group on Telecommunication Indicators
- 4. To develop national MISs and to develop training for use of MISs
- 5. To continuously respond to requests for information and analysis
- 6. To explore the use of telecommunication and information services to create a global library, linking the developed and developing countries alike, in collaboration with other organizations dealing with these matters.

I) Programme No. 12: DEVELOPMENT OF TELEMATICS AND COMPUTER NETWORKS

1. Programme goals, objectives and strategies

The long-term goal is to facilitate access to information resources available in many countries by establishing connections to computer networks from many locations, including rural communities in countries that presently have little or no access to such resources. More specifically, to give decision makers at all levels, researchers and agents of change (and in the longer term, ordinary citizens), including those located in rural areas in developing countries, access to telematic services enabling them:

- to participate actively in global cooperative activities related to the UN Conference on Environment and Development, Agenda 21
- to exchange electronically stored and transmitted data, information, graphics, still pictures and video for the purpose of improving trade, transport, health-care, education and training, etc.
- to participate in conferences (telephone, on-line computer and video)

In the next cycle (1994-1998) the objectives are:

- to connect all BDT field offices in a network which enables communication via electronic mail, and through the exchange of electronically stored multi-media and participation in video conferences. The offices would then function as hubs and training centres for the countries in which they are located and for neighbouring ones
- to carry out a globally coordinated regional pilot project for the development of telematics and computer networks in conjunction with Programme No. 9
- to provide an electronic forum (i.e. list service or bulletin board) to allow community telecentres to exchange experiences.

The following actions are recommended and shall be reviewed by Study Groups 1 and 2:

- 1. Develop and promote appropriate national policy guidelines⁹
- 2. Planning of networks 10
- 3. Implementation of networks (providing access to global networks)
- 4. Provision of terminal equipment
- 5. Training and capacity building
- 6. Evaluation of pilot project
- 7. Advise on and facilitate, through the BDT and the study groups, the means of establishing a global library, on an individual country basis, in collaboration with other organizations dealing with these matters.

II.3. Ad hoc assistance

Ad hoc assistance comprises assistance given to individual countries or groups of countries which is not directly related to Programmes Nos. 1-12 described above. It includes missions of BDT staff, for instance for needs identification, project formulation, monitoring and evaluation, tender specifications and evaluation, etc. It also includes ad hoc seminars, information meetings and advisory missions in response to urgent requests.

II.4 Execution of UNDP and Funds-in-Trust projects

This includes all the technical and administrative support provided for the implementation of projects, partly or fully financed by other development partners, and executed by the ITU.

⁹ To be integrated into Programme No. 1 (Policies, Strategies and Financing).

¹⁰ In coordination with Programme No. 5 (Computer-Aided Network Planning).

CHAPTER III

Special Programme for the Least Developed Countries (LDCs)

The LDCs should, as with the other developing countries, benefit from the programmes and the ad hoc assistance described in Chapter II. A special programme for the LDCs financed from the ITU resources is contained in Resolution No. 1 (Special Programme of Assistance for the Least Developed Countries (LDCs)).

As a general target, at least 70% of the resources allocated for Programmes Nos. 1 to 12 will directly support the LDC activities, in the following order of priority:

- 1) development of rural telecommunications
- 2) human resources development
- 3) management
- 4) maintenance
- 5) planning.

Taking into account the exceptional situation of the LDCs, the Conference decided to request the Secretary-General of the ITU and the Director of the BDT to use untied voluntary contributions as well as any excess income from world and regional telecommunication exhibitions and forums (Recommendation No. 1, Nice, 1989) for the benefit of the LDCs.

In order to mobilize additional resources (see Resolution No. 1 on Special Programme oof Assistance for the LDCs), Council is requested to set up a group of experts to study the way in which these resources would be used.

PROGRAMMES

Strategy

The overall strategy of the LDC programme is to implement augmented ITU assistance as a catalytic input to generate sustained investment in telecommunications in the LDCs. The LDC programme primarily seeks to eliminate bottlenecks in the five key areas of critical weakness which have been identified above in order to enhance the capacity of the LDCs to absorb such investments.

Targets

The ITU LDC programme has not set particularly ambitious objectives and/or targets. For the year 2000 the programme is targeted at:

- (a) fully meeting the demand for telecommunication services in urban areas. This means virtually eliminating the waiting list for services by that year, which translates into an average urban main line (ML) density of 5 per 100 population;
- (b) achieving a rural ML density of 1 ML per 10,000 inhabitants. This density will not as yet amount to easy access to telecommunication services as suggested in the Missing Link report, but is a bold move in that direction.

The 1994-1998 Programme

The 1994-1998 Programme has been devised on the basis of:

- o an expected rise of 25% in demand for ITU assistance as a result of an unfavourable international scenario in the provision of technical assistance
- an attempt to meet presently unmet, but deserving, demands in the order of 25% of the current budget
- inclusion of a new area of priority (rural telecommunications) and a new sub-area of priority (sector reform and restructuring)
- o an increase in the number of LDCs from 42 in 1989 to 47 in 1991, a figure which is expected to rise to 52 by 1999.

Activities/Action Plan for the 1994-1998 Programme

1.	Development of rural telecommunications		
1.1	Study of appropriate technologies for rural telecommunications		
1.2	Implementation of pilot projects on rural telecommunications		
1.3	Workshops/seminars on rural telecommunications		
1.4	Support for regional rural telecommunication activities		
2.	Human resources development		
2.1	Training of outside plant instructors		
2.2	Training of staff in modern methods of outside plant maintenance		
2.3	Training of senior telecommunication maintenance managers in modern management maintenance techniques		
2.4	Training managers of training centres in training management techniques		
2.5	Individual fellowships for instructors and training managers		
2.6	Miscellaneous fellowships		
2.7	Seminars/workshops		
2.8	Periodic training missions to training centres		
2.9	Support for regional training centres		
3.	<u>Management</u>		
3.1	Workshops/seminars for qualified senior and middle-level telecommunication managers to develop general management strategies and skills		
3.2	Workshops/seminars on financial management		
3.3	Assistance in telecommunication sector reform/restructuring		
3.4	Assistance in tariff studies and implementation		
3.5	Workshops/seminars in network management		
3.6	Introduction of MIS/Decision Support Systems (DSS)		
3.7	Assistance in telecommunication regulation and legislation		
3.8	Establishment of performance indicators		

4.	Ma	inten	ance

- 4.1 Identification of quality of service indicators
- 4.2 Identification of performance indicators (maintenance)
- 4.3 Development of a guide on the introduction of a Computerized Subscriber Maintenance System (CSMS)
- 4.4 Pilot project for the CSMS
- 4.5 Development/introduction of network management systems
- 4.6 Updating and implementation of the National Plan for the Improvement of Maintenance (NPIM) in Africa
- 4.7 Support for regional maintenance projects/activities

5. Planning

- 5.1 Development of a guide for the preparation of business-oriented development plans or comprehensive development programmes
- 5.2 Updating of business-oriented development plans
- 5.3 Sectoral studies and reviews
- 5.4 Assistance in the introduction of new technologies/services
- 5.5 Preparation and organization of roundtable/donor conferences
- 5.6 Support for regional planning projects/activities
- 5.7 Traffic study and analysis as a tool for network expansion

6. <u>Individual unforeseen country requests</u>

- 6.1 Development of rural telecommunications
- 6.2 Human resources development
- 6.3 Management
- 6.4 Maintenance
- 6.5 Planning.

RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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RESOLUTION NO.1

Special Programme of Assistance for the Least Developed Countries (LDCs)

The World Telecommunication Development Conference (Buenos Aires, 21-29 March 1994),

considering

a) the ITU's global policy of assistance to LDCs and in particular Resolution No. 26 of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Nice, 1989) which

"instructs the Secretary-General

- 1. to continue to review the state of telecommunication services in the Least Developed Countries identified by the United Nations and needing special measures for telecommunication development;
- 2. to report his findings to the Council;
- 3. to propose concrete measures intended to bring about genuine improvements and provide effective assistance to these Least Developed Countries from the Special Voluntary Programme for Technical Cooperation, the Union's own resources and other sources:
- 4. to report annually on the matter to the Council;"
- b) the decision adopted by the United Nations Conference (Paris, 1990) in accordance with which the United Nations system shall lend greater assistance to the LDCs in line with the Programme of Action for the LDCs;
- c) the endorsement by the Additional Plenipotentiary Conference (Geneva, 1992) of the High Level Committee's Recommendation No. 21 in accordance with which the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) is to pay particular attention to the requirements of the LDCs,

recalling

Resolutions No. 12 of the Regional Telecommunication Development Conference for the Arab States (Cairo, 1992) and No. 12 of the Regional Telecommunication Development Conference for Asia and the Pacific (Singapore, 1993) on the Special Assistance Programme for the LDCs,

noting

a) that there are currently 47 LDCs worldwide, 29 of which are in Africa, 13 in Asia and the Pacific, 4 in the Arab Region, and 1 in the Americas, and that the number of LDCs has increased from 25 in 1971 to 47 in 1994, that this figure has risen by 5 since the adoption by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Nice, 1989) of Resolution No. 26 and will rise to over 50 countries by the turn of the century;

b) that although the ITU cannot assist the LDCs financially in the expansion and modernization of their networks due to its limited resources, it can assist in the improvement of the quality of existing networks and services and help the LDCs generate more revenue as a result of this improved efficiency, through its practically-oriented programmed activities and in coordination with the other projects financed by other resources in the countries concerned,

concerned

- a) that the telecommunication networks in many LDCs are in an extremely poor state of development both in urban and rural areas and for a variety of reasons;
- b) that the resources from multilateral and bilateral sources to the LDCs are decreasing, in absolute and in real terms:
- c) that the United Nations Development Programme funds for technical assistance have decreased, particularly as regards regional programmes;
- d) that the priority given in many LDCs to the development of telecommunications in general and specifically in rural areas is insufficient,

cognizant

of the fact that improved telecommunication networks in these countries will be the prime mover of their socio-economic recovery and development, owing in particular to their contribution to integrated rural development (health, education, agriculture, etc.),

resolves to endorse

the Special programme of assistance for the LDCs as contained in the Buenos Aires Action Plan,

instructs the Director of the BDT

- 1. to implement fully the Special programme of assistance for the LDCs, giving priority to rural telecommunication development, to the development of strategies for mobilizing resources and to assistance for restructuring the telecommunication sector;
- 2. to give special priority to the LDCs in the implementation of other BDT programmes, such as missions by the Special Studies and Backstopping Division, the Human Resource Development Division, as well as fellowship funds, the Special Voluntary Programme, and the Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries funds;
- 3. to coordinate, as necessary with the Radiocommunication and Telecommunication Standardization Sectors, implementation of the Special programme of assistance for the LDCs;
 - 4. to convene a mid-term evaluation meeting of this programme,

requests the Secretary-General of the ITU

- 1. to continue and enhance the assistance provided to the LDCs in cooperation with other development partners;
 - 2. to bring this Resolution to the attention of the highest level of government of the LDCs;
- 3. to convey to the Kyoto Plenipotentiary Conference the need to review that part of the ITU regular budget allocated to the LDCs with a view to enabling the BDT to undertake increased responsibilities for the LDCs.

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RESOLUTION NO.2

Establishment of Study Groups

The World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC, Buenos Aires, 21-29 March 1994),

considering

- a) Article 21 and in particular No. 127 of the Constitution (Geneva, 1992) on the specific functions of the Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D);
 - b) Nos. 209, 211 and 214 of the Convention (Geneva, 1992);
- c) the provisions of Resolution 7 of the Additional Plenipotentiary Conference (Geneva, 1992),

having noted

the documents presented to the WTDC,

having considered

- a) the Report by the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) on the activities of the Bureau since its inception;
- b) the follow-up to the Maitland Report, entitled "A policy perspective on the role of the ITU in development";
- c) the Questions which it has been decided that the ITU-D should study during the 1994-1998 study period as part of the implementation of the Buenos Aires Action Plan (see Annex IV);
 - d) Resolution 15 of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Nice, 1989);

taking into account

the economic and social environment prevailing in the different regions,

recognizing

- a) the desirability of studying at the global level a number of priority problems related to the institutional, technical, commercial, regulatory and economic evolution of the telecommunication sector, having regard to the gradual globalization of the sector and its implications for the developing countries;
- b) the need for the Director of the BDT to take appropriate steps to facilitate the active participation of developing countries in the work of the Telecommunication Development Sector,

stressing

the need to avoid duplication between studies undertaken by the Telecommunication Development Sector and those carried out by the Radiocommunication and Telecommunication Standardization Sectors,

resolves

to create within the Telecommunication Development Sector and until the next world telecommunication development conference two study groups to study respectively:

- 1. telecommunication development strategies and policies, including financing policies, having regard to the current institutional, structural and regulatory reforms taking place in the telecommunication sector;
- 2. the means to be implemented by developing countries, with the assistance of the BDT and the cooperation of the other two Sectors, for applying new technologies, having regard to the economic and commercial advantages they offer and the network planning, harmonization and management problems they might raise.

Annexes: 4

ANNEX I

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF STUDY GROUP 1

Telecommunication 1 development strategies and policies

- 1. Synthesize available information on the role of telecommunications in the social and economic development of countries and, in particular, quantifying the economic benefits of integrating the telecommunication sector in overall development plans.
- 2. Make a comparative analysis of national regulatory models and policies in the telecommunication sector currently enforced in various countries with a view to evaluating the economic and social implications of regulatory reforms and gathering and distributing existing information related to telecommunication regulation policy and financing (e.g., compiling bibliographies on various related topics).
- 3. Develop recommendations, guidelines and/or handbooks on methods and criteria for the evaluation and implementation of strategies and policies intended to promote the appropriate reforms of the telecommunication sector in the developing countries, including the development of industry, within the general framework of their national policies for economic, social and cultural development.
- 4. Prepare recommendations for optimal structures and appropriate resources for a regulatory entity to fulfil efficiently its functions in matters such as the availability and quality of service of telecommunications to the public, the introduction and use of new technologies, the interoperability of networks and services, the establishment and application of competition rules and the implementation of price regulation.
- 5. Develop in coordination with Study Group 2 means to assist developing countries in evaluating the impact of the introduction and use of new technologies and services, including multi-media, on the evolving commercial and regulatory environment in the telecommunication sector.
- 6. Prepare and maintain an inventory of financial strategies and the various sources of financing (development aid, development banks, private sector, etc.), including their conditions and requirements as well as an analysis of the applicability of the various financial strategies under different circumstances.
- 7. Prepare guidelines on the measures to be taken to ensure that operators enjoy the conditions necessary to generate revenue, including cost-oriented tariff policies, legal mechanisms designed to foster the reinvestment of profits, and improvements in business management.
- 8. Examine the criteria which would enable developing countries to establish tariff policies that take into account the evolution of the telecommunication sector.
- 9. Study forms of cooperation, plans, programmes, etc., in the field of rural telecommunications, in which developed countries with experience in the field participate together with developing countries.

¹ Includes sound and TV broadcasting.

- 10. Coordinate, through the Director of the BDT and where appropriate through the Secretary-General of the ITU, with other relevant international organizations, regional organizations and working groups with related goals and functions for the establishment of joint meetings and/or the development of projects, when feasible, to maximize available resources and avoid duplication of work.
- 11. Consistent with the functions assigned to the Sector by the Convention (Geneva, 1992), specify the directives on the basis of which the BDT shall prepare, maintain in data banks and publish in accordance with the Convention the following: a) information on the sales prices of the equipment and services required for developing a telecommunication network, including whatever data are required to enable regulatory entities, State administrations and operating companies to have a reference basis for their decisions; b) internationally comparable indicators on network development, new services, quality of service, staff, tariffs, financial and investment data, etc.; c) updated versions of the World and Regional Plans developed by the former World and Regional Plan Committees; d) other statistical information that may be needed by the Study Group.
- 12. Extend assistance to the Director of the BDT to arrange seminars and workshops devoted to:
 - telecommunication policy and technical development;
 - the development of a local and regional telecommunication industry in developing countries.

ANNEX II

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF STUDY GROUP 2

Development, harmonization, management and maintenance of telecommunication² networks and services, including spectrum management

- 1. Study and analyse the implications of introducing new technologies for developing countries, specifically how they affect planning, harmonization, tariff setting and commercialization, management and maintenance of telecommunication networks and services, and including human resources, taking into account the economic and social environment of each region or country.
- 2. Analyse the evolution of networks and services, including spectrum management, in order to identify those applications that may be particularly relevant to developing countries.
- 3. Propose technical solutions to improve access to basic telecommunication services in rural and remote areas in developing countries.
- 4. Develop manuals and practical guidelines for planning, management, operation and maintenance of telecommunication networks and services, based on new technologies.
- 5. Taking into account the results of the activities listed above, identify the basic criteria for developing business-oriented development plans.
- 6. Prepare recommendations within its areas of competence.

The Study Group may consider establishing working parties on technology modernization and harmonization and on human resources development.

² Includes sound and TV broadcasting.

ANNEX III

ASPECTS COMMON TO BOTH STUDY GROUPS

As human resources development and management (HRD/HRM) are relevant to both Study Groups, the Study Groups should serve as a worldwide forum for the exchange of information and discussion of issues of common interest that are salient to the development and management of human resources. Further, the Study Groups should endeavour to synthesize sources of information within and external to the ITU on models, guides, tools, and programmes related to HRD/HRM with the goal of developing ITU-D texts and models on policies and procedures for HRD/HRM as they relate to the two Study Groups.

The Study Groups shall determine their working methods with a view to minimizing the cost and optimizing the use of resources, including those from the other two Sectors of the ITU, when appropriate. They may establish, if necessary, working parties at the global or regional level on specific issues, taking account of the results of the working groups on similar issues established by the regional telecommunication development conferences (RTDCs), which may be integrated in the Study Groups as appropriate. The work programmes of the Study Groups and their working parties should be coordinated with related programmes of the Study Groups of the other two ITU Sectors and take into account similar activities of other international and regional organizations, with a view to avoiding duplication of work. When inviting participation, the Director, in collaboration with the Chairmen of the Study Groups, shall ensure that the necessary experts in financing, accounting and operational management can be associated to the studies. The Study Groups should pay particular attention to the problems of the Least Developed Countries.

A human resources development programme will be identified and developed by both Study Groups in their respective areas. A coordination mechanism between the Study Groups will be established to ensure proper exchange of information and the development of a harmonized, global work plan in human resources development.

This coordination shall be managed to ensure implementation by the BDT of the agreed upon programme in an appropriate way. In particular, this coordination function will operate with respect to the allocation of the budgetary resources. The Chairmen of Study Groups 1 and 2 will jointly agree on the HRD work plan and work with the Director of the BDT to oversee its implementation.

Study Group 1 will establish the programme content, seminar plans, and guidelines for the training programmes dealing with policy, strategies and regulations. Study Group 1 may establish a specific Working Party to prepare these plans and develop the manuals and practical guidelines. The Study Group will have available the necessary resources, including the services of the BDT staff, to define training and other educational programmes on policy issues.

Study Group 2 will be responsible for implementing the overall, integrated programme of HRD and establish mechanisms to provide training in the most effective and efficient manner. Thus it will establish the programme content, seminar plans, and guidelines for the training programmes dealing with technology modernization and harmonization, and develop the manuals and practical guidelines.

The Study Groups shall be constituted for the period 1994-1998 with specific tasks, goals and time tables as stipulated in the work programme.

ANNEX IV

QUESTIONS TO BE STUDIED BY THE STUDY GROUPS

Study Group 1

Question 1/1: Role of telecommunications in economic, social and cultural development

Question 2/1: Telecommunication policies and their repercussions at the level of institutional,

regulatory and operational aspects of services

Question 3/1: Impact of the introduction and utilization of new technologies on the commercial

and regulatory environment of telecommunications

Question 4/1: Policies and ways for financing telecommunication infrastructures in developing

countries

Question 5/1: Industrialization and transfer of technology.

Study Group 2

Question 1/2: Special concerns of developing countries in relation to the work of the Radiocommunication and Telecommunication Standardization Sectors³

Question 2/2: Preparation of handbooks for developing countries

Question 3/2: Planning, management operation, and maintenance of telecommunication

networks

Question 4/2: Communications for rural and remote areas

Question 5/2: Human resources development and management

Question 6/2: Impact of telecommunications in health-care and other social services

Question 7/2: Telecommunication support for the protection of the environment

Question 8/2: Public service broadcasting infrastructure in developing countries.

The study of the work of the Radiocommunication and Telecommunication Standardization Sectors related to regulation and tariff aspects as well as to the development of new services will be jointly dealt with by Study Group 1 and Study Group 2.

STUDY GROUP 1

Question 1/1: Role of telecommunications in economic, social and cultural development

1. Statement of problem

Telecommunications is likely to play an increasingly important role in economic growth and the development of trade in goods and services.

The importance of telecommunication infrastructures in the development of countries has been stressed in numerous expert studies which show a close correlation between the number of main telephone lines and per capita income.

In addition, telecommunications is an important feature of social cohesion at national or regional level and facilitates access to information, thus contributing to the development of knowledge.

It should, moreover, be emphasized that the establishment of programmes for the introduction and extension of advanced services enables small and medium enterprises to develop through the resulting improved management. This will be an important factor in the creation of a managerial corps whose impact will be considerable on the economic development of countries.

The new services also will facilitate access to distance training and learning programmes and will have a positive influence on the cultural development of countries.

2. Question

In order to provide political decision makers with an overview of the role played by telecommunications in a country's economic, social and cultural development, whatever studies and information are available on the subject should be consolidated and the experience accumulated by other countries should be shared, with a view in particular to quantifying the economic benefits of including the telecommunication sector in general national or regional development plans.

3. Expected results

Preparation of a preliminary report by mid-1996.

4. Liaison

In order to prepare the above-mentioned report, close cooperation should be established with the other international and regional organizations which deal with development issues including those involved in the fields of health, education, culture and the environment, as well as with the main universities or research institutes which have carried out studies in this area.

Question 2/1: Telecommunication policies and their repercussions at the level of institutional, regulatory and operational aspects of services⁴

1. Statement of problem

Current technological and regulatory development in the telecommunication sector is opening up new possibilities but is also raising new problems for the developing countries. These problems have increased with the gradual globalization of trade in products and services which has recently spread to the telecommunication sector.

In the same way as technological development, this new consideration should persuade many developing countries to reform or restructure fairly extensively the organization and regulation of their telecommunication sector, taking into account other countries' experience in the same field.

Moreover, policies in the telecommunication sector are moving towards the separation of regulatory and operational functions, service liberalization and the entry of competition, favouring a reduction of State participation in the capital of operating agencies. Operators should thus, in the present environment, move towards business-oriented management structures by adapting their accounting plans to market economies. Therefore, it will also be necessary to adjust the level of investment, to obtain new sources of financing, to promote profitable investment and to shift from being the operator of the telephone service to being a business enterprise capable of providing every type of service. At the same time, it is necessary to accelerate the development of telecommunications at the national level to which end there is a need for more effort in the areas of investment, technical training, human resources management, etc. This situation implies new management formulae, both within operators and in their relations with operating agencies in other countries.

2. Question

Telecommunication policies and regulatory models currently applied by Members of the Union differ appreciably from one country to another.

On the basis of a sufficiently representative cross-section of existing policies and taking due account of work already carried out at the regional level, a comparative analysis should be made of the different regulatory models applied, with a view to preparing recommendations or guidelines for the developing countries on:

- 1. the methods and criteria needed in order to assess the value and extent of the legislative, structural and regulatory reforms which should be introduced in the telecommunication sector as part of the implementation at the national level of a global economic, social and cultural development policy;
- the respective roles and functions of the component elements of the telecommunication sector, the regulatory structures and resources required in the light of the necessary reforms - taking into account Resolution No. 4 on Telecommunication Policies and Strategies adopted by WTDC-94;
- 3. the ways of adjusting operating agencies to the new regulatory models and the activities associated with universal service that can be developed at the same time as business-oriented management, as well as the applicable models and criteria to guide a new business management approach.

⁴ Taking into account Resolution No. 4 on Telecommunication Policies and Strategies adopted by WTDC-94.

3. Expected results

Preparation of recommendations or guidelines by end 1996.

4. Liaison

For study of this Question, liaison should be established in particular with the other international and regional organizations which deal with the structural and regulatory aspects of telecommunications.

Question 3/1: Impact of the introduction and utilization of new technologies on the commercial and regulatory environment of telecommunications

1. Statement of problem

New technologies (satellites, optical fibre, intelligent networks, cellular mobile communications, etc.) have brought about a rapid development of new telecommunication products and services to satisfy the increasingly diverse requirements of customers.

In the face of this change, current legislation often does not allow market access to the new suppliers or operators who are better equipped to provide these services than the traditional operators.

The developing countries should in due course have access to information and studies which will enable them to evaluate the regulatory and commercial impact of introducing and using new technologies in the telecommunication sector.

2. Question

What effects might the introduction and utilization of new technologies have on the supply and regulation of telecommunication services?

How can a developing country reconcile the utilization of these new technologies in a more competitive commercial environment with the objective of guaranteeing access to basic services at a reasonable cost throughout its territory?

3. Expected results

Preparation of a report and guidelines by mid-1997.

4. Liaison

Liaison should be established with the ITU-T and ITU-R to obtain information on the current development of new technologies and their utilization in the supply of new services.

The study of this Question should take into account current technological developments, in particular those related to the use of mobile and satellite services.

Question 4/1: Policies and ways for financing telecommunication infrastructures in developing countries

1. Statement of problem

The implementation of modern telecommunication infrastructures in developing countries requires considerable investment, the volume of which usually exceeds the financing capacities of the concerned national administrations or operators.

New sources of investment financing are often needed to ensure the development and modernization of telecommunication infrastructures in developing countries over a reasonable period of time.

Given this situation, the concerned administrations or operators must gain an overall view of the different possibilities offered in financing policies and techniques, as well as of factors which can create a climate favourable to investment.

2. Question

To what financing policies, methods and techniques might administrations or operators in developing countries have recourse in order to secure the investment necessary for developing their telecommunication infrastructures?

What conditions must be observed for obtaining certain types of finance?

What factors (national legislation, structural aspects, regulatory framework, price control policy, etc.) might help to create a climate favourable to investment?

Based on an analysis of different tariff models, which recommendations or guidelines may be formulated in relation to:

- a) models of adjusting tariffs to costs; methods of calculating the cost of services;
- b) the evolution of tariff structures within the framework of a policy aimed at progressive balanced tariff structures;
- c) an analysis of channels for securing lines of credit for financing investments in infrastructure and training to make the improved quality controls viable.

Which appropriate recommendations can be applied between the countries concerned in relation to the international accounting rates bearing in mind the results obtained from the various studies undertaken by the ITU-T concerning the elements to be taken into account when determining the costs of telecommunication services?⁵

3. Expected results

Preparation of a report by mid-1996.

4. Liaison

In order to study this Question, contacts should be established inter alia with the financing agencies, development banks and other international, intergovernmental or regional organizations concerned with the financing of development projects.

Question 5/1: Industrialization and transfer of technology

1. Statement of problem

Telecommunication industries require appropriate investment, technological know-how and know-why, and markets to justify production at an industrial scale.

Manufacturers of computer and telecommunication equipment in industrialized countries may benefit from the participation of developing countries in R&D activities, in the development of new technologies, and in the identification of user requirements.

2. Question

The Study Group should examine the policy aspects relevant to telecommunication industrialization in and transfer of technological know-how and know-why to developing countries, taking into account commercial practices, economic and legal constraints, market opportunities and the need for effective collaboration with industrialized countries and among the developing countries.

⁵ This part of the Question should be studied in close liaison with ITU-T Study Group 3 to ensure harmonized results.

3. Expected results

Study completed by mid-1996.

4. Liaison

The study should be prepared in close collaboration with the ITU-R and ITU-T as well as with other concerned international (for example, UNIDO) and regional organizations.

STUDY GROUP 2

Question 1/2: Special concerns of developing countries in relation to the work of the Radiocommunication and Telecommunication Standardization Sectors⁶

1. Statement of problem

The Radiocommunication and Telecommunication Standardization Sectors are engaged in continuing work programmes that focus on questions of interest to all Member countries. It was the clear intent of the Members at the Additional Plenipotentiary Conference (Geneva, 1992) to encourage efficiency through inter-Sector cooperation and to avoid duplication of work programmes between these Sectors and the Development Sector. Nonetheless, there are issues of special interest and relevance to developing countries that can best be addressed by the Development Sector.

In particular, the developing countries will be expanding their telecommunication infrastructure under circumstances different from those that were true for many developed countries. The new technologies that are available in the developed countries to supplement existing systems will, in a number of cases, be used as primary technologies in the developing countries. Similarly, there will be an urgent need to address the issue of the interoperability of networks and to improve spectrum management techniques. These circumstances raise two problems. First, the developing countries must have access to the full range of information and skills currently available within the other two Sectors in order to make informed decisions. Second, the other two Sectors must have the benefit of the developing countries' contributions to their respective ongoing work programmes. The resolution of these problems must take place within the Development Sector; the cost of implementing the programmes suggested below will be borne by the Development Sector.

2. Question

The Study Group shall:

- a) identify Radiocommunication Sector and Telecommunication Standardization Sector Study Group Questions of particular concern to developing countries and systematically inform them of the progress of work and facilitate the presentation of their views to the relevant Study Groups in the ITU-T and ITU-R;
- b) within the parameters of the work ongoing within the other two Sectors, identify issues that, due to the unique characteristics of developing countries, require specialized study which cannot be undertaken within the other two Sectors; establish the priority assigned to these issues; and implement a work programme to study them;
- c) after consideration of the work being done under ITU-R Resolution 11 and in coordination with ITU-R Study Group 1, ITU-D Study Group 2 would, if necessary, adapt spectrum management models to the needs of developing countries, taking account of their human resources, technological and financial requirements, with particular emphasis on the use of automated systems;

The study of the work of the Radiocommunication and Telecommunication Standardization Sectors related to regulation and tariff aspects as well as to the development of new services will be jointly dealt with by Study Group 1 and Study Group 2.

d) determine a work programme to assist developing countries to evaluate the appropriateness of a broad array of technologies (including satellite and terrestrial radiocommunications) to satisfy their equipment and service requirements and to encourage modernization and normalization to ensure interoperability of networks; develop a methodology to analyse the benefits and costs associated with investment in relevant technologies and implementation of related systems; and identify associated requirements for human resource development.

3. Expected results

Work programme, containing a clear statement of issues to be addressed and timetables, available by end 1994.

4. Liaison

The work programme and subsequent activities should be conducted in close collaboration with the ITU-R and ITU-T (taking into account ITU-R Resolution 16 and Resolution 17 of the World Telecommunication Standardization Conference (Helsinki, 1993), as well as with international and regional organizations.

Question 2/2: Preparation of handbooks for developing countries

1. Statement of problem

In its Resolution No. 7 the Additional Plenipotentiary Conference (Geneva, 1992) agreed to the transfer of the activities of the former CCIR and the former CCITT Special Autonomous Groups (GASs) to the BDT in accordance with Recommendation 50 of the High Level Committee.

In view of the rapid development of new technologies and their impact on the commercial telecommunication environment, the developing countries should be able to enjoy an ongoing transfer of know-how and expertise from the international community, particularly in the technical, economic and management areas of telecommunications.

It is recognized that the preparation of new handbooks or the revision of existing ones can help to spread knowledge and know-how in these fields.

2. Question

In what areas and subjects should handbooks previously produced by the GASs be revised and/or new handbooks developed?

Special attention should be given to the following:

- a) rural telecommunications;
- b) the use and harmonization of new technologies in developing countries to encourage the introduction and interoperability of new telecommunication networks and services;
- c) technical, economic and management aspects related to the use of these technologies.

3. Expected results

Preparation of handbooks by mid-1997.

4. Liaison

In order to study this Question, close liaison must be made and established between Study Groups 1 and 2 and the appropriate study groups of the other two ITU Sectors together with other international and regional organizations concerned with the implementation of development projects in the fields covered by the handbooks to be prepared.

<u>Note</u>: This Question should be studied in a specific and separate working party of Study Group 2.

Question 3/2: Planning, management operation, and maintenance of telecommunication networks

1. Statement of problem

The development of the telecommunication infrastructures varies widely among countries; in many developing countries, there is insufficient infrastructure penetration to give access to the basic telecommunication services required by the users with adequate quality, efficiency and reliability. There is increasing pressure on developing countries to provide specialized telecommunication and information services to health, education, banking and the industrial sectors, as well as to expand service availability for the general population. New technologies also challenge the efficacy of traditional network plans that rely on a single type of service delivery (usually terrestrial). Today, network planners require information and skills to support the longer-term assessment of national needs and to assist in addressing the harmonized national, regional and global aspects of infrastructure development.

Moreover, networks can be sustained and expanded only if they are efficiently managed and properly maintained. Management and maintenance require pre-established management structures and a maintenance plan that is effective in terms of cost and quality of service. Telecommunication operators, both public and private, must have staff that are trained in the required management and maintenance skills and are responsive to the increasing commercialization of the telecommunication sector.

2. Question

The Study Group shall:

- a) identify issues arising from the convergence of information and telecommunication technologies and the emergence of globally harmonized and interconnected networks that are of specific relevance to the network planning function within developing countries and determine whether a need exists for guidelines, handbooks or additional data collection and dissemination on these issues:
- consider and document various approaches to the technical maintenance of telecommunication networks, providing the means to evaluate the human and technological elements of such maintenance approaches; as needed, develop training materials to assist countries to implement upgraded maintenance programmes;
- c) assess the needs of developing countries for telecommunication-specific management training and coordinate with the other two Sectors, Study Group 1 and the relevant regional and international organizations to develop guidelines for such training and to identify materials to be incorporated in courses, handbooks and/or databases (see also Question 5/2 on Human resources development and management).

3. Expected results

Preliminary report available by end 1995.

4. Liaison

This report should be prepared in close collaboration with the ITU-R and ITU-T as well as with other concerned international and regional organizations.

Question 4/2: Communications for rural and remote areas⁷

1. Statement of problem

Rural and remote areas of most developing countries have less population density and suffer from an almost complete lack of telecommunication infrastructures. Telecommunication and information technologies are very powerful means for providing education and training. They are also a means to accelerate the growth of the rural economy which subsequently helps in alleviating poverty and in improving living conditions in rural areas.

Beliable telecommunication facilities in rural areas will:

- a) help in increasing access to relevant information for marketing and distribution of agricultural products and other goods manufactured in rural areas;
- b) promote the growth of local industries and the relocation of industries from congested urban to rural areas:
- assist in achieving accelerated and integrated development of rural areas by playing a catalytic role for the development of several other sectors and other constituents of basic infrastructure.

Access to basic telecommunication services in rural areas is essential to sustain life and services not only as a means of public communications but also as comprehensive communication facilities for relaying information on medical treatment, disaster relief, administrative and other matters.

Development of appropriate technologies, policies and regulations can lead to self-sufficiency and profitability of rural telecommunications.

2. Question

On the basis of studies already carried out by the BDT, international, regional and national organizations, consolidate the material available and formulate recommendations on the following:

- a) low-cost appropriate technology options for rural telecommunications;
- b) planning and implementation of national rural telecommunication development plans;
- c) promotion of the application of telecommunication facilities for developing various sectors of rural infrastructure and rural economy;
- d) appropriate regulatory structures in a liberalised telecommunication regime as recommended by Study Group 1 as a means of encouraging the extension of telecommunication services to remote and rural areas⁸:
- e) options available for financing rural and remote projects including co-financing, foreign investment, etc.

3. Expected results

Preliminary report and recommendations available by mid-1996.

4. Liaison

Close liaison with Study Group 1 is necessary on regulatory and financial methods. The report and recommendations should be prepared in close collaboration with the ITU-R and ITU-T as well as with other concerned international and regional organizations.

Study Group 1 will associate with the study of this Question in the relevant areas of its competence.

⁸ This part of the Question may need to be considered by Study Group 1.

Question 5/2: Human resources development and management9

1. Statement of problem

The telecommunication sector in many developing countries is undergoing substantial restructuring in terms of the introduction of market principles into the activities of the operators and the revision of the regulatory framework governing the sector. It is essential that government policy-makers and regulators familiarize themselves with restructuring mechanisms.

The changes occurring in the technological and commercial environment also call for new skills, knowledge and expertise to manage telecommunication organizations and to operate networks and services. To cope with these changes in technology and market structures, human resources development must be intensified in the developing countries to upgrade in particular the skills of staff in the telecommunication organizations and to enhance management capabilities in order to implement business-oriented management structures.

A large number of technical and managerial training methods and instructional material have been produced by industry and otherwise within the sector; at the same time, technology has made it possible to deliver a full range of courses to a targeted audience within the work place or elsewhere. This knowledge and experience should be used to make available to the developing countries comprehensive training programmes incorporated into or adopted for national and regional human resources development programmes.

2. Question

With a view to changing the management culture of telecommunication agencies and organizations as well as enhancing human resources development in network management and new technologies:

- a) identify and evaluate the specific training requirements of managers, engineers and technicians to improve the efficiency of telecommunication organizations and to ensure a successful implementation of new technologies in an increasingly competitive global environment;
- b) identify training programmes and methods to assist government officials to adapt to the new rules and responsibilities created by the changing nature of telecommunication organizations¹⁰;
- c) develop practical training methods and programmes for the planning, installation, operation and maintenance of new telecommunication networks and services, including computer-based training, distance learning and multimedia programmes; studies should also cover managerial activities and staffing requirements, taking account of opportunities and consequences of the telecommunication sector restructuring;
- d) provide suggestions to the Director of the BDT on human resources development priorities and effective programmes;
- e) training for adapting telecommunication enterprises to the new competitive environment.

3. Expected results

Preliminary report and recommendations by mid-1996.

4. Liaison

Close liaison with Study Group 1 should be established.

⁹ Study Group 1 will associate with the study of this Question in the relevant areas of its competence.

¹⁰ This part of the Question may need to be considered by Study Group 1.

Question 6/2: Impact of telecommunications in health-care and other social services

1. Statement of problem

The widespread use of telemedicine services could allow universal health access and consequently facilitate the solution of the principal health problems connected with infectious diseases, paediatrics, cardiology, etc., particularly in areas where medical structures are inadequate or non-existing.

Telemedicine mainly concerns two different aspects related respectively to telecommunication infrastructures and health care organization.

2. Question

The Study Group shall:

- 1. define the technologies most suitable for telemedicine's most efficient diffusion to developing countries;
- 2. study the costs and benefits of different solutions taking into account the various solutions existing in the developing countries;
- analyse the results of pilot projects, surveys, sectoral studies, etc. carried out by the various entities involved in order to better identify the main trends in technologies used for telemedicine;
- 4. foster the adoption of global standards required for systems and equipment in order to facilitate telemedicine and other social services;
- 5. produce a telemedicine handbook.

3. Expected results

Preliminary report available by mid-1996.

4. Liaison

This report should be prepared with the assistance of experts of the BDT and in close collaboration with the ITU-R and ITU-T as well as with other concerned international and regional organizations.

Question 7/2: Telecommunication support for the protection of the environment

1. Statement of problem

Telecommunication and information technologies have an important role to play in protecting the environment and in promoting development activities at low risk to the environment.

The application of the latest telecommunication and information technologies, especially those associated with space systems can be extremely useful in implementing and conducting environment protection activities such as monitoring air, river, harbour and sea pollution, as well as well as forestry, wildlife studies and others.

The application of telecommunication technology contributes to reducing paperwork which ultimately saves forests.

Telecommunication and information technologies respect the environment, and the related industries can be located in rural areas in order to reduce urban congestion.

There is a need to disseminate information on these aspects as stated in the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, Agenda 21.

2. Question

In order to promote the application of telecommunication and information technologies for protecting the environment, the ITU/BDT, in collaboration with international and regional organizations shall:

- a) prepare a policy document for promoting the use of telecommunication, information and space technologies for applications devoted to the protection of the environment;
- b) disseminate information on applications of telecommunication and information technologies for the protection of the environment;
- c) organize seminars, training programmes, exhibitions and other similar activities to meet these objectives;
 - d) create appropriate course material for conducting training programmes on the subject;
- e) conduct studies in selected areas (e.g., transport, forestry, river, harbour and sea pollution, wildlife migration, etc.) for evaluating and highlighting the advantages of telecommunication applications.

3. Expected results

Preparation of a preliminary report by mid-1996.

4. Liaison

The report should be prepared in close collaboration with the ITU-R and ITU-T as well as with other concerned international and regional organizations.

Question 8/2: Public service broadcasting infrastructure in developing countries

1. Statement of problem

Broadcasting plays a prominent role in educating and informing the public, and in supporting economic, social and cultural development. However, rapid changes in technology are posing challenges for public broadcasters, especially in developing countries. For example, advances in satellite technology have enhanced the ability to deliver services across vast geographical areas, and these have stimulated demands for higher technical quality and higher transmission capacity.

Because of a lack of resources, developing countries are finding it extremely difficult to develop an adequate technical infrastructure to meet the expectations of the public.

The problem is particularly acute in those countries where even a basic television service is yet to be introduced.

2. Questions

What impact does the evolving environment have on the public service broadcasting infrastructure?

In what ways can developing countries be assisted in improving the technical infrastructure of broadcasting in order to meet their needs?

3. Expected results

Preparation of a report by mid-1995.

4. Liaison

In order to prepare the above-mentioned report, close cooperation should be established with UNESCO and the regional broadcasting unions.

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RESOLUTION NO.3

Procedures to be Applied by Study Groups

The World Telecommunication Development Conference (Buenos Aires, 21-29 March 1994),

considering

- a) that pursuant to the provisions of Article 21 of the Constitution (Geneva, 1992), the functions of the ITU-D include providing advice and carrying out or sponsoring studies, as necessary, on technical, economic, financial, managerial, regulatory and policy issues, including studies of specific projects in the field of telecommunications;
- b) that for carrying out such studies it may be appropriate to set up study groups, as provided for in Article 16 of the Convention (Geneva, 1992), to study specific telecommunication issues, including those aspects mentioned in No. 211 of the said Convention, and recommendations to help the developing countries to develop their telecommunications;
- c) that the general working methods of the Development Sector are defined in Articles 16 to 18 and 19 to 22 of the Convention (Geneva, 1992);
- d) that those general provisions should be supplemented by more detailed ones relating inter alia to the work of the study groups, the preparation and approval of Questions and the approval of recommendations,

resolves

that insofar as the ITU-D is concerned, the general provisions of the Convention referred to in paragraph c) above should be supplemented by the provisions of this Resolution and its Annex.

Annex: 1

ANNEX

SECTION 1

Study Groups and Working Parties

1. Creation of study groups and working parties

- 1.1 In accordance with the provisions of Article 16 of the Convention (Geneva, 1992), the WTDC may establish study groups for:
 - a) studying a series of Questions falling within the terms of reference established by the Conference:
 - b) elaborating draft recommendations or guidelines to foster telecommunication development in developing countries for the balanced worldwide development of telecommunications.
- 1.2 To facilitate their work, the study groups may set up working parties to deal with specific Questions or subjects, although the number of such working parties must remain limited.
- 1.3 In special cases, regional groups may be set up to study Questions or problems the specific nature of which makes it desirable that they be studied within the framework of one or more regions of the Union.
 - The establishment of regional groups should not give rise to duplication with work being done at the world level by the corresponding study group or its working parties.
- 1.4 It is proposed that in order to make the work of the study groups more effective, these should set up working groups, especially at a regional level, to deal also with some aspects pertaining specifically to regional organizations recognized by the ITU.
- 1.5 Following the WTDC, study group chairmen should meet with the Director of the BDT to draw up a draft work plan to implement the results of the WTDC. This plan should include any working parties to be created, a schedule of meetings and an agenda for the first meeting of each of the study groups. This information should be sent to all members and sector participants at least three months before a study group meeting.

2. Powers of the study groups

- 2.1 Each study group may develop draft recommendations for approval either by the WTDC or as provided in section 4 below. Recommendations approved in accordance with either procedure shall have the same status.
- 2.2 Each study group may also adopt draft Questions for approval by the WTDC or in accordance with the procedure described in section 3 paragraph 3 below.
- 2.3 In addition to the above, each study group shall be competent to adopt:
 - Reports
 - Recommendations
 - Guidelines
 - Handbooks.

The handbooks can be developed by contracting, for each handbook, a group of two or three experts from developed and developing countries to prepare a draft to be sent to the other Sectors for comments. An updated draft, including the comments from the other Sectors, shall be considered by the concerned study group of the ITU-D either in plenary or in a group set up for this purpose.

3. Meetings

- 3.1 The study groups or working parties shall normally meet at ITU headquarters.
- 3.2 However, some study group or working party meetings may take place outside Geneva in response to invitations by administrations, recognized operating agencies, or scientific or industrial organizations of ITU Member countries and if holding them outside Geneva is likely to facilitate the attendance of developing countries.
 - Such invitations shall normally be considered only if they are submitted to a WTDC or an ITU-D study group meeting. They shall be finally accepted after consultation with the Director of the BDT if they are compatible with the resources allocated to the BDT by the Council.
- 3.3 The invitations mentioned in paragraph 3.2 above shall be issued and accepted and the corresponding meetings outside Geneva organized only if the conditions laid down in Resolution No. 4 of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Nice, 1989) and ITU Council Decision No. 304 are met.

4. Participation in meetings

- 4.1 Administrations and other entities duly authorized to participate in ITU-D activities shall be represented in the study groups and associated working parties in whose work they wish to take part, by participants registered by name and chosen by them as experts qualified to make an effective contribution to the study of the Questions entrusted to those study groups.
- 4.2 The Director of the BDT shall keep up to date a list of the administrations and other entities participating in each study group or working party.

5. Frequency of meetings

- 5.1 The study groups shall in principle meet twice during the interval between two WTDCs. However, additional meetings may take place with the approval of the Director of the BDT, in accordance with the priorities laid down by the preceding WTDC and with the physical and budgetary resources of the BDT itself.
- 5.2 To ensure the best possible use of the resources of the Development Sector and of those participating in its work, the Director, in collaboration with the study group chairmen, shall establish and publish well in advance a timetable of meetings. The timetable shall take account of such factors as the capacity of the ITU Common Services, document requirements for meetings and the need for close coordination with the activities of the other Sectors and other international or regional organizations.
- 5.3 In the establishment of the work programme, the timetable of meetings must take into account the time required for participating bodies to prepare contributions. In principle not less than six months should elapse between a meeting of a study group and that of an associated working party, to allow time for the preparation and dissemination of the documentation needed for the studies (reports of meetings, contributions, etc.).

- 5.4 In the interval between two WTDCs, the study groups shall hold their final meetings not later than five months before the opening of the next WTDC to enable the final reports and draft recommendations to be prepared and disseminated within the required deadlines.
- 5.5 The programme of final Study Group meetings shall be established by the Director of the BDT in collaboration with the Chairman of each Study Group.

6. Establishment of work programmes and preparation of meetings

6.1 After each WTDC, a work programme shall be established by each study group chairman with the assistance of the BDT. The work programme shall take account of the Action Plan and priorities adopted by the WTDC.

How the work programme is implemented will, however, depend to a large extent on the contributions received from ITU-D members and the BDT Secretariat, as well as on the opinions expressed by participants in the meetings.

6.2 A Collective-letter with an agenda of the meeting, a draft work plan and a listing of the Questions to be studied shall be prepared by the BDT Secretariat with the help of the chairman of the study group concerned.

The Collective-letter must reach the bodies participating in the work of the study group concerned at the latest three months before the opening of the meeting.

A registration form must be appended to the Collective-letter so that the bodies concerned can state their intention to participate in the meeting. The form must then be returned to the BDT Secretariat so as to arrive at the latest three weeks before the meeting. It shall contain the names and addresses of intending participants or at least the number of participants expected if their names cannot be provided. This information will facilitate the registration process and the timely preparation of registration materials.

7. Preparation of study group and working party reports

7.1 Reports on the work done at study group or working party meetings shall be prepared by the BDT and shall contain a synopsis of the outcome of the work and emerging trends. They must also indicate items which require further study at the next meeting. The number of annexes to reports must be kept to a minimum.

Reports shall normally comprise two parts:

- Part I Organization of work main results trends future work programme
- Part II Draft recommendations or guidelines.
- 7.2 Each report shall be submitted to the chairman of the study group or working party concerned for approval.
- 7.3 The report on the first meeting of the study group following a WTDC shall contain a list of the chairmen and vice-chairmen of any working parties that may have been created.

8. Study group reports to the WTDC

8.1 Study groups shall meet at the latest five months before the WTDC so that the bodies participating in ITU-D are able to receive the reports submitted by each study group to the Conference at the latest two months before that Conference.

- 8.2 The final draft of the report of each study group to the WTDC shall be the responsibility of the chairman of the study group concerned and shall contain:
 - a recapitulatory summary of the results achieved by the study group during the study period in question. The summary shall indicate in particular the directions taken, guidelines established, handbooks adopted and recommendations developed;
 - reference to any new or revised recommendations approved by correspondence by Members during the study period;
 - the final text of draft new or revised recommendations submitted to the WTDC for approval;
 - a list of any new or revised Questions proposed for study during the next study period.

SECTION 2

Submission and processing of contributions

1. Submission of contributions

- 1.1 Administrations and other duly authorized bodies registered with a study group or working party and the chairmen and vice-chairmen of study groups and/or working parties should submit their contributions to current studies to the Director of the BDT.
- 1.2 Such contributions should inter alia deal with the results of experience gained in telecommunication development, describe case-studies and/or contain proposals for promoting balanced worldwide and regional telecommunication development.
- 1.3 In order to facilitate the study of certain Questions, the BDT Secretariat may submit consolidated documents or the results of case-studies. Such documents will be treated as contributions.

2. Processing of contributions

2.1 Contributions received less than two months before a meeting shall be published in accordance with the normal procedures followed by the other two Sectors.

The Director shall assemble the documentation received, Question by Question, and arrange for any translation needed and for despatch to participants in the working language they desire before the date set for the meeting of a study group or working party having the Question concerned on its agenda.

- 2.2 Contributions received by the Director less than two months but not less than ten working days before the opening of a meeting will not be processed in accordance with the procedure outlined in paragraph 2.1 above and shall be published as "delayed contributions" in the original language only and in any other working language into which they may have been translated by the sender. They shall be distributed at the opening of the meeting solely to the participants present.
- 2.3 Contributions received by the Director less than ten working days before the opening of a meeting shall not be entered on the agenda. They shall not be distributed but will be held for the next meeting.
- 2.4 The BDT shall not reissue delayed contributions as normal contributions unless the study group or working party concerned decides otherwise in cases of special interest and importance. Delayed contributions shall not be incorporated in reports as annexes.
- 2.5 Extracts from reports on meetings of other study groups or from chairmen's reports received within two months before a meeting shall be published as "temporary documents" and distributed to participants during the meeting.

SECTION 3

Development and approval of Questions

1. Development of Questions

- 1.1 Proposed new Questions for the Development Sector shall be submitted at least four months prior to a WTDC by administrations and other bodies authorized to participate in the activities of the Sector.
- 1.2 However, an ITU-D study group may also propose new or revised Questions at the initiative of a member of that study group if there is sufficient consensus on the subject.
- 1.3 Each proposed Question should state the reasons for the proposal, the precise objective of the tasks to be performed, the urgency of the study and any contacts to be established with the other two Sectors and/or other international or regional bodies.
- 1.4 The Telecommunication Development Advisory Board (TDAB) shall be informed of proposed Questions so that it can offer its opinions and recommend any changes required.

2. Approval of Questions by the WTDC

- 2.1 The TDAB shall meet at least two months before a WTDC to examine proposed new Questions and if necessary recommend amendments to take account of the BDT's general development policy objectives and associated priorities.
- 2.2 At least one month before a WTDC, the Director of the BDT shall communicate to members a list of the Questions proposed, together with any changes recommended by the TDAB.

3. Approval of proposed Questions between two WTDCs

- 3.1 Between two WTDCs, administrations and other bodies authorized to participate in ITU-D activities may submit proposed Questions to the study group concerned.
- 3.2 Each proposed Question shall be accompanied by a statement of reasons justifying the proposal, stating the objective of the tasks to be performed and indicating the urgency of the study and any contacts to be established with the other two Sectors and/or other international or regional bodies.
- 3.3 If the study group concerned agrees in principle to study the proposed Question, it shall address the draft text thereof to the Director of the BDT with all the necessary information.
- 3.4 The Director of the BDT, after consultation if appropriate with the TDAB and if the schedule of meetings so permits, shall request Members to let him know within two months whether they approve or object to the study of the new Question.

- 3.5 The proposed Question shall be approved and have the same status as Questions approved at a WTDC if:
 - a simple majority of all the Members respondent are in agreement;
 - and at least ten replies are received.
- 3.6 The Director of the BDT shall announce the results of the consultation in a Circular-letter. In consultation with the chairman of the study group concerned, he shall determine the implications of studying the new Question for the BDT's work programme and priorities. When it has not been possible to consult the TDAB prior to application of the procedure for approval by correspondence, the TDAB may be asked for an opinion if studying the Question is likely to have a major impact on the priorities initially adopted.

SECTION 4

Approval of new and revised recommendations

1. General

Requests for the approval of a new or revised recommendation shall normally be submitted to a WTDC. In accordance with the provisions of Article 20 of the Convention (Geneva, 1992), however, the study groups may seek the approval by members of a number of recommendations in the interval between two WTDCs with a view to meeting certain priorities.

In such cases the following rules shall apply.

2. Process

Study groups may decide that the procedure described below be applied for seeking the approval of certain draft new or revised recommendations which meet priority objectives in the context of the BDT's work programme and have developed to a mature state.

3. Prerequisites

3.1 At the request of a study group chairman, the Director of the BDT shall explicitly announce when convening the study group meeting that the intention is to apply the procedure for approving a recommendation. He shall state the specific purpose of the proposed text in the form of a summary when the proposed text is voluminous. In this case reference will be made to the document in which the complete text of the draft new or revised recommendation to be considered may be found.

The above information shall be disseminated to all ITU-D members.

- 3.2 Invitations to the meeting and the announcement of the approval procedure shall be sent by the Director of the BDT to all ITU-D members so as to be received in the normal course of delivery at least three months before the meeting.
- 3.3 The text of draft new or revised recommendations shall be distributed in the three working languages at least two months before the meeting.
- 3.4 Normally, the revision of a recommendation approved during a given study period should not be subjected again to the present procedure during the same study period unless the proposed revision supplements rather than amends the previous version of the text.

4. Procedure at study group meetings

- 4.1 Decisions by delegations to apply the approval procedure must be taken without opposition. Exceptionally, but only during meetings, a delegation may request more time to consider its position. Unless the Director of the BDT is informed of a formal opposition on the part of the delegation's administration within six weeks following the last day of the meeting, he shall proceed in accordance with the provisions in paragraph 5 below.
- 4.2 If a delegation elects not to oppose the approval of a text but wishes to enter reservations on one or more points, its reservations must be mentioned in the report of the meeting.

5. Consultation

- 5.1 Within one month following the decision of a study group to seek approval, the Director of the BDT shall request Members to inform him within three months whether they approve or object to the draft new or revised recommendation.
 - This request shall contain a reference to the final complete text of the new or revised draft recommendation, in the three working languages.
- 5.2 The Director of the BDT shall advise the Directors of the other two Bureaux, as well as other duly authorized bodies participating in the work of the study group concerned that, pursuant to Article 20 of the Convention (Geneva, 1992), he has asked Members to respond to a consultation on a draft new or revised recommendation.
- 5.3 The draft recommendation shall be accepted if 70% or more of the replies from Members indicate approval.
- 5.4 If the draft recommendation is not accepted, it shall be referred back to the study group.
- 5.5 Any Members who indicate disapproval are requested to state their reasons and indicate possible changes that would facilitate the future approval of the draft recommendation.

6. Notification

- 6.1 Within four weeks of the closing date for Members to respond to the consultation, the Director of the BDT shall indicate by Circular letter whether or not the text is approved. He shall make the necessary arrangements to ensure that this information is also included in the next available ITU Notification.
- 6.2 Any comments received along with responses to the consultation shall be collected by the BDT Secretariat and submitted to the next study group meeting for consideration.
- 6.3 The Secretary-General shall publish the approved new or revised recommendations in the working languages as soon as practicable.

SECTION 5

Support to the study groups

The Director of the BDT should ensure that, within the limits of existing budgetary resources, the study groups have appropriate support to conduct their work programmes as outlined in the terms of reference and as envisioned by the WTDC's work plan for the Sector. In particular, support may be provided in the following forms:

- a) Administrative and professional staff support.
- b) Programme financing.
- c) Coordination with regional telecommunication organizations.

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RESOLUCION NO. 4

Telecommunication Policies and Strategies

The World Telecommunication Development Conference (Buenos Aires, 21-29 March 1994),

having noted

the various Resolutions adopted by the regional telecommunication development conferences,

considering

- a) the provisions of Article 1 (Nos. 14 and 19) and Article 21 of the Constitution (Geneva, 1992);
 - b) Resolution 14 of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Nice, 1989);
- c) the major role played by telecommunications in a country's economic and social development, and in particular the positive effects of a modern infrastructure on a country's economy;
- d) the considerable technological progress achieved in the telecommunication sector, especially as a result of the combination of computing and telecommunication technologies;
- e) the emergence, as a result of new technologies, of new telecommunication products and services in response to the growing diversification of customers' requirements in the economic sector, giving rise to the appearance of new suppliers and operators in the market;
- f) the need for developing countries to stimulate the development of their telecommunications by creating a modern infrastructure which is accessible to the population as a whole, while endeavouring to respond to the needs of the economic sector in terms of new or enhanced services:
- g) the amount of investments required in countries to ensure sufficiently broad and rapid development of telecommunication infrastructures and services on a national scale;
- h) the need to adapt the organization and management of telecommunication operators to the changing commercial and regulatory environment;
- i) the determinant role of a well-developed and well-structured telecommunication network for economic, social and cultural development,

recognizing

- a) that a majority of developing countries have to face particular difficulties in order to improve and develop their telecommunication networks;
- b) that situations can vary from one country to another, according to economic, social and cultural circumstances;
- c) that the state of telecommunication infrastructure development can also vary substantially from one country to another;
- d) that telecommunication policies have to be developed as part of an overall strategy of economic and social development;
- e) that market-based economic principles are playing a growing role in the development of the telecommunication sector;

- f) that competitive conditions should be promoted, as far as practicable, in particular in the value-added services and terminal equipment markets;
- g) that each country should adopt development strategies which take account of domestic conditions and circumstances:
- h) that countries need to adopt appropriate structures and an appropriate regulatory framework in order to implement an effective telecommunication development policy;
- i) that as a result of the changing technological and commercial environment of telecommunications, special attention has to be given to the development and management of human resources in order to give the operators the capabilities to face in particular more competitive markets,

recognizing further

the telecommunication provisions of the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) and the related forthcoming work of the Negotiating Group on Basic Telecommunication Services,

invites

governments and administrations to take account of the following guidelines when establishing and implementing their telecommunication development policies:

A. Structure of the sector

The following reforms should be considered with a view to favouring investments, increasing operating efficiency, broadening the supply of services and improving service quality:

- 1. Postal and telecommunication activities should be separated, in order to enable each branch to develop the policy best suited to its own requirements;
- 2. The regulatory and operational functions should be separated with a view to facilitating more efficient management by operators and better reflecting customers' needs for more cost-effective services:
- 3. A regulatory body should be set up for the purpose of ensuring the objectivity and transparency of decisions in the regulatory area and supervising their application, having particular regard to the development, where appropriate, of competition rules;
- 4. Telecommunication operators should be allowed sufficient financial and management independence to enable them more easily to develop a commercial policy adapted to market requirements, while encouraging them to introduce the necessary management tools, especially for the purpose of monitoring costs and service quality;

The timing and the manner of carrying out the restructuring of the sector may vary from one country to another,

B. Regulatory framework

When establishing a telecommunication policy, decision makers should take account of the need to set up a clear, consistent and transparent regulatory framework with a view to:

- ensuring the long-term development of the telecommunication sector on a stable basis, while promoting technological innovation, infrastructure modernization, service diversification and quality of service improvement;
- promoting the provision of basic services in rural or remote areas at affordable prices;
- allowing sufficient flexibility to adapt to technological and commercial changes as well
 as to the growing market segmentation in the sector;

- allowing opportunities for all interested parties, including users and the private sector, to contribute into the regulatory policy-making process,

C. General policies

The main lines of general telecommunication development policy should be based on the following principal objectives:

- promoting access to basic telecommunication services to all people at an affordable price;
- encouraging the harmonized development of networks and services with a view to reducing national and regional disparities and improving the interoperability of networks worldwide;
- making available the benefits of the introduction of advanced telecommunication technologies to develop new services that meet the requirements of the economic sector;
- using appropriate technologies (such as satellites or wireless telephone networks) to introduce telecommunication services in rural and remote areas at an affordable price;
- introducing tariff reforms aimed at promoting the rational use of telecommunication networks and the provision of an efficient universal telecommunication service to foster investments, while preparing operators for a more competitive environment, taking into account that tariffs should be cost-oriented and that the geographical characteristics of countries are different;
- promoting, as far as possible, the development of local or regional telecommunication industries,

In the pursuit of these objectives, account should be taken:

- of the possible benefits to be derived from opening up to competition at least certain markets, such as value-added services, terminal equipment, services based on new technologies, etc.;
- of the desirability to achieve a balance between creating a competitive telecommunication market and reserving the supply of some services to authorized operator(s);
- of ensuring that service providers give special attention to the needs of remote and rural areas;
- of the need to develop a pool of highly-trained manpower in all aspects of the telecommunication sector;
- of the need to encourage greater R&D efforts for the development of telecommunications,

D. Funding

In order to meet the considerable investment needs arising from the development of modern telecommunication infrastructures, administrations should, in the light of their domestic circumstances and the development strategy adopted, explore every possibility of attracting investments from national savings and encouraging internal and external private participation.

In order to strengthen the present sources of funds making possible telecommunication development, it is advisable to reinvest in the telecommunication sector the totality of resources which it generates.

In the consideration of possible investment policies and techniques (such as ODA¹¹, leasing, BOT¹², joint ventures), administrations should take into account the degree of access to multilateral, bilateral and private sources of funding based on:

- status of the operator and its evolution within the framework of restructuring of the sector (privatization, joint venture, public company with autonomous management, etc.);
- regulatory framework (appropriateness and stability);
- tariff policies and pricing regulation;
- degree of liberalization in regulations governing foreign investments (restrictions on foreign property and repatriation of profits, exchange control, etc.).

¹¹ ODA = Official Development Assistance

¹² BOT = Build-Operate-Transfer

RESOLUTION NO.5

"BUENOS AIRES INITIATIVE"

Non-Discriminatory Access to Modern Telecommunication Facilities and Services

The World Telecommunication Development Conference (Buenos Aires, 21-29 March 1994),

taking into account

the importance of telecommunications for political, economic, social and cultural progress,

taking into account also

- a) that the International Telecommunication Union plays an important role in the promotion of global telecommunication development;
- b) that, to this end, the Union coordinates efforts aimed at securing harmonious development of telecommunication facilities,

taking into account further

that the Conference is required to formulate a viewpoint and draw up proposals on issues determining a worldwide telecommunication development strategy, and facilitate the mobilization of the necessary resources to that end,

noting

- a) that modern telecommunication facilities and services are established, in the main, on the basis of ITU-R and ITU-T Recommendations;
- b) that ITU-R and ITU-T Recommendations are the result of the collective efforts of all those taking part in the standardization process within the ITU and are adopted by consensus by the Members of the Union:
- c) that limitations on the access to telecommunication facilities and services on which national telecommunication development depends and which are established on the basis of ITU-R and ITU-T Recommendations constitute an obstacle to the harmonious development and compatibility of telecommunications worldwide,

recognizing

that full harmonization of telecommunication networks is impossible unless all countries participating in the work of the Union without exception have non-discriminatory access to new telecommunication technologies and modern telecommunication facilities and services without prejudice to national regulations, and international commitments within the competence of other international organizations,

resolves

that there should be non-discriminatory access to telecommunication technologies, facilities and services established on the basis of ITU-R and ITU-T Recommendations,

instructs the Secretary-General

to transmit this Resolution to the Plenipotentiary Conference (Kyoto, 1994) for consideration,

requests the Plenipotentiary Conference

to consider this Resolution with a view to taking measures to foster global access to modern telecommunication facilities and services,

invites administrations

pending the Plenipotentiary Conference's decision, to help telecommunication equipment manufacturers and service providers in ensuring that telecommunication facilities and services established on the basis of ITU-R and ITU-T Recommendations may be generally available to the public without any discrimination.

RESOLUTION NO.6

Cooperation Between the ITU/BDT and Regional Organizations

The World Telecommunication Development Conference, (Buenos Aires, 21-29 March 1994),

considering

- a) that the Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Nice, 1989) adopted the decision to establish the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) according to the provisions of Article 14 of the Nice Constitution;
- b) that the High Level Committee (HLC), which was established to review the structure and functioning of the ITU, specifically recognized that the development gap between developing and developed countries will be perpetuated or exacerbated unless the ITU plays a more focused role;
- c) that the HLC recommended that the ITU should play a more clearly defined catalytic role, as envisaged in Nice Resolution No.14, by working cooperatively with international, regional and bilateral development and financing agencies, and by presenting to developing countries the range of structural and policy options that will generate greater resources for telecommunications development;
- d) that the HLC recommended that the BDT, working within the Telecommunication Development Sector and collegially with the other Sectors, should ensure that the ITU's catalytic role in stimulating telecommunication development is strengthened;
- e) that the world telecommunication development conferences should establish work programmes and guidelines for defining development priorities and planning BDT activities,

acknowledging

- a) that regional telecommunication organizations such as APT, CITEL, CEPT, PATU, APTC, etc., are increasingly valuable to their member countries in placing regional problems in the appropriate regional perspective;
- b) the value of a cooperative approach between global and regional telecommunication bodies and the need to avoid duplication of their respective activities and projects,

recognizing

- a) that ministerial level decisions have been taken in some regions to call upon the regional organizations to cooperate with the ITU to accelerate the growth of telecommunications;
- b) the priority issue of each region to be identified considering the relevant regional decisions, such as:
- the recognition of the principle of universal service and access as a fundamental right of all citizens, as well as the protection of users;
- the enhancement of telecommunication training opportunities as an integral part of human resources development/human resources management initiatives;
- the need for the identification of adequate financial resources from private and public sources for infrastructure development;

- the need for the ITU to provide the best guidance to administrations on the financial aspects of telecommunication systems and networks;
- the need for the establishment of working relations with non-governmental telecommunication organizations;
- the desirability of increasing and enhancing the participation of the private sector in regional telecommunication activities,
- the cessation of practices and procedures which may be detrimental to the growth and development of telecommunications; and
- the development of programmes and strategies in the field of telecommunications to take into account rapid changes in the telecommunication environment including recent trends towards privatization and liberalization,

invites

the regional telecommunication organizations to collaborate with the ITU in jointly convening regular telecommunication development coordination meetings in their respective regions,

resolves

- 1. to encourage the BDT to cooperate with regional telecommunication organizations to the maximum extent possible in pursuit of key ITU development objectives in the respective regions;
- 2. to encourage the BDT to work actively with the regional telecommunication organizations in the planning and implementation of various telecommunication projects, and the Buenos Aires Action Plan;
- 3. to encourage the BDT to exchange information on planned projects and activities in the respective regions so as to avoid duplication between the regional telecommunication organizations and the BDT;
- 4. that the ITU-D maximize the efficiency and effectiveness in the implementation of the decisions of the WTDC with the intention of avoiding duplication of efforts and ensuring the maximum participation of the respective ITU regional offices working together in harmony with the telecommunication organizations in the region;
- 5. that the ITU-D identify appropriate mechanisms and studies to address the priority issues as identified by the regional organizations with the intention of developing appropriate recommendations for the next WTDC;
- 6. to request the Secretary-General to consider this Resolution in his report to the Council (Resolution 16 of the Additional Plenipotentiary Conference, Geneva, 1992).

RESOLUTION NO.7

Disaster Communications

The World Telecommunication Development Conference (Buenos Aires, 21-29 March 1994),

noting

the Tampere Declaration on Disaster Communications, issued by the group of experts in communications and disaster management, participating in the Conference on Disaster Communications held in Tampere, Finland, on 20-22 May 1991, annexed to this Resolution,

and noting further

- a) the support which the Tampere Declaration has received from numerous national, regional and international organizations;
- b) Resolution No. 209 of the World Administrative Radio Conference on Mobile Services (Mob-87) Study and Implementation of a Global Land and Maritime Distress Safety System;
- c) the studies carried out by the Study Groups of ITU-R in response to Resolution No. 209 (Mob-87);
- d) the scope of studies in Study Groups of ITU-T relevant to disaster communications and, in particular in ITU-T SGs I, II, III and IV,

recognizing

- a) that disasters have caused and are likely to continue to cause severe human suffering, loss of human life and damage to property and environment;
 - b) that disasters may have particularly devastating consequences in developing countries;
- c) that disaster preparedness requires the existence of decentralised means of communications such as, but not limited to, those provided by mobile and portable satellite terminals and by the Amateur Radio Services to supplement the vulnerable elements of the national, regional and global communication networks,

convinced

- a) that the fast and efficient flow of information is essential for disaster mitigation, prevention and preparedness, as well as for disaster relief;
- b) that telecommunications can play a vital role in restoring the continuity of the development process,

concerned

- a) that the development process is disrupted in the event of a disaster;
- b) that disaster situations, as they occur, often affect or destroy existing telecommunication facilities,

resolves

to invite the ITU-R

- a) to continue studying, as a matter of priority, the technical, operational and regulatory aspects of radiocommunications for disaster mitigation and relief;
- b) to consider recommending the inclusion, in the agenda of a competent World Radio Communication Conference, of consideration of the relevant provisions of the Radio Regulations concerning disaster communications;

to invite the ITU-T to study, as a matter of priority:

- a) the means of facilitating efficient communications for disaster mitigation and relief;
- b) charging and accounting in domestic and international disaster communications, including waiver of charges, where appropriate, and a suitable tariff structure,

instructs

the Director of the BDT to help developing countries, particularly the LDCs, prepare their telecommunication services for disasters and restore them in case of disruption,

further instructs

the Director of the BDT, within the framework of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, to help those developing countries which are particularly prone to natural disasters, in the development of early warning systems using telecommunications, including broadcast services, in the framework of the Special voluntary programme for technical cooperation,

requests

the Secretary-General to work closely with the United Nations Department of Humanitarian Affairs with a view to increasing the Union's involvement in disaster communications,

further requests

the Secretary-General to communicate this Resolution to the relevant international organizations,

invites

the United Nations Department of Humanitarian Affairs to actively contribute, in close collaboration with the ITU and in particular with the BDT, to the further development and strengthening of the disaster communication capabilities of developing countries,

urges

administrations to take all practicable steps for facilitating the rapid deployment and the effective use of telecommunication equipment for disaster relief by reducing and, where possible, removing regulatory barriers and strengthening transboundary cooperation between States.

Annex: 1

ANNEX

THE TAMPERE DECLARATION ON DISASTER COMMUNICATIONS 22 May 1991, Tampere, Finland

Purpose

- 1. The group of experts in communications and disaster management participating in the Conference on Disaster Communications held at Tampere, Finland, from 20-22 May 1991, declare that there is an urgent need to improve international cooperation in communications and enhance national communication capabilities in order to reduce loss of life, damage to property and livelihoods, and damage to the environment caused by disasters. For the purpose of this Declaration disasters are viewed as extreme occurrences which outstrip the ability of an affected society to cope with them. Behind these events often lie chronic problems stemming from the interaction of natural, environmental and man-made factors. In this regard the Tampere Conference welcomes the proposal for a Pilot UN Centre for Urgent Environmental Assistance to be considered at the 16th Governing Council Session of the UN Environmental Programme, Nairobi.
- 2. The Tampere Conference reiterates the primary responsibility of national authorities for disaster management and communications. The supportive role of international organizations in disaster management is highlighted. The Conference also recognizes the important role played by indigenous and international non-governmental organizations in disaster mitigation and relief.
- 3. The Tampere Conference recognizes that disasters have killed millions of people over the past 20 years alone and caused massive financial and other damage to people, property and the environment. Such disasters will continue to occur frequently around the globe, with particularly devastating consequences in the developing countries. Further efforts are required to prevent such disasters and alleviate their consequences.
- 4. The Tampere Conference stresses that improved flows of international information through terrestrial and satellite telecommunication technologies can assist in the prediction, monitoring and early warning necessary to prevent some of the consequences and reduce the impact of such disasters once they have occurred. There is an urgent need to improve the nature, scope and quality of information being transmitted internationally, including its validity, significance, accuracy and timeliness.
- 5. The critical role of the mass media in providing public information services to communities at risk is recognized, as is their broader role in education and opinion-forming, particularly with regard to slow-onset disasters.
- 6. Terrestrial and satellite communications, including established international satellite networks, and remote-sensing technologies, have played, and will continue to play, major roles in reducing the devastating effects of disasters by dramatically improving hazard identification and risk assessment, disaster preparedness, monitoring, early warning and onset and post-disaster relief operations. These facilities are, in practice, not universally accessible, particularly in developing countries where such disasters most frequently occur.
- 7. Communication links are almost always disabled and disrupted during the first hours of a major disaster. When disaster strikes, there is an urgency to establish effective and comprehensive communication links at the disaster site, between the site and the national systems for dealing with disaster response, and with the concerned international community.

- 8. The Tampere Conference endorses the Preamble and Major Needs identified and the Recommendations adopted at the UNDRO International Conference on Disaster Communications on 21 March 1990 and held in the context of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction (IDNDR).
- 9. The Tampere Conference calls for the development of a Convention on Disaster Communications as elaborated further below and to be negotiated not later than 1993. This Convention should be viewed in the context of a future comprehensive accord on disaster management.
- 10. The Tampere Conference recognizes the urgent communication needs generated by emergency disaster relief and the longer-term needs of disaster mitigation.

Communications in Disaster Relief

- 11. Present limitations to disaster communications include:
 - a) Organizational barriers which impede the flow of information among the various elements of the international disaster response network.
 - b) Uncertainty over the availability and location of communications equipment which could be made accessible for disaster use.
 - c) Regulatory barriers which slow down the importation and operation of communications equipment.
 - d) High costs which inhibit the effective use of communications equipment during disasters.
- 12. In order to overcome these barriers, a Convention on Disaster Communications should, at a minimum:
 - a) Establish an effective framework for cooperation between and among State parties, intergovernmental and regional groupings and entities, and non-governmental bodies, including international terrestrial and satellite telecommunication operating organizations and relevant commercial sector organizations.
 - b) Further improve the coordination of international disaster management.
 - c) Ensure the utilization to the maximum extent of existing global, regional and national terrestrial and satellite communication networks; encourage the immediate availability at national, regional and international centres of communications equipment; and encourage the development of the Amateur Radio Services and their application to disaster communications.
 - d) Encourage national authorities to establish an inventory and/or database of their own communications equipment and resources relevant to disaster relief, national regulations to ensure access to them, and an appropriate national preparedness plan for their effective use.
 - e) Encourage UNDRO, within the framework of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, to maintain an international inventory of communications equipment and resources and to invite national governments, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and other relevant entities to make their own communications equipment and resources information available.
 - f) Encourage improved and enhanced national and international training programmes to develop the necessary expertise in the rapidly-evolving field of disaster communications, and the further consideration of the communications issue in disaster management training programmes.

- g) Facilitate the rapid dissemination and effective use of communications equipment and resources by limiting, reducing and, where possible, removing regulatory barriers, including:
 - Customs clearance procedures and duties
 - Restrictions on possession and use
 - Inappropriate restrictions on the dissemination of existing and new technical information
 - The need for type-approval procedures and operating licences, including simplification
 - National rules concerning the temporary assignment of appropriate radio frequencies.
- h) Establish appropriate further rules relating to matters such as:
 - Entry, exit and transit for personnel, equipment and property
 - Direction and control of assistance
 - · Confidentiality of information
 - Privileges, immunities and facilities
 - Claims and compensation.
- Establish the basis for an appropriate tariff structure for domestic and international communication carriers, including waiver of charge where appropriate, and the necessary philosophy and approach to payment for communication services required in disaster relief efforts.

Communications in Disaster Mitigation

- 13. Effective early warning systems and comprehensive databases are limited by the unequal access to communications technology, software and expertise.
- 14. The proposed Convention should, at a minimum, establish mechanisms for international cooperation in the use of terrestrial and satellite telecommunication technologies in the prediction, monitoring and early warning of disasters, especially the early dissemination of information to those in the at-risk communities.

The Way Forward

- 15. The Tampere Conference recommends that no later than 1993 an intergovernmental conference be convened under the auspices of UNDRO to prepare for the negotiation of an International Convention on Disaster Communications to establish appropriate mechanisms to improve international cooperation. This conference should be complementary to envisaged intergovernmental action to facilitate the use of communications equipment for disaster relief and to the global meeting of IDNDR National Committees proposed for 1993.
- To carry through the above suggestions the enhancement and improvement of disaster communications will require a realistic financial commitment from the international community, including governments, international organizations, donor organizations, non-governmental organizations and the private sector.
- 17. The proposed Convention should take account of existing provisions and proposals, including Resolution No. 209 of the World Administrative Radio Conference for the Mobile Services, Mob-87 (Geneva, 1987) on the Study and Implementation of a Global Land and Maritime Distress and Safety System.

- 18. The development of the proposed Convention on Disaster Communications should be coordinated by UNDRO, in cooperation with the ITU and other relevant organizations, including international terrestrial and satellite telecommunication operating organizations.
- 19. Recognizing that the development of such a Convention will take time, the Tampere Conference calls upon all States to consider urgent measures to give effect to the provisions of this Declaration on an interim unilateral or bilateral basis for general humanitarian reasons.
- 20. The Tampere Conference recommends that, consistent with the goals and objectives of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, the UN Disaster Relief Coordinator should take the appropriate steps to implement the intent of this Declaration with the support of, and in consultation with, other concerned bodies of the UN system, international terrestrial and satellite telecommunication operating organizations and non-governmental organizations.
- 21. The Tampere Conference recommends that this Declaration be circulated to governments, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations, and in appropriate international fora, such as the November 1991 International Red Cross Conference and the June 1992 UN Conference on Environment and Development, and be considered in the relevant activities of concerned organizations and institutions at the international, regional and national levels.
- 22. The Tampere Conference expresses its gratitude to the Government of Finland and the City of Tampere for hosting the Conference; to the International Institute of Communications for convening it; to the Aamulehti Group Ltd. and The Annenberg Washington Program in Communications Policy Studies of Northwestern University for their support; to UNDRO, the ITU, UNHCR, WMO, WHO and the League of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies for their support; to the Post and Telecommunications of Finland, the Centre for Public Service Communications, and the Centre for International Environmental Law for their assistance; and to all those present for their participation.

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RESOLUTION NO. 8

Telecommunication Support for the Protection of the Environment

The World Telecommunication Development Conference (Buenos Aires, 21-29 March 1994),

considering

- a) that telecommunication and information technologies have an important role to play in protecting the environment and in promoting development activities at low risk to the environment;
- b) that application of the latest telecommunication and information technologies, especially those associated with space systems, can be extremely useful in implementing and conducting environment protection activities such as monitoring air, river, harbour, and sea pollution, remote sensing, wildlife studies, forestry development, and others;
- c) that the application of telecommunication technology can reduce paperwork which ultimately saves forests;
- d) that telecommunication and information technologies respect the environment, and that the related industries can be located in rural areas in order to reduce urban congestion;
- e) that there is a need to disseminate information on these aspects, as stated in the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, Agenda 21,

resolves

to promote the application of telecommunication and information technologies for protecting the environment,

requests

the ITU/BDT, in collaboration with international and regional organizations:

- 1. to prepare a policy document for promoting the use of telecommunication, information and space technologies for applications devoted to the protection of the environment;
- 2. to disseminate information on applications of telecommunication and information technologies for the protection of the environment;
- 3. to organize seminars, training programmes, exhibitions and other similar activities to meet these objectives;
- 4. to create appropriate course material for conducting training programmes on the subject;
- 5. to conduct studies in selected areas (e.g., transport, forestry, river, harbour and sea pollution, wildlife migration, etc.) for evaluating and highlighting the advantages of telecommunication applications,

further requests

the Plenipotentiary Conference (Kyoto, 1994) to endorse the principles of this Resolution and to instruct the ITU Sectors on the measures they should adopt for its application.

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RESOLUTION NO.9

Membership, Rules of Procedure and Working Methods of the Telecommunication Development Advisory Board

The World Telecommunication Development Conference (Buenos Aires, 21-29 March 1994),

considering

- a) Article 18 of the Convention (Geneva, 1992) concerning the Telecommunication Development Advisory Board (TDAB);
- b) the need to define clear working procedures to review strategies and priorities in telecommunication development activities and to advise the Director of the BDT in this field;
- c) the desirability of broad-based participation of administrations, duly authorized entities and organizations in the TDAB activities.

recognizing

that the main tasks of the TDAB are to advise the Director on priorities and strategies in the Union's telecommunication development activities and to recommend steps to foster cooperation and coordination with other organizations interested in telecommunication development, as well as:

- a) to review strategies and priorities for activities in the ITU-D, to review progress in the implementation of study group work programmes and to provide guidelines for their work;
- b) to help in raising the awareness of decision makers regarding the importance of telecommunications in the socio-economic development of nations;
- c) to encourage the participation of industry, telecommunication operators and service providers, bilateral and multilateral organizations and financial institutions to promote telecommunication development in developing countries;
- d) to assist in the decisions on, and mobilization of resources for, pre-investment and investment activities in the telecommunications field,

resolves

- 1. that the TDAB shall hold regularly scheduled meetings included in the ITU-D timetable of meetings and announced in accordance with paragraph 6.2 of section 1 of the annex of Resolution No. 3 on Procedures to be Applied by the Study Groups. Its meetings should take place at least once a year;
- 2. that the TDAB shall prepare a report of its activities after each meeting to be distributed in accordance with normal ITU-D procedures, and a report to the WTDC following its last meeting prior to the Conference. The report to the WTDC should summarize the TDAB's activities and offer advice on relations with other relevant bodies inside and outside the ITU, as appropriate;
- 3. that the chairmen and vice-chairmen of the study groups established by the WTDC shall attend the meetings of the TDAB as ex-officio members,

instructs

the Director of the BDT to consider the possibility to open the membership of the TDAB to additional entrants representing administrations and entities including representatives of bilateral cooperation or development aid agencies and multilateral development institutions, in order to reflect the new tasks allocated to the TDAB following the establishment of study groups and the setting up of work programmes for the period 1994-1998;

recommends

to the Plenipotentiary Conference (Kyoto, 1994) that it consider the possibility of revising in particular Article 18, No. 227 of the Convention (Geneva, 1992) in order to permit implementation of this Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO 10

Coordination of the Advisory Bodies

The World Telecommunication Development Conference (Buenos Aires, 21-29 March 1994),

considering

- a) the necessity of continuous coordination and exchange of views between the different Sectors and the General Secretariat of the ITU;
- b) the need to create a forum for an exchange of views at the highest possible level within the ITU;
 - c) the need to create a Board of Advisors to act as a consultative body to the Council,

resolves

that in conformity with No. 119 of the Constitution (Geneva, 1992), the Secretary-General should convene an annual joint meeting of:

- the World Telecommunication Advisory Council
- the Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group
- the Radiocommunication Advisory Group
- the Telecommunication Development Advisory Board

and requests the Directors of the Bureaux of the three Sectors to coordinate with the Secretary-General the dates of the meetings of their respective advisory bodies in order to minimize the repercussions on the activities of administrations.

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RESOLUTION NO. 11

Venue of the Regional Telecommunication Development Conferences

The World Telecommunication Development Conference (Buenos Aires, 21-29 March 1994),

considering

that the regional telecommunication development conferences are an important contribution to international cooperation, harmonizing and furthering the development of telecommunication facilities and services,

recognizing

- a) that the developing countries which have hosted regional conferences agree that the conferences represent an instrument for social, economic and technological development, and that they are also a means of promoting the countries on a worldwide basis;
- b) in particular that efforts towards the development of telecommunications should be addressed mainly to developing countries,

resolves

that regional conferences should preferably be held in developing countries.

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RECOMMENDATION NO. 1

Application of Telecommunications to Health and Other Social Services

The World Telecommunication Development Conference (Buenos Aires, 21-29 March 1994),

considering

- a) that many developing countries need significant support in order to benefit from the application of telecommunications in specific priority areas;
- b) that telecommunication technologies can play a vital role in improving the productivity and efficiency of many social services and activities such as health, education, trade, tourism and others:
- c) that the application of telecommunication technologies is very useful in providing universal access to health care and in saving human lives;
- d) that the strategies indicated by the Telecommunication Development Advisory Board in its report "Partners in development, Telecommunications The first link" aim at diminishing the deficiencies in health care, education, etc.;
- e) that the World Health Organization is encouraging the achievement of the "Health for All" programme by the end of the millennium, and the uses of informatics and telematics to support health care services.

recommends

that the ITU/BDT

- 1. encourage and support studies concerning specific applications of telecommunication in sectors of great importance for social life, health, education, etc., such as telemedicine;
- 2. plan and implement appropriate projects for promoting the application of telecommunication technologies in social services, in particular health care, in cooperation with international and regional organizations;
 - 3. disseminate information concerning the results of studies and projects in these areas;
- 4. encourage the extension of the application of telecommunications in social services, undertaking specific studies for quantifying the advantages of those applications.

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RECOMMENDATION NO. 2

Development Partnership with International Education Agencies

The World Telecommunication Development Conference (Buenos Aires, 21-29 March 1994),

noting

- a) the Secretary-General's guidelines for the preparation of the Conference (Annex 4 to his letter of 26 July 1993) which includes consideration of "... the potential contribution and impact of new telecommunication ... by facilitating networking of research and training centres, academic institutions, etc.";
- b) the recommendation of the World Telecommunication Advisory Council of the ITU to place more emphasis on the social benefit applications of telecommunications in areas such as education and medical services;
- c) the recommendations of the ITU High Level Committee and the provisions of the ITU Constitution and Convention (Geneva, 1992) mandating the ITU, and in particular the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT), to cooperate with other organizations in the telecommunication and development fields,

considering

- a) that telecommunication and communication and information technologies are playing an increasingly important role in the public domain, especially in relation to the delivery of such public services as health, education and information;
- b) that the delivery of such public services as health, education and information is an important element of national infrastructure which in turn can have a profound effect on national growth, productivity and overall economic development;
- c) that the field of education and training or what can be generally termed human resources development is an excellent example of an area in the public domain which is a critical part of overall economic development, particularly in the developing world;
- d) that modern communication and information technologies, through the techniques associated with "open learning" and "distance learning", have become a principal means of improving the quality and cost effectiveness of education, both inside and outside the traditional classroom:
- e) that international organizations involved in the field of distance learning are prepared to cooperate with the ITU in furthering the use of telecommunications in education,

recognizing

- a) the need to realize the full potential of information technologies in the field of education in order for the international community to respond to the challenges of development;
- b) the uneven level of telecommunication development internationally which has had a constraining effect on those countries and regions where, due to distances or small populations, there is little or no access to conventional education or training;
- c) the synergy which can result from a formal dialogue between the telecommunication and education communities with respect to their common interests and goals for the effective use of telecommunications for educational purposes;

d) the willingness of the education community to work internationally to provide advice and guidance on the use of telecommunications in the field of education,

invites

Members

- 1. to recognize the needs of the education community and to take them into account in their network planning, both for network extension and for service development;
- 2. to work with organizations representing the education community to articulate their needs and requirements in relation to telecommunication technology,

requests

the BDT to establish and strengthen mechanisms for representatives of international education agencies to offer their advice and expertise on the use of telecommunications in support of education, in particular on:

- 1. continuing efforts to make affordable and effective telecommunications available within the world community on as universal a basis as possible;
- promoting awareness, through ongoing information activities and special events, of the value of telecommunication systems and services for public education and training, and to inform policy-makers of the need for resources to be devoted to the effective use of technology in this field;
- 3. encouraging efforts to ensure that the ongoing liberalization of telecommunication markets and tariff structures benefits all sectors of the user community, including public domain activities such as education,

further requests

the BDT to invite representatives of international education agencies to participate directly and indirectly in the work of the development study groups and the work programme of the BDT,

urges

the members of the ITU-D and other Sectors of the ITU:

- 1. to join with agencies involved in the various dimensions of educational communications, such as COL, CIFFAD, CREAD and UNESCO¹³, to share knowledge and resources and to develop common strategies for the more effective use of telecommunication technologies, and in that respect
- 2. to facilitate the holding of an international round table of high level representatives of the telecommunication and education communities as proposed by COMRED¹⁴ to formulate strategies for enhancing the use of telecommunication systems and services for distance learning,

instructs

the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau to transmit this Resolution to the Directors of the Telecommunication Standardization and Radiocommunication Bureaux for appropriate consideration in the work of the other ITU Sectors.

¹³ COL = The Commonwealth of Learning

CIFFAD = Consortium international francophone de formation à distance

CREAD = Consortium des réseaux d'éducation à distance des Amériques

UNESCO = United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

¹⁴ COMRED = Concertation mondiale des réseaux d'éducation à distance.

ANNEXES

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World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC/94)

Buenos Aires, 21-29 March 1994

PROGRAMME

Monday 21. 3	Tuesday 22. 3	Wednesday 23.3	Thursday 24.3	Friday 25.3	Saturday 26.3	Monday 28.3	Tuesday 29.3
08.00 Registration of Delegates	Tuesday 22. 5	08.30 Special session by the	08.00 ²	08.30 Special Session	Saturday 20.5	08.15 Special session	Tuesuay 27.3
09.00 Meeting of the TDAB ¹		World Bank	08.00	Progress and new studies		on ITU-R Study Group	
10.00 Meeting of Heads of		World Dalik		in television broadcasting		activities	
Delegation				of interest to the		activities	
	09.00 Second Plenary	00 20 Farmeth Dlamann	09.00 Sixth Plenary		09.00 Seventh	00 00 Eighth Diagram	09.00 Eleventh Plenary
11.30 Seating of Delegates in Room Libertador		09.30 Fourth Plenary	1	developing countries		09.00 Eighth Plenary	· ·
	meeting Ministerial statements	meeting	meeting	09.00 Committee work	Plenary meeting	meeting	meeting
11.50 Closing of the room for		Statements by distinguished	Introduction of proposals	I	- Introduction of	Buenos Aires Action Plan	- Report of the Budget Control Committee
security purposes	(cont'd)	personalities (end)	(cont'd)	(3, 4)	proposals (cont'd)		
12.00 Inaugural Ceremony			11.00 C	(cont'd)	- Consideration of		- Buenos Aires Action
-Address by the Secretary-General of			11.00 Committee work	W. d C	proposals		Plan (cont'd)
the ITU			(3, 4)	Working Group LDCs / Rural			10 20 34 - 4 6 11 3 6
-Address by the Vice-President of				LDCs / Rurai			10.30 Meeting of Heads of
the United States of America			'	1		•	Delegations
-Address by the President of the							
Argentine Republic	10.00 7	10.007	10.001	44.00	10.00		10.00
13.40 Lunch / Press conference	12.30 Lunch	12.30 Lunch	12.30 Lunch	12.30 Lunch	12.30 Lunch	12.30 Lunch	12.30 Lunch
14.30 First Plenary meeting	14.30 Third Plenary	14.30 Fifth Plenary meeting	14.30 Committee work	14.30 Committee work	14.30 Committee	14.30 Ninth Plenary	14.30 Twelfth Plenary
- Election of WTDC Chairpersons	meeting	Agenda items 3 and 4 -	(3,4)	(3, 4)	work (3, 4)	meeting	meeting
- Adoption of the WTDC work	- Ministerial statements	Recommended approaches	(cont'd)	(cont'd)	(cont'd)	Agenda item 5 - Work	- Presentation and
programme and structure	(end)	for telecommunication				programme for the BDT	adoption of the Buenos
Agenda item 1 - Analysis of the	- Statements by	development - Special			Working Group	- Buenos Aires Action	Aires Declaration and
situation of telecommunication	distinguished personalities	programme for the Least			LDCs / Rural	Plan (cont'd)	Action Plan as well as
development		Developed Countries (LDCs)	1			- Organization of work	other Resolutions and
- Overview by BDT		- Report by the Director of				- Draft Resolutions	Recommendations
- Introduction of the WTDR ³		the BDT					- Election of Chairpersons
Agenda item 2 - Global goals and		- Message from the TDAB				18.00 Budget Control	of Study Groups
objectives		- Policy perspectives on the				Committee	
Ministerial statements	•	role of the ITU in					Closure of the
		development	i			20.00 Tenth Plenary	Conference
		- New initiatives to foster				meeting	
		telecommunication				- Buenos Aires Action	
		development in the LDCs				Plan (cont'd)	
		- Introduction of proposals				- Draft Resolutions	
18.00 Steering Committee	18.00 Budget Control	including the draft Buenos				(cont'd)	
	Committee	Aires Action Plan					
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	18.00 Presentation of the	18.00 TIES	18.00 Steering	18.00 Demonstration of			
	WTDR	ITU Telecommunication	Committee	Tele-Health Care			
	l	Information Exchange					
	18.00 STARS Telecom	Services	18.00 Demonstration of				
	indicators database		TBT (including CBT) ⁴				1

¹TDAB= Telecommunication Development Advisory Board

² Special meeting *Be a member - be a partner: the benefits of joining the ITU*³ WTDR = World Telecommunication Development Report

⁴ CBT= Computer-Based Training, TBT= Technology-Based Training

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