Resolution 38 (Rev. Hyderabad, 2010)

Development of the Youth Forum in the Telecommunication Development Bureau

The World Telecommunication Development Conference (Hyderabad, 2010),

recalling

Resolution 38 (Rev. Doha, 2006) of the World Telecommunication Development Conference,

considering

*a)* the extraordinary success of the Youth Forums, and the role of the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) in the success of such events, especially their active participation at ITU exhibitions, particularly the last TELECOM exhibition and Forum sessions (ITU TELECOM World 2009);

*b)* the need expressed by youth that ITU should continue to involve them in its major events;

*c)* the demonstrated competences of youth in information and communication technology (ICT) to provide future impetus for social and economic development;

*d)* the need to encourage the participation of youth in ICTs;

*e)* the need to protect youth from abuse and exploitation through ICTs, expressed in the Tunis Commitment and the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society adopted by the World Summit on the Information Society;

*f)* the need to link ITU to the future of ICT through youth activities,

recognizing

*a)* the enthusiasm and the ideals that youth can bring to the sector, and their desire to help create and work for a fair and better world;

*b)* the role of ICTs in protecting youth, enhancing their development and protecting them in childhood,

noting

the importance of portraying the enormous scope of talent required in the telecommunication sector, and the need for human resources from a wide variety of backgrounds to manage and utilize telecommunication technologies and services for bridging the digital divide,

resolves

1 that the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D) continue to support the Youth Forums and promote the interests and capabilities of youth in ICT, as a means of linking ITU's development efforts with the leaders of tomorrow;

2 that ITU-D develop and strengthen actions to make ICTs accessible to youth, in particular to the disadvantaged and marginalized, thereby bridging the digital divide,

instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau

1 to seek appropriate means to integrate youth issues into the activities of BDT, including through programmes with emphasis on capacity building;

2 to establish a mechanism for coordination for the Youth Forum, and follow-up support for the development of ICT capabilities of youth,

requests the Secretary-General

to bring this resolution to the attention of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Guadalajara, 2010) with a view to releasing appropriate resources for the corresponding activities and functions,

invites Member States and Sector Members

to develop partnerships with BDT in order to interest youth in ICT and in ITU.