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PLENARY MEETING

Chairman of the Conference

DRAFT RESOLUTION [PLEN-7]

SPECIAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY

The World Telecommunication Development Conference (Valletta, 1998),

recalling

- a) the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;
- b) Resolution 32 of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Kyoto, 1994) on Technical Assistance to the Palestinian Authority for the Development of Telecommunications;
- c) Resolution 6 of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Kyoto, 1994) and Resolution 741 of the ITU Council on the participation of Palestine in the work of ITU,

considering

- a) that the Constitution and Convention of the International Telecommunication Union (Geneva, 1992) are designed to strengthen peace and security in the world for the development of international cooperation and better understanding among the peoples concerned;
- b) the ITU's policy of assistance to the Palestinian Authority for the development of its telecommunication sector,

considering further

- a) that establishment of a reliable and modern telecommunication network is an essential part of economic and social development and is of the utmost importance to the future of the Palestinian people;
- b) the importance of the international community in assisting the Palestinians to develop a modern and reliable telecommunications network,

mindful

of the fundamental principles contained in the preamble of the ITU Constitution (Geneva 1992),

noting

the report of the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau on the Regional Telecommunication Development Conference for the Arab States (AR-RTDC-96),

noting further

- a) the BDT's long-term technical assistance to the Palestinian Authority for the development of its telecommunications pursuant to Resolution 32 of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Kyoto, 1994) and the urgent need for assistance to be provided in the various fields of information, informatics and communication;
- b) the decision and understanding reached at the World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-97) on the basis for the assignment to Palestine in the BSS Plan,

requests the Director of BDT

- a) to continue and enhance the technical assistance provided to the Palestinian Authority for the development of its telecommunications;
- b) to assist the Palestinian Authority in the mobilization of resources for the implementation of BDT projects for the development of telecommunications;
- c) to provide a periodic report on various experiences in liberalization and privatization of telecommunications and to assess their impact on the development of the sector in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank,

calls upon ITU Members

to cooperate with the Director of BDT in assisting the Palestinian Authority, financially and technically, for the implementation of BDT projects for improvement and development of the Palestinian telecommunication network, as well as training of the Palestinian staff,

resolves

in order to expedite the development of the telecommunication sector for the Palestinian Authority, to encourage both Parties to reach an agreement on:

- international code;
- frequency assignments;
- call signs,

prior to the Plenipotentiary Conference (1998),

instructs the Secretary-General

to report to the next Plenipotentiary Conference on the progress achieved on these issues.
