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WORKING GROUP ON THE ROLE OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR

Note by the Chairman

DETAILED TASKS OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE ROLE OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR

On the occasion of the second World Telecommunication Development Conference a Plenary Working Group on the role of the private sector will meet to discuss integrating the participation of the private sector more fully into the activities of the ITU-D. The Working Group will:

- Recommend mechanisms by which the private sector, through ITU-D, can better participate and influence BDT strategy development, program design and project delivery, with the overall goal of increasing mutual responsiveness to the requirements of telecommunication development.
- Identify mechanisms to enhance cooperation and arrangements between the private and public sectors as well as between private sector entities in developing countries and in developed countries by building upon the recommendations of ITU-2000.
- Advise on the means by which partnership with the private sector can be enhanced and to seek means to reach out to the private sector of developing countries and the many small companies in industrialized countries that are not knowledgeable of BDT activities, including the means to make ITU-D so attractive that it increases the private sector's activities, involvement and interest in the Development Sector.
- Advise on integrating the contributions of the private sector more fully into the activities of the BDT while ensuring requisite financial transparency to provide understanding of functions and priorities.
- Determine what modifications to ITU-D processes, practices and projects would facilitate and encourage private sector support and cooperation.
- Review the essential products of ITU-D which should be developed by Sector Members and the BDT secretariat.
- Discuss means to ensure that increased private sector participation is built into the Valletta Action Plan and the next study group cycle.

In this context, the private sector's vision of the future of telecommunications will be of considerable importance for the work of the Conference which will review the proposals received and establish the objectives and strategies for the next four years in order to ensure the development of telecommunications worldwide, as well as the priorities, work program and guidelines of the Telecommunication Development Sector.
