

RESOLUTION 20 (Rev.Doha, 2006)

Non-discriminatory access to modern telecommunication and information technology facilities and services

The World Telecommunication Development Conference (Doha, 2006),

recalling

Resolution 20 (Rev.Istanbul, 2002) of the World Telecommunication Development Conference,

recalling also

- a) Resolution 64 (Kyoto, 1994) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, and the importance of telecommunications for political, economic, social and cultural progress;
- b) the decisions of phases one and two of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) concerning non-discriminatory access,

taking into account

- a) that ITU plays an important role in the promotion of global telecommunication standardization and development;
- b) that, to this end, the Union coordinates efforts aimed at securing harmonious development of telecommunication facilities in all its Member States,

taking into account further

that this conference is required to formulate a viewpoint and draw up proposals on issues determining a worldwide information and communication technology (ICT) development strategy, and facilitate mobilization of the necessary resources to that end,

noting

- a) that modern ICT 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 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 enjoy 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,

encourages the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau

to engage in partnerships or strategic cooperation with parties which respect access to ICT facilities and services without discrimination,

requests the Secretary-General

to transmit this resolution to the Plenipotentiary Conference (Antalya, 2006) for consideration,

invites the Plenipotentiary Conference

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

invites administrations

to help telecommunication equipment manufacturers and service providers in ensuring that telecommunication technologies, facilities and services established on the basis of ITU-R and ITU-T Recommendations are made available to the use of the public without any discrimination, in accordance with the decisions of phases one and two of WSIS in this regard.
