

RESOLUTION 30 (Rev.Doha, 2006)

Role of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector in implementing the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society

The World Telecommunication Development Conference (Doha, 2006),

recalling

- a) Resolution 30 (Istanbul, 2002) of the World Telecommunication Development Conference, which achieved its aims in relation to the preparatory work for both phases of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS);
- b) the documents adopted by both phases of WSIS:
 - the Geneva Declaration of Principles and Plan of Action;
 - the Tunis Commitment and Agenda,

recognizing

- a) that WSIS stated that the core competencies of ITU are of crucial importance for building the information society, and identified ITU as a moderator/facilitator for implementing Action Lines C2 and C5, and as a partner in Action Lines C1, C3, C4, C6, C7 and C11³⁰;
- b) that the Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D), in view of its purposes and objectives, the nature of the existing partnership among Member States and ITU-D Sector Members, its accumulated experience over many years in dealing with different development needs and implementing a range of projects, including infrastructure projects and telecommunication/ICT infrastructure projects specifically, financed by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and various funds, the nature of its six existing programmes, adopted at this conference to meet the needs of the telecommunication/ICT infrastructure and achieve the WSIS goals, and the presence of its authorized regional offices, is a key partner in the implementation of WSIS outcomes,

resolves to invite the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector

1 to continue working in cooperation with the other ITU Sectors and with development partners (governments, specialized agencies of the United Nations, relevant international and regional organizations, etc.), through a clear plan and appropriate mechanisms for coordination among the different partners concerned at the national, regional, interregional and global levels, having particular regard to the needs of the developing countries, including in the field of building the telecommunication/ICT infrastructure, building confidence and security in the use of telecommunications/ICTs, and implementation of the other WSIS goals;

2 to continue to encourage the principle of non-exclusion from the information society and to devise appropriate mechanisms to this end (§§ 20-25 of the Tunis Commitment);

³⁰ The Syrian Arab Republic, on behalf of the Arab States, expressed a reservation regarding the exclusion of Action Line C8 in this resolution.

3 to continue to facilitate an enabling environment encouraging ITU-D Sector Members to give priority to investing in the development of the telecommunication/ICT infrastructure, encompassing rural, isolated and remote regions, through different technologies;

4 to assist Member States in finding and/or improving innovative financial mechanisms to develop telecommunication/ICT infrastructure (such as the Digital Solidarity Fund and others mentioned in § 27 of the Tunis Agenda);

5 to continue to assist developing countries in advancing their legal and regulatory frameworks in order to further the goal of building the telecommunication/ICT infrastructure and achieve the other WSIS goals;

6 to pursue its activities in the field of statistical work for telecommunication development, using the indicators required to evaluate progress in this area with a view to bridging the digital divide, *inter alia*, within the framework of the partnership on measuring ICT for development and consistent with §§ 113-118 of the Tunis Agenda;

7 to develop and implement the ITU-D strategic plan, taking into account the need to give priority to building the telecommunication/ICT infrastructure at the national, regional, interregional and global levels and to achieve the other WSIS goals related to the activities of ITU-D;

8 to propose at the forthcoming plenipotentiary conference appropriate mechanisms within available resources for funding the activities flowing from WSIS that are relevant to the core competencies of ITU, specifically:

- i) Action Lines C2 and C5, in which ITU is identified as a moderator/facilitator;
- ii) Action Lines C1, C3, C4, C6, C7 and its eight sub-Action Lines and C11, in which ITU is identified as a partner,

calls upon Member States

to give priority to the development of the telecommunication/ICT infrastructure, including in rural, remote and underserved areas, in order to build the information society,

requests the Secretary-General

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