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STUDY GROUP 1

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1 Introduction

Study Group 1 was set up in accordance with Resolution 2 of WTDC-94 (Buenos Aires, March 1994) and it was entrusted with the study of five Questions in the field of telecommunication development strategies and policies for the period 1994-1998.

2 Meetings held by Study Group 1

Study Group 1 met twice in plenary in Geneva in the course of the study period. The first meeting was under the chairmanship of Mr. Ali Hamza (Algeria), assisted by the Vice-Chairmen Mr. Abdoul Salim (Bangladesh) and Mr. Pal Horváth (Inmarsat). The second meeting was under the chairmanship of Mr. Pal Horváth, Vice-Chairman.

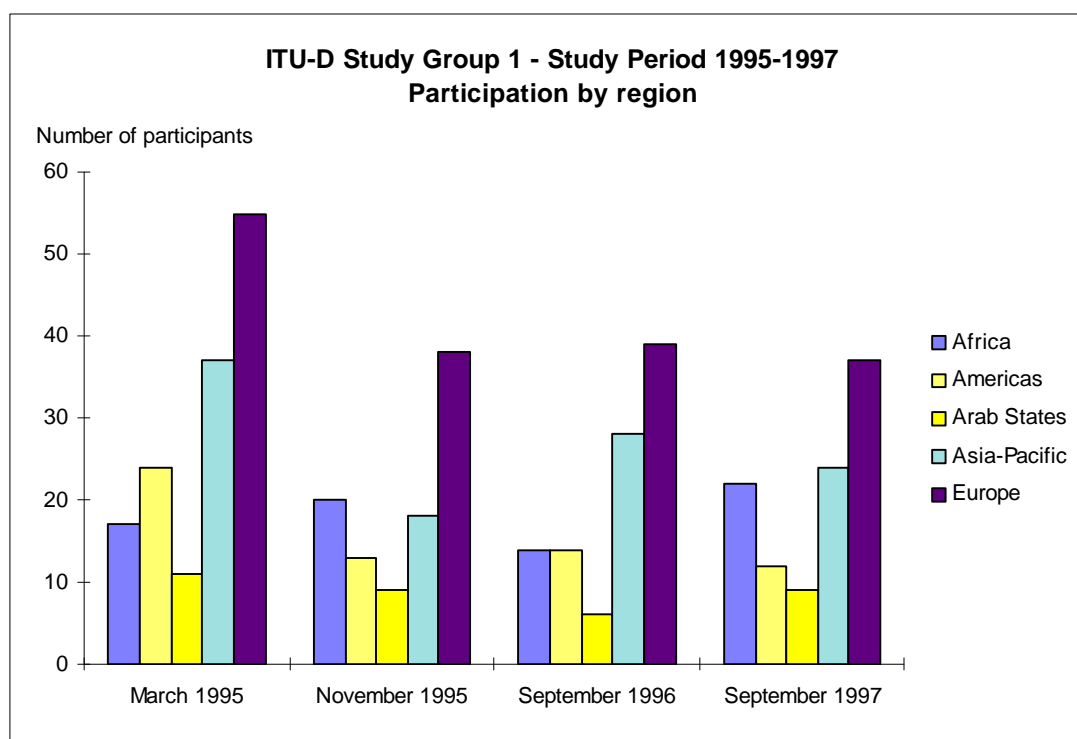
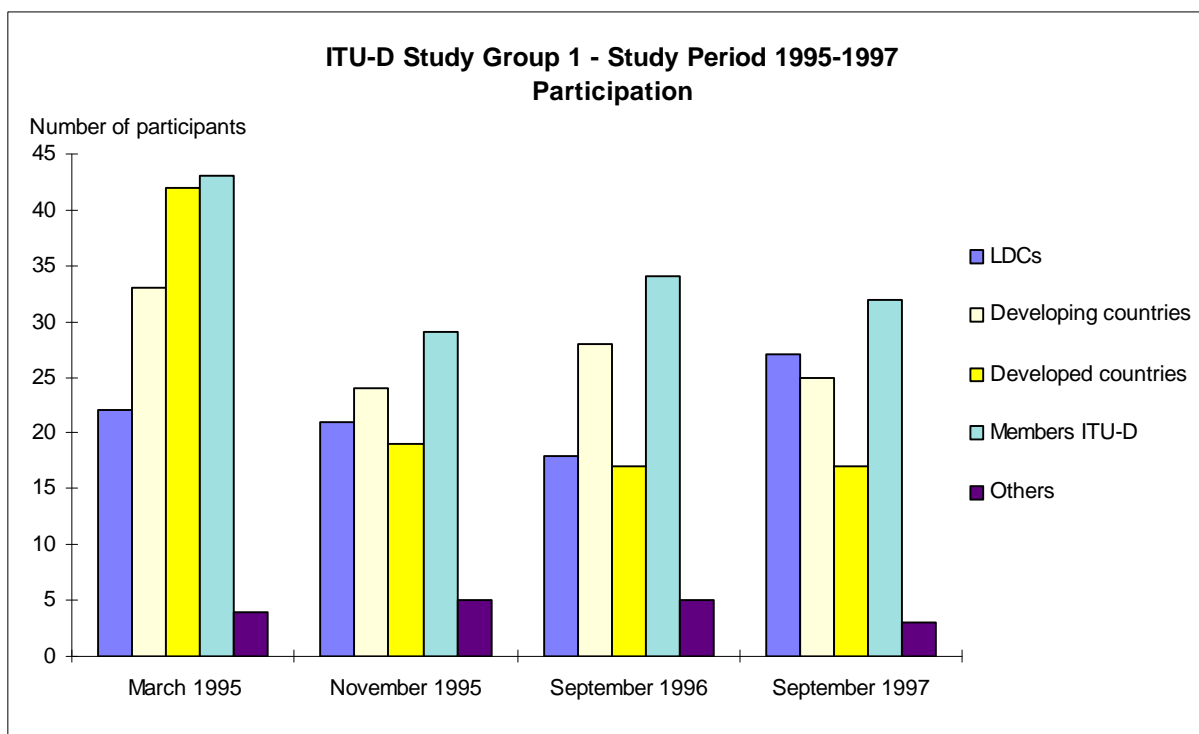
Several meetings of Working Parties and Rapporteurs' Groups took place during the study period. The dates of meetings can be found in Table 1.

TABLE 1

Meeting dates	Type of meeting
6-16 March 1995	Study Group Plenary, Working Parties, Rapporteurs' Groups
27-30 November 1995	Working Parties, Rapporteurs' Groups
10-13 September 1996	Working Parties, Rapporteurs' Groups
22-26 September 1997	Study Group Plenary, Working Parties, Rapporteurs' Groups

Statistical information concerning participation in Study Group meetings is presented hereunder in Table 2.

TABLE 2



3 Structure of Study Group 1

The study of the Questions allocated to Study Group 1 was carried out in two Working Parties and five Rapporteurs' Groups, in accordance with the terms of reference of Study Group 1.

4 Management team of Study Group 1

Chairman of Study Group:

Mr. Ali Hamza (Algeria)

Vice-Chairman of Study Group and Chairman of Working Party A/1 - Policies for the development of telecommunications:

Mr. Abdoul Salim (Bangladesh)

Vice-Chairman of Study Group:

Mr. Pal Horváth (Inmarsat)

Vice-Chairwoman of Working Party A/1:

Mrs. Mindel de la Torre (USA)

Vice-Chairman of Working Party A/1:

Mr. Edgar Borg (Malta)

Chairman of Working Party B/1 - Policies for telecommunications financing and industry:

Mr. Mesfin Haile (Ethiopia)

Vice-Chairman of Working Party B/1:

Mr. Thierry Pillet (France)
(until November 1996)

TABLE 3

List of Rapporteurs and Associated Rapporteurs of Study Group 1

Question	Title	Rapporteurs	Associated Rapporteurs
Q.1/1	Role of telecommunications in economic, social and cultural development	Mr. Mohamed Boumaiza (Tunisia) (until November 1995)	
Q.2/1	Telecommunication policies and their repercussions at the level of institutional, regulatory and operational aspects of services	Mrs. Mindel de la Torre (USA)	Mr. Abderrazak Berrada (Morocco) Mr. Dietmar Plesse (Germany) Mr. Ahmad Tanvir (Pakistan) Mr. G. Sallai (Hungary) Mr. Youngsuk Zeon (Korea)
Q.3/1	Impact of the introduction and utilization of new services on the commercial and regulatory environment of telecommunications	Mr. Edgar Borg (Malta)	Mr. Wyn Lucas (until November 1996)
Q.4/1	Policies and ways for financing telecommunication infrastructures in developing countries	Mr. Thierry Pillet (France) (until November 1996) Mr. Bernard Rouxville (France) (from November 1996) (topics 1, 2, 3, 4) Mr. Homoud Hamad Al-Rawahi (Oman) (topics 5, 6)	
Q.5/1	Industrialization and transfer of technology	Mr. Roderick Sanatan (CTU)	Mr. Bruce Gracie (Canada) Mr. David Odera Kabunge (Kenya)

5 Organization of work

At the first meeting of Study Group 1, Document 1/53, concerning structure and working methods, was approved. This document was prepared by a draft committee headed by Mr. A. Berrada (Morocco).

A pragmatic approach was adopted in relation to the organization of the work of Study Group 1, having regard to the following considerations:

- the respective levels of interest and priority attached to the Questions under study by the members of the Study Group;
- the availability of experienced experts from all interested parties to deal with subjects of a specific nature;
- the budgetary resources available to the BDT, which would determine the number of meetings and the facilities for simultaneous interpretation.

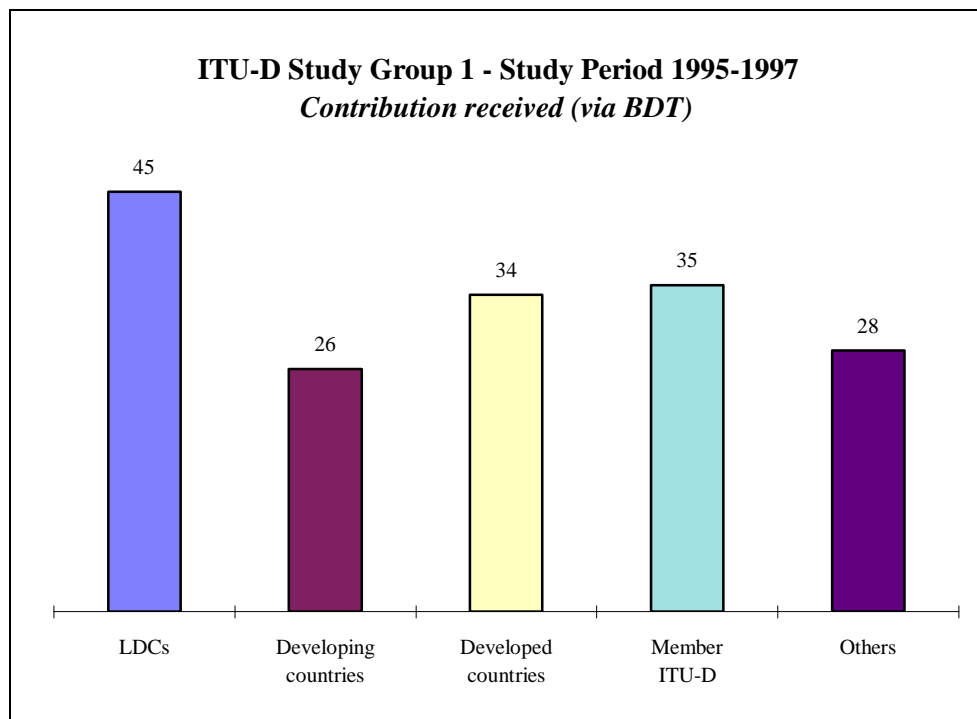
Each Rapporteurs' Group prepared work programmes for the period (1995-1997). All work programmes were discussed and approved by the Study Group Plenary Meeting in March 1995.

Due to resource limitations, it was decided that most of the work would be done by correspondence or via ITU's on-line services, such as TIES (Telecommunication Information Exchange Services).

6 Results of the work

The results of the Study Group depended very much on the contributions received. In Table 4 the total number of contributions received via BDT is presented. Many contributions were also sent directly to the Rapporteurs for inclusion in the Final Reports and Recommendations.

TABLE 4



However, due to the different nature of the ITU-D Study Groups compared with the Study Groups of the Radiocommunication and Standardization Sectors, it is necessary to obtain information from many organizations which are involved directly and even indirectly in telecommunication development programmes and activities. Therefore, in addition to the contributions received from the members of the ITU Development Sector, each Rapporteur worked hard to obtain useful information from different sources. Although the period between the two World Development Conferences was four years, the actual working period for the Study Groups was only 2.5 years due to a delay in the beginning. Therefore, it is very important to commence work in the new study period as soon as possible after the Valletta Conference.

The results of the work of Study Group 1 are summarized in Table 5.

Study Group 1 is proposing for study during the 1998-2002 study period to continue the study of all five Questions with modified mandates according to the country's needs and taking into account the new regulatory environment. The text of these Questions is given in Annex 2.

TABLE 5
Status of Questions assigned to Study Group 1

Question	Recommendations	Final Report	Status of Question
Q.1/1 - Role of telecommunications in economic, social and cultural development	None	The draft Final Report was approved by the Study Group with remarks for some improvements to be done later on.	It is necessary to continue the study. There was consensus that given the nature of the Question this study should be conducted on a project basis with the assistance of experts, as necessary.
Q.2/1 - Telecommunication policies and their repercussions at the level of institutional, regulatory and operational aspects of services	Recommendation on telecommunication policies	The study of this Question was well completed on time. The Final Report was approved by the Study Group Plenary Meeting in September 1997.	It is necessary to continue the study to cover new important points.
Q.3/1- Impact of the introduction and utilization of new services on the commercial and regulatory environment of telecommunications	Recommendation on the impact of the introduction and utilization of new technologies	The Final Report was approved by the Study Group Plenary Meeting in September 1997.	The study has to be continued cover new aspects.

Question	Recommendations	Final Report	Status of Question
Q.4/1 - Policies and ways for financing telecommunication infrastructures in developing countries	<p>Recommendation on tariff policies and methods of determining costs.</p> <p>Recommendation on policies and ways for financing telecommunication infrastructures in developing countries.</p>	<p>The preparation of the Report was started by Mr. T. Pillet as a Rapporteur to this Question. Unfortunately, Mr. Pillet was not able to lead the study after November 1997 due to his new job in his administration. Mr. B. Rouxville was selected as a new Rapporteur to this Question.</p> <p>During the last meeting of the Study Group it was agreed that the Rapporteur would make some additions and improvements to the Interim Report: recent contributions from the United States will be attached. An updated list of banks and financing institutions will be published separately.</p>	It is necessary to continue the study. The Interim Report will be a working document for the next study period.
Q.5/1 - Industrialization and transfer of technology	Recommendation on industrialization and transfer of technology.	During the last meeting of the Study Group it was agreed that the Rapporteur would make some additions to the Final Report: recent contributions, country case studies and new data from Brazil, Canada, China and the United States.	It is necessary to continue the study.

