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## **STUDY GROUP 1**

SOURCE: TELECOMMUNICATION DEVELOPMENT BUREAU (BDT)

TITLE: RELATION OF THE STUDY GROUP WORK WITH THE RELEVANT

VALLETTA ACTION PLAN ACTIVITIES

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- 1 Programme 1 Reform, Legislation and regulation of telecommunications
  - Q.6/1 Interconnection
  - Q.8/1 Establishment of an independent Regulatory Body
  - Q.9/1 Impact of the introduction and utilization of new technologies on the regulatory environment of telecommunications
- 2 Programme 2 Technologies and global information infrastructure (GII) development and applications, including GMPCS and Internet
  - Q.10/1 Regulatory impact of the phenomenon of convergence within the telecommunications, broadcasting, information technology and content sectors
  - Q.13/1 Promotion of infrastructure and use of the Internet in developing countries
  - Q.15/1 Technology transfer and information
  - Q.11/2 Examine digital broadcasting technologies and systems, including cost/benefit analyses, assessment of demands on human resources, interoperability of digital systems with existing analogue networks and methods of migration from analogue to digital technique
  - Q.12/2 Examine broadband communications over traditional copper wires on aspects of technologies, systems and applications

- Q.13/2 Methods to enhance the viability of public service broadcasting particularly focussing on developing countries
- Q.14/2 Fostering the application of telecommunications in health care. Identifying and documenting success factors for implementing telemedicine
- 3 Programme 3 Rural development and universal service/access
  - Q.7/1 Universal Access/Service
  - Q.14/1 The role of telecommunications in social and cultural development, including the protection and promotion of indigenous culture and identity
  - Q.10/2 Communications for rural and remote areas
- 4 Programme 4 Finance and economics, including WTO issues, tariffs, accounting rates, etc
  - Q.12/1 Tariff policies, tariff models and methods of determining the cost of national telecommunication services
- 5 Programme 5 Development partnership with the private sector
  - Q.11/1 Factors to create a climate favourable to investment
- 6 Programme 6 Capacity building through human resources development and management
  - Q.15/2 Human resource management and development to successfully meet the challenges of sector reform and transformation, with special emphasis to employment including consideration of gender issues