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Subject: **Questionnaire on the “Regulatory impact of the phenomenon of convergence within telecommunications, broadcasting, information technology and content sectors”**  
— **(Question 10/1)**

**TO ADMINISTRATIONS OF MEMBER STATES OF THE ITU,  
MEMBERS OF THE DEVELOPMENT SECTOR  
AND BROADCASTING ORGANIZATIONS/UNIONS**

Dear Sir/Madam,

During the last meeting of ITU-D Study Group 1 (Geneva, 30 August - 3 September 1999), the participants emphasized the need for the Rapporteur for this Question to have information on convergence of the various services in the different countries.

I would therefore be grateful if each recipient could reply to the attached questionnaire. The questionnaire is available on the Web at the following address:  
<http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/Activities.html>.

I would highly appreciate any possible input from your organization, even beyond the content of the questions themselves. Any piece of information would be of great use for the Rapporteur in order to write his final report.

I would kindly request you to send your replies on separate sheets, indicating the number of the relevant question, preferably by e-mail, or by fax, no later than **29 February 2000** to the Telecommunication Development Bureau:

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I thank you very much for your co-operation.

Yours faithfully,

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**Annex:** Questionnaire

Distribution:

- Administrations of Member States of the ITU;
- ITU-D Sector members;
- Broadcasting Organizations/Unions
- Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of ITU-D Study Groups 1 and 2;
- Rapporteurs and active participants on Question 10/1;
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**QUESTIONNAIRE ON THE “REGULATORY IMPACT OF THE PHENOMENON OF  
CONVERGENCE WITHIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS, BROADCASTING,  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND CONTENT SECTORS”**

1. What kind of telecommunication infrastructures are available in your country?
2. To what extent can your network capabilities support the supply of Information Society services?
3. Is your administration/organization investing to upgrade the networks with new (digital) technologies?
4. To what extent is the demand for information society services growing in your country?
5. What services do you consider are involved in the convergence phenomenon?
6. Can you assess the impact of convergence on consumers’ behaviour and its socio-economic effect?
7. Could convergence have a beneficial effect on education and training?
8. Are you able to identify the presence of barriers to convergence due to any of the following factors:
  - Consumers’ lack of knowledge
  - Prices for telecommunication services
  - Availability of content
  - Insufficient Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) protection
  - Regulatory uncertainty
  - Access to the networks
  - Allocation of radio frequencies and other resources
  - Lack of Research and Development resources
  - Others?
9. Do you support a policy based on the principles of affordability and universal access to the telecommunications network?
10. Do you consider the role of public service broadcasting as an activity of public interest?

11. What kind of public interest would you envisage to pursue through the development of convergence?
12. Is the market developing a demand for fixed-mobile services?
13. Are you proceeding to implement International Mobile Telecommunications 2000 (IMT-2000) services?

