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RESOLUTION 8 (Rev.Doha, 2006)

Collection and dissemination of information and statistics

The World Telecommunication Development Conference (Doha, 2006),

recalling

Resolution 8 (Rev.Istanbul, 2002) of the World Telecommunication Development Conference,

considering

- a) that the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D) performs a key role in the exchange and dissemination of information and statistics;
- b) the importance of the existing Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) databases, in particular the indicators database and the regulatory database;
- c) the usefulness of reports published by ITU-D, such as the World Telecommunication Development Report and the reports on Trends in Telecommunication Reform;
- d) the dissemination of the Blue Book for the Americas, the African Green Paper and the Arab White Book concerning the development of telecommunications in these regions,

considering further

- a) that the telecommunication sector at the national level is reforming at an incredible pace;
- b) that policy approaches vary and countries can benefit from the experiences of others,

recognizing

- a) that, by acting as a clearing house for the exchange of information and statistics, BDT will be able to assist Member States in making informed national policy choices;
- b) that the countries must participate actively in this endeavour in order to make it successful,

recognizing further

- a) that this kind of information and these statistics are extremely useful for the work of the study groups and in assisting ITU to assess the information and communication technology (ICT) landscape, including telecommunications;
- b) the new responsibilities to be held by ITU-D in relation to this subject, pursuant to the Tunis Agenda, in particular § 115 thereof,

resolves to instruct the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau

1 to support this activity by providing adequate resources and according it the necessary priority;

2 to continue to survey countries and produce world and regional reports which highlight country lessons and experiences, in particular on:

- trends in telecommunication sector reform;
- world telecommunication developments;
- trends on tariff policies, in collaboration with the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T);
- implementation of the General Agreement on Trade in Services;

- 3 to establish and collect community connectivity indicators and to participate in the establishment of core indicators to measure efforts to build the information society and, by doing so, to illustrate the scale of the digital divide;
- 4 to encourage countries to collect information illustrating national digital divides;
- 5 to further develop and improve benchmarking efforts, including the ICT Opportunity Index;
- 6 to strengthen ITU-D's role in the *Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development* by acting as a member of the steering committee and through active participation in discussions and activities geared toward achieving its main objectives;
- 7 to provide indicator and regulatory information on the ITU-D website and to establish appropriate mechanisms and modalities for countries which do not have electronic access to obtain this information;
- 8 to provide technical assistance to regulatory authorities for the development of national telecommunication databases containing statistical and policy and regulatory information, including support for making information available electronically and training of personnel in skills related to the process;
- 9 to provide information on specialized expertise of ITU-D Sector Members in different fields of telecommunication/ICT with the purpose of assisting those who might wish to request their services and to develop training material and conduct specialized training courses on information society statistics for developing countries;
- 10 to unify all BDT information and statistical databases on the BDT website so as to respond to the objectives as stated in §§ 113, 114, 115, 116, 117 and 118 of the Tunis Agenda, and to play a primary role in relation to §§ 119 and 120;
- 11 to assist countries with indigenous populations in developing indicators to evaluate the impact of ICTs on indigenous peoples that enable the achievement of the objectives set forth in C8 of the Geneva Plan of Action;
- 12 to continue to cooperate with the relevant international bodies, in particular the United Nations Statistics Division, and other international and regional organizations, such as the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), involved in the collection and dissemination of ICT-related information and statistics,

invites Member States and Sector Members

to participate actively in this endeavour by providing the information solicited,

encourages

donor agencies and relevant United Nations agencies, as well as ITU non-members, to cooperate in providing relevant information on their activities.
