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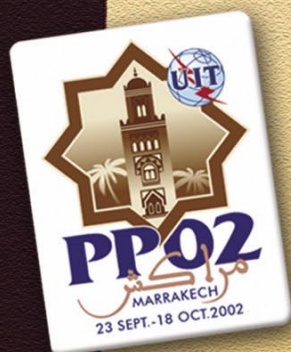
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Goal 4: Develop tools, based on contributions from the membership, to safeguard the integrity and interoperability of networks.

Goal 5: Continue to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of ITU's structures and services and their relevance to the membership.

Goal 6: Disseminate information and know-how to provide the membership, particularly developing countries, with capabilities to respond to the challenges of privatization, competition, globalization and technological change.

PART II – The Sectors

4 Radiocommunication Sector (ITU-R)

4.1 The mission of the ITU Radiocommunication Sector is, *inter alia*, to ensure rational, equitable, efficient and economical use of the radio-frequency spectrum by all radiocommunication services, including those using satellite orbits, and to carry out studies and adopt recommendations on radiocommunication matters.

4.2 This mission is to be undertaken within the environment identified in Part I, section 2 above for the Union as a whole, and specifically characterized in ITU-R by:

4.2.1 a growing recognition of the economic value of the frequency spectrum, which has implications for the development of new technologies and the demand for spectrum and orbit access;

4.2.2 ever-increasing demand for the limited radio-frequency spectrum for space and terrestrial radiocommunication systems, which has led to proliferation of frequency assignment notices and overfiling at ITU, some of which are speculative;

6 Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D)

6.1 The mission of the Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D) is to achieve its objectives based on the right to communicate of all the inhabitants of the world through access to infrastructure and information and communication services. In this regard, the mission is:

6.1.1 to assist developing countries in the field of information and communication technologies (ICT), in facilitating the mobilization of technical, human and financial resources needed for their implementation, as well as in promoting access to ICTs;

6.1.2 to promote the extension of the benefits of ICTs to all the world's inhabitants;

6.1.3 to promote and participate in actions that contribute towards narrowing the digital divide;

6.1.4 to develop and manage programmes that facilitate information flow geared to the needs of developing countries, with a focus on populations with special needs, including the disabled and disadvantaged.

6.2 This mission should complement that of other organizations and entities seeking to improve access to communication technologies and services in the developing world.

6.3 The mission encompasses ITU's dual responsibility as a United Nations specialized agency and an executing agency for implementing projects under the United Nations Development Programme or other funding arrangements.

6.4 The mission is to be undertaken within the environment identified in Part I, section 2 above for the Union as a whole, and specifically characterized in ITU-D by increased partnership with other international, regional and other entities in actions to promote the development of telecommunications and narrow the digital divide.

6.5 Within its overall mission, the priorities of the Telecommunication Development Sector for 2004-2007, in addition to those that may be identified by future conferences, are shown below. Each priority is linked to the specific, relevant goal enumerated in Part I, section 3.3 above:

6.5.1 To promote the development, expansion, operation and increased efficiency of ICT networks and services, particularly in the developing countries (Goal 2).

6.5.2 To promote access to ICT networks and services for all, with particular emphasis on the disabled and disadvantaged (Goal 2).

6.5.3 To provide assistance and tools to Member States in creating regulatory and policy environments, institutional and organizational resources, and development activities that promote priorities 6.5.1 and 6.5.2 above (Goals 1, 2 and 6).

6.5.4 To provide assistance and tools for Sector Members seeking to provide ICTs and other services in developing countries (Goal 2).

6.5.5 To collect, analyse and make available information, data and statistics on ICTs in order to assist Member States and Sector Members in making informed policy and development decisions (Goal 6).

6.5.6 To strengthen communication channels and establish the necessary coordination and cooperation between the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) and the ITU-D membership, and ensure cooperative and effective communications and coordination between BDT, both at headquarters and at the regional offices, and the other ITU Sectors and the ITU secretariat (Goals 5 and 6).

6.5.7 To improve communication channels and establish the necessary coordination and cooperation with other international, regional and subregional organizations, and other entities involved in the development of ICTs and services, in order to create the appropriate framework for the application and development of services, ensuring that ITU's and ITU-D's role and mission are understood (Goals 1, 2 and 3).

6.5.8 To ensure that the ITU Member States and ITU-D Sector Members and Associates derive maximum benefits from ITU's role as a specialized agency of the United Nations and an executing agency for implementing projects under the United Nations development system or other funding arrangements (Goals 1 and 5).

6.5.9 To develop and strengthen the linkage between financial, strategic and operational planning (Goal 5).

6.5.10 To monitor, through the Telecommunication Development Advisory Group (TDAG), the performance of the Sector against identified milestones and to propose adjustments to the strategic plan as needed (Goal 5).

6.5.11 To ensure incorporation of a gender perspective in its programmes and activities and provide for its implementation as far as possible (Goal 5).

6.5.12 To emphasize the needs and capabilities of youth in telecommunication development (Goal 5).

6.5.13 To contribute, as appropriate, to preparation of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) (Goals 2 and 6).

6.5.14 To ensure that developing countries' experiences in the ICT field are taken into account for the establishment of partnerships in this field (Goals 2 and 6).

PART III – The secretariat

7.1 The mission of the secretariat is to provide high-quality and efficient services to the membership of the Union, notably in the Plenipotentiary Conference, the Council, conferences, assemblies, meetings, policy forums, TELECOM exhibitions and other events, as well as the dissemination of information.

7.2 The secretariat performs specific tasks and duties identified in the Constitution and Convention and/or discharges other duties and responsibilities handed down in resolutions and decisions of the Plenipotentiary Conference, the Council, conferences and assemblies.