

RESOLUTION 60 (Hyderabad, 2010)

Assistance to countries in special situations: Haiti

The World Telecommunication Development Conference (Hyderabad, 2010),

recalling

Resolution 34 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) of the Plenipotentiary Conference,

further recalling

the purposes of the Union, as enshrined in Article 1 of the ITU Constitution,

recognizing

a) that the telecommunication infrastructure in the Republic of Haiti has been significantly affected by the earthquake that struck the country on 12 January 2010;

b) that Haiti at present does not have a sufficient national information and communication infrastructure with adequate international and Internet access;

c) that an adequate telecommunication system is an essential tool in the process of rebuilding the country;

d) that, under the present conditions and in the foreseeable future, Haiti will require the support of the international community in order to build a national information infrastructure that is compatible with its socio-economic development objectives,

noting

a) that Haiti received emergency telecommunication assistance from ITU immediately following the earthquake;

b) the efforts deployed by the ITU Secretary-General and the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) to assist other countries following armed conflicts or natural disasters,

resolves

that the special action initiated by the Secretary-General and the Director of BDT, with specialized assistance from the ITU Radiocommunication Sector and the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector, should be continued in order to provide assistance and support to Haiti in rebuilding its telecommunication/information and communication technology (ICT) infrastructure, establishing appropriate institutions, human capacity building, developing telecommunication legislation and a regulatory framework and harnessing the recognized potential of telecommunications/ICTs for the country's socio-economic and cultural development,

calls upon Member States

to offer all possible assistance and support to the Government of Haiti, either bilaterally or through the special action of the Union referred to above,

invites the Council

to allocate the necessary funds for the implementation of this resolution,

instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau

- 1 to provide focused assistance in the different fields identified by Haiti;
- 2 to take immediate measures to implement a framework of cooperation allowing the country's systematic adoption of ICTs with a view to its sustainable development,

requests the Secretary-General

- 1 to bring this resolution to the attention of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Guadalajara, 2010) and seek the allocation of the necessary resources;
- 2 to coordinate the activities carried out by the three ITU Sectors in accordance with *resolves* above;
- 3 to ensure that the Union's action in favour of Haiti is as effective as possible, and to report on the matter to the ITU Council.