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| E-mail: | [tsbsg3@itu.int](mailto:tsbsg3@itu.int) | **Copy:**  - To ITU-T Sector Members;  - To ITU-T Associates;  - To ITU-T Academia;  - To the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of Study Group 3;  - To the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau;  - To the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau |

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| Subject: | **Meeting of Study Group 3 with a view to approving draft new Recommendation  ITU-T D.98, draft revised Recommendation ITU-T D.99 and draft new Annex B to Recommendation ITU-T D.156 in accordance with the provisions of Resolution 1, Section 9, of WTSA (Johannesburg, 2008)**  **Geneva, 7 September 2012** |

Dear Sir/Madam,

1 At the request of the Chairman of Study Group 3, *Tariff and accounting principles including related telecommunication economic and policy issues*, I have the honour to inform you that this Study Group, which will meet from 3 to 7 September 2012, intends to apply the procedure described in Resolution 1, Section 9, of WTSA (Johannesburg, 2008) for the approval of the above-mentioned draft texts.

2 The titles, summaries and locations of the draft ITU-T texts proposed for approval will be found in **Annex 1**.

3 Any ITU Member State, Sector Member, Associate or Academic Institution aware of a patent held by itself or others which may fully or partly cover elements of the draft texts proposed for approval is requested to disclose such information to TSB, in accordance with the Common Patent Policy for ITU-T/ITU-R/ISO/IEC.

Available patent information can be accessed on‑line via the ITU‑T website ([www.itu.int/ITU-T/ipr/](http://www.itu.int/itu-t/ipr/)).

4 Having regard to the provisions of Resolution 1, Section 9, I should be grateful if you would inform me by 2400 hours UTC **on 22 August 2012** whether your Administration assigns authority to Study Group 3 that these draft texts should be considered for approval at the Study Group meeting.

Should any Member States be of the opinion that consideration for approval should not proceed, they should advise their reasons for disapproving and indicate the possible changes that would facilitate further consideration and approval of the draft texts.

5 If 70% or more of the replies from Member States support consideration for approval of these draft texts at the Study Group meeting, one Plenary session will be devoted **on 7 September 2012** to apply the approval procedure.

I accordingly invite your Administration to send a representative to the meeting. **The Administrations of Member States of the Union** are invited to supply the name of the head of their delegation. If your Administration wishes to be represented at the meeting by a recognized operating agency, a scientific or industrial organization or another entity dealing with telecommunication matters, the Director should be duly informed, in accordance with Article 19, No. 239, of the ITU Convention.

6 The agenda and all relevant information concerning the Study Group 3 meeting will be available from Collective letter 5/3.

7 After the meeting, the Director of TSB will notify, in a circular, the decision taken on these texts. This information will also be published in the ITU Operational Bulletin.

Yours faithfully,

Malcolm Johnson  
Director of the Telecommunication  
Standardization Bureau

**Annex**: 1

ANNEX 1  
(to TSB Circular 288)

***Note: The full text is available in report COM 3-R 23.***

**1 Draft Recommendation ITU-T D.98 (new)**

CHARGING IN INTERNATIONAL MOBILE ROAMING SERVICE

**Summary**

This Recommendation proposes measures to empower consumers to benefit from efficient competition and regulation so that they have the information and transparency to take appropriate actions; to identify measures for improving the way the market works; and proposals for regulatory actions, which may include measures to lower rates.

**2 Draft Recommendation ITU-T D.99 (revised)**

INDICATIVE RATE FOR INTERNATIONAL MOBILE TERMINATION

**Summary**

ITU-T Recommendation D.99 discusses the question of an indicative rate for international mobile termination and provides some suggestions for consideration by national regulatory authorities.

**3 Draft Annex B to Recommendation ITU-T D.156 (new)**

DETERMINATION OF THE NETWORK EXTERNALITY PREMIUM

**Summary**

This Annex presents a method to calculate the network externality premium.

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