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**OPINION 1 – Practical application of network
externality premium**

FOREWORD

The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is the United Nations specialized agency in the field of telecommunications, and information and communication technologies (ICTs). The ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T) is a permanent organ of ITU. ITU-T is responsible for studying technical, operating and tariff questions and issuing Recommendations on them with a view to standardizing telecommunications on a worldwide basis.

The World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA), which meets every four years, establishes the topics for study by the ITU-T study groups which, in turn, produce Recommendations on these topics.

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The World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (Dubai, 2012),

considering

- a)* the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society (Tunis, 2005);
- b)* Resolution 22 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on the distribution of revenues in the provision of international telecommunications services;
- c)* the approval by the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (Johannesburg, 2008) (WTSA-08) of Recommendation ITU-T D.156, on network externalities,

noting

that some Member States have expressed reservations on this Recommendation and requested that clarification be made on some issues and a practical model be developed to calculate the value of the network externality premium,

considering further

- a)* the approval by Study Group 3 of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T) in May 2010 of Annex A to Recommendation ITU-T D.156, on the practical implementation of Recommendation ITU-T D.156, which provides answers to questions that had been raised;
- b)* the approval by Study Group 3 in September 2012 of Annex B to Recommendation ITU-T D.156, on determination of the value of the network externality premium, which offers a practical method of calculating this premium,

is of the opinion that

in view of the progress achieved so far within Study Group 3, the Member States concerned may wish to review the respective positions adopted at WTSA-08 and possibly withdraw the reservations regarding Recommendation ITU-T D.156,

invites Member States

to take all measures necessary for the effective implementation of Recommendation ITU-T D.156,

invites the Council

at its 2013 session, to report on this subject to the 2014 plenipotentiary conference, in accordance with Resolution 22 (Rev. Antalya, 2006).