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Resolution 26 – Assistance to regional groups of Study Group 3

FOREWORD

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RESOLUTION 26

Assistance to regional groups of Study Group 3

(Geneva, 1996; Montreal, 2000; Florianópolis, 2004; Johannesburg, 2008)

The World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (Johannesburg, 2008),

considering

- a) that regional groups have been established within Study Group 3;
- b) that the activities of most of these groups have become increasingly important;
- c) that the study of tariff and accounting matters and the study of most of the economic aspects of telecommunication services call for human and financial resources which are not always available to developing countries¹;
- d) that, for determining rates, national network costs, at both international or regional ends of the relation, are one of the most important components;
- e) that Study Group 1 of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D) has been instructed to study, *inter alia*, the question of balanced national tariff structures in the developing countries;
- f) that the existing regional groups of Study Group 3 have, to a large extent, developed their cost methodology;
- g) that the implementation of those existing cost methodologies needs to be pursued, while adapting them to evolution,

calls upon the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau

to cooperate with the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau in order to:

- i) continue to provide specific assistance to the current and future regional groups of Study Group 3 for pursuing the study of the methods and/or methodologies and criteria to be used in setting rates and collection charges;
- ii) encourage the continuing development of computerized application tools related to their cost methodology by the members of the regional groups of Study Group 3;
- iii) take appropriate steps to facilitate meetings of the current and future regional groups of Study Group 3 and promote the necessary synergies between the two Sectors.

¹ These include the least developed countries, small island developing states and countries with economies in transition.