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Taking into account the significance of financing problems and global developments in the trade in telecommunication services in Latin America and the Caribbean, the objectives of the Colloquium were: to encourage and stimulate new sources and innovative modalities of financing; to facilitate partnership through bilateral and private meetings between the private and public sector; to foster telecommunication sector liberalisation so as to facilitate the entry of new telecommunication operators. Volume I includes the Message from the BDT Director, summary of conclusions and recommendations, programme and the list of participants. Volume II includes the abstracts and presentations.

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