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This document lists the Questions to be studied by Study Group 2 during the period 1998-2001 as approved by Committee B. The document is submitted to the Plenary for approval.

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**List of new Questions for the study period 1998-2001  
Study Group 2**

Title	Source
<b>I Classical Study Group approach</b>	
1 Identify study group Questions in the ITU-T and ITU-R Sectors which are of particular interest to developing countries and systematically, by way of annual progress reports, inform them of the progress of work on the Questions to facilitate their contributions to the work on those Questions as well as, ultimately, to benefit from their outputs in a timely manner	WTDC-94; SG 2 - Q.1/2
2 Communications for rural and remote areas: a) Communications for rural and remote areas; see Document 73 b) Development of multi-purpose community telecentres [c) Study various mechanisms by which to promote the development of new telecommunication technologies for rural applications] d) Penetration and service target for rural telecommunications e) Definition of a set of indicators describing the state of development of a country's rural telecommunication network and services f) Sound and television broadcasting and communication for rural and remote areas g) Measurement of the impact of information and communication technologies in rural and remote areas h) Enhancing the capacity of the NGOs to achieve development aims, through the use of telecommunication	SG 2 - Q.4/2; UNESCO; Japan; CITEL; NGO  Japan: Focus Group (agreed; FG to report back to SG)
3 Examine digital broadcasting technologies and systems, including cost/benefit analyses, assessment of demands on human resources, interoperability of digital systems with existing analogue networks, and methods of migration from analogue to digital technique	SG 2 - Q.1/2
4 Examine broadband communications over traditional copper wires on aspects of technologies, systems and applications	SG 2 - Q.1/2
5 Fostering the application of telecommunication in health care. Identifying and documenting success factors for implementing telemedicine	SG 2 - Q.6/2; Canada
6 Human resource management and development to successfully meet the challenges of sector reform and transformation, with special emphasis to employment including consideration of gender issues*	SG 2 - Q.5/2; Kenya
7 Preparation of Handbooks for developing countries*	SG 2 - Q.2/2

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\* Proposed to be handled by [a specialized working group].

<b>II Focus Group</b>	
1 Maintenance-oriented investments - information and computer-aided tools for evaluation of expansion/maintenance needs of bids for procurement of equipment	SG 2 - Q.3/2
2 Guidelines/procedures for improving efficiency of maintenance of software SPC switches	SG 2 - Q.3/2
3 Computer-aided tools and error-free traffic data acquisition procedures for strengthening the traffic administration systems of SPC switches to serve the need of competitive telecommunication markets	SG 2 - Q.3/2
4 Using telecommunication and telematics to enhance learning environments for development	UNESCO
5 Collaboration between sectors of public interest and telecommunication operators	UNESCO
6 Year 2000 - Millennium problem	Syria
<b>III BDT regular activity</b>	
1 How to enhance satellite telecommunication services in developing countries and, in particular, implementation of the new satellite-based technologies applications	GMPCS Opinion 5
2 Telecommunication support for the protection of the environment	SG 2 - Q.7/2
3 Application issues of frequency management	Russia
4 The formulation of a strategy for development of telecommunications network in developing countries	Pakistan
5 Virtual knowledge city	Russia