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TELECOMMUNICATION DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY IN THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE GII

Mankind's development objective in the telecommunication field as we move into the 21st century is the formulation and construction of the global information society and its integral components, the global information infrastructure and the global information economy. In its presentation, Russia will define these concepts, outline the relationship between them and consider how their development is affected by modern telecommunication systems such as the Internet and global mobile personal communication systems.

One of the main tasks facing administrations in constructing the GII, which is formed by the convergence and interaction of national information infrastructures, is first of all to establish and develop their national information infrastructure and identify ways of adapting it to fit in with the global system. Russia will present its views on the basic principles for construction of an NII. In particular, it will address such issues as basic design criteria (combining network solutions and progress in the organization of databases; intelligent networks; multimedia; interactive access; etc.), approaches for the network/user interface and the requisite conditions for its development, basic principles for establishment of the network interface and types and methods of State regulation in the context of construction of the NII, including frequency management issues.

Construction of NIIs and the GII hinges on recognition of the need for cooperation worldwide, at both the regional and global levels, aimed at promoting global integration, carrying out global information programmes, etc. With this in mind, the role of national administrations in management of the associated processes and coordination of their activities under the aegis of ITU has to be seen in a new light, and ITU will need to take on additional functions, ultimately requiring a reorganization of the Union. Russia will give its opinion on reform of ITU's work, in particular with respect to Sector Members, the need to work out within ITU a worldwide approach and strategy for the development and construction of the GII and NIIs, enhancing and stimulating ITU's role in management of this development process, cooperation with regional organizations, etc.

In this domain, the Administration of Russia is pursuing a policy based on the above principles and is willing to take all practical measures in its internal and international policy to bring the GII into being. Russia will report on its experience in refining the legal basis governing telecommunications, reforming the State system for management of the sector, strengthening ties at the global and regional levels, in particular within CEPT and RCC, creating the conditions for the emergence of competitive markets, implementing a research and development policy, etc.

In conclusion, it will point to the role of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector in the overall NII development process, analyse the results of implementation of the Buenos Aires Action Plan and state Russia's opinion with respect to the next stage in the work of the Sector.
