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| Subject: | **Draft new Recommendations ITU-T D.52, D.53, D.97, D.261 and draft revised Recommendation D.271 for approval by WTSA-16 (25 October to 3 November 2016)** | | | |

Dear Sir/Madam,

1 At the request of the Chairman of ITU-T Study Group 3 "Tariff and accounting principles including related telecommunication economic and policy issues", I have the honour to inform you that, following the provisions in force, the Study Group agreed to submit the above-mentioned draft ITU-T Recommendations to WTSA-16 for approval. The Chairman also requested me to conduct this consultation with Member States.

2 The titles, summaries and locations of the draft ITU-T Recommendations proposed for approval are to be found in Annex 1.

3 Any ITU Member State, Sector Member, Associate or Academic Institution aware of a patent held by itself or others, which may fully or partly cover elements of the draft Recommendations proposed for approval, is requested to disclose such information to TSB, in accordance with the Common Patent Policy for ITU-T/ITU-R/ISO/IEC. Available patent information can be accessed on line via the ITU-T website ([www.itu.int/ipr/](http://www.itu.int/ipr/)).

4 I should be grateful if you could provide comments that your Administration may have on the draft Recommendations by 23 August 2016, in order to facilitate further consideration and approval of the draft Recommendations at WTSA-16. The results of this consultation will be made available as input to WTSA-16.

5 Relevant information concerning WTSA-16 will be made available in due course on the WTSA-16 website (<http://itu.int/en/ITU-T/wtsa16>).

Yours faithfully,

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Director of the Telecommunication

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**Annex: 1**

Annex 1  
(to TSB Circular 209)

Summary and location

# 1 Draft New Recommendation ITU-T D.52, Establishing and Connecting Regional IXPs to reduce the costs of International Internet Connectivity

# [COM3-R17](http://www.itu.int/md/T13-SG03-R-0017)

## Summary

Recommendation ITU-T D.52 "Establishing and connecting regional Internet Exchange Points (IXPs) to reduce costs of international Internet connectivity" guides regional collaboration to establish central hubs or IXPs that enable local Internet traffic to be routed locally, saving international bandwidth and reducing the costs of international Internet connectivity.

# 2 Draft New Recommendation ITU-T D.53, International Aspects of Universal Service

# [COM3-R18](http://www.itu.int/md/T13-SG03-R-0018)

## Summary

Recommendation ITU-T D.53 on International Aspects of Universal Service, while recognizing the sovereign right of Member States to define and regulate their universal service/access policies, proposes general outlines to guide governments and regulators in their tasks and management functions regarding universal service funds in a globalized digital environment.

# 3 Draft New Recommendation ITU-T D.97, Methodological principles for determining international mobile roaming rates

# [COM3-R20](http://www.itu.int/md/T13-SG03-R-0020)

## Summary

Recommendation ITU-T D.97 "Methodological principles for determining international mobile roaming rates" proposes possible approaches to the reduction of excessive roaming rates, highlighting the need to encourage competition in the roaming market, educate consumers and consider appropriate regulatory actions such as the introduction of caps on roaming rates.

# 4 Draft New Recommendation ITU-T D.261, Regulatory principles for market definition and identification of operators with significant market power – SMP

# [COM3-R21](http://www.itu.int/md/T13-SG03-R-0021)

## Summary

Recommendation ITU-T D.261 "Principles for market definition and identification of operators with significant market power" proposes principles and guidelines to assist countries in defining and identifying significant market power in the telecommunications sector.

# 5 Draft Revised Recommendation ITU-T D.271, Charging and accounting principle for NGN

# [COM3-R19](http://www.itu.int/md/T13-SG03-R-0019)

## Summary

ITU-T Recommendation D.271 sets out the general principles and conditions applicable by administrations for the capability to transport IP packets over IP-based networks between standards-based interfaces and the services that they support.

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