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Summary

It is recommended that when the Administrations of the countries in Africa negotiate among themselves agreements on transit traffic, they discontinue cascade accounting and accept that all traffic reach them through direct connection established by operators with whom uniform termination charges have been negotiated.

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taking into account

- a) that transit providers did not apply the indicative target rates of Annex E/D.140;
- b) that exorbitant transit rates still hinder the total accounting rate (TAR) assessment after transit rates' deduction;
- c) the use of this principle (assessment of TAR after transit rates' deduction) to sell off the tariff towards some African countries, the maladjustment of the accounting method per cascade in the current context because of the heaviness of different forms of payment and of non-payment hazards,

the regional Tariff Group for Africa (TAF Group) proposes to incumbent operators

- a) to remove the accounting method per cascade;
- b) to put an end to transit relations with other operators;
- c) to accept that all the traffic reaches them on direct connections they hold with other operators with which they negotiated a uniform termination charge.

This mechanism is such as any traffic terminated in the country is paid by the last transit center which routed it on the network.

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