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(Geneva, 1980; Malaga-Torremolinos, 1984; Helsinki, 1993)

The WTSC,

considering

(a) that, according to Article 1 of the agreement between the United Nations and the International Telecommunication Union, the United Nations recognizes the International Telecommunication Union as the specialized agency responsible for taking such action as may be appropriate under its basic instrument for the accomplishment of the purposes set forth therein;

(b) that Article 4 of the *International Telecommunication Convention* (Nairobi, 1982) states that the purposes of the Union are:

- “a) to maintain and extend international cooperation between all Members of the Union for the improvement and rational use of telecommunication of all kinds, as well as to promote and to offer technical assistance to developing countries in the field of telecommunications;
- b) to promote the development of technical facilities and their most efficient operation with a view to improving the efficiency of telecommunication services, increasing their usefulness and making them, as far as possible, generally available to the public;
- c) to harmonize the actions of nations in the attainment of those ends;”

(c) that Article 40 of the Convention (Nairobi, 1982) states that in furtherance of complete international coordination on matters affecting telecommunication, the Union shall cooperate with international organizations having related interests and activities;

(d) that this cooperation has to recognize the advisory capacity of organizations participating in the work of ITU-T;

(e) that, in the study of terminals for new ITU-T-defined telematic services (e.g. Teletex, Telefax, Datafax, Bureaufax, Videotex), ISO in particular is invited to give advice to ITU-T based on their work on data systems and data communications;

(f) that this cooperation has to be organized in a manner that will avoid duplication of work and of decisions that would be contrary to the principles set out above,

recognizes the following principles

(1) it is the responsibility of the ITU-T alone to make the decisions regarding the operational, technical (including factors needed to ensure international interworking) and tariff principles of the ITU-T-defined services;

¹⁾ “Telematic services” is used for such services as Videotex, Teletex, facsimile, etc.

(2) while the ITU-T will define many of the relevant factors for the ITU-T-defined telematic services, other international organizations will be invited to give specialist advice to ITU-T on subjects that are of mutual interest, such as:

- character sets and coding;
- end-to-end control procedures including error protection;
- interfaces between terminals and circuit terminating equipment;
- terminal transmitter distortion and receiver margin;
- paper sizes and text formatting;

(3) standardization, if required, of hardware and software implementation of terminals, such as printing systems, paper feed, character type fonts, paper characteristics, etc., are outside the scope of ITU-T.

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