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The Council,

considering

a) Resolution 25 of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Kyoto, 1994);

b) the report by the Group of Experts on the Evaluation of the ITU Regional Presence, submitted to the Council at its 1996 session in Document C96/60;

c) the recommendations on regional presence adopted by the Council in 1996;

d) Document C97/9 on proposals for implementing the recommendations referred to in c) above,

reaffirming

a) the importance of the regional presence to the accomplishment of ITU's development missions;

b) the need to adapt the organization and activities of the regional presence to the requirements of each region;

c) the need to strengthen the regional presence by enhancing its usefulness and effectiveness in all the regions of the world, particularly by broadening the range of its activities, where appropriate, to encompass all the activities undertaken by ITU,

taking into account

a) the limited resources currently available to the BDT to satisfy regional presence requirements effectively;

b) the prospects offered by the budgetary reforms that are currently under way, particularly with regard to use of TELECOM surplus funds, the "project management" approach and cost recovery,

recognizing the need to optimize the use of available resources to satisfy urgent requirements,

resolves to organize the regional presence as follows:

A. For Africa

- a regional office for West Africa and Central Africa in Dakar (Senegal);
- a regional office for East Africa and Southern Africa in Harare (Zimbabwe) or Addis Ababa (Ethiopia);
- an area office for West and Central Africa, the activities of which are to be reconsidered, at Yaoundé (Cameroon);
- an area office for East and Southern Africa, the activities of which are to be reconsidered.

B. For the Asia-Pacific region

- a regional office in Bangkok (Thailand);
- an area office, the activities of which are to be reconsidered, in Nepal;
- an area office, the activities of which are to be reconsidered, in Indonesia.