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## **OPINION 1 – Practical application of network externality premium**

## FOREWORD

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## OPINION 1 (Dubai, 2012)

### **Practical application of network externality premium**

*(Dubai, 2012)*

The World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (Dubai, 2012),

*considering*

- a) the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society (Tunis, 2005);
- b) Resolution 22 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on the distribution of revenues in the provision of international telecommunications services;
- c) the approval by the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (Johannesburg, 2008) (WTSA-08) of Recommendation ITU-T D.156, on network externalities,

*noting*

that some Member States have expressed reservations on this Recommendation and requested that clarification be made on some issues and a practical model be developed to calculate the value of the network externality premium,

*considering further*

- a) the approval by Study Group 3 of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T) in May 2010 of Annex A to Recommendation ITU-T D.156, on the practical implementation of Recommendation ITU-T D.156, which provides answers to questions that had been raised;
- b) the approval by Study Group 3 in September 2012 of Annex B to Recommendation ITU-T D.156, on determination of the value of the network externality premium, which offers a practical method of calculating this premium,

*is of the opinion that*

in view of the progress achieved so far within Study Group 3, the Member States concerned may wish to review the respective positions adopted at WTSA-08 and possibly withdraw the reservations regarding Recommendation ITU-T D.156,

*invites Member States*

to take all measures necessary for the effective implementation of Recommendation ITU-T D.156,

*invites the Council*

at its 2013 session, to report on this subject to the 2014 plenipotentiary conference, in accordance with Resolution 22 (Rev. Antalya, 2006).