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Subject: Admission of Sector Members as Observers to Sessions of Council 2006

Dear Sir/Madam,

By Decision 519, Council decided at its 2004 Session to admit observers representing Sector Members to its 2005 Session on a provisional basis. A copy of this decision is attached in Annex 1. In application to Decision 519, the Telecommunication Development Advisory Group (TDAG) was invited to nominate, through consultations, up to three Sector Members to attend the Council meetings as observers representing ITU-D Sector Members.

At its 11th meeting, 12-16 December 2005, TDAG further decided to apply the same criteria for nomination of three Sector Members to attend sessions of the Council 2006, 19-28 April 2006, as observers representing ITU-D Sector Members.

In accordance with the advice from TDAG, I am pleased to invite you to submit your candidacy to BDT by **28 February 2006** at the latest. Candidacies received by this deadline will be submitted to the Chairman of TDAG for evaluation and selection, in accordance with the criteria and procedures recommended by TDAG; a copy of which is attached in Annex 2 hereto.

Nominated Sector Members will be informed accordingly and their names notified to the Council secretariat.

Yours faithfully,

Original letter signed by

Hamadoun I. Touré
Director

Annexes: 1. Decision 519 (Council 2004)
2. Selection Criteria & Procedures recommended by TDAG

Annex 1

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COUNCIL

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DECISION 519

(Approved at the Tenth Plenary Meeting)

Extension of the Mandate of the Working Group on Observers and the Implementation of the Admission on a Provisional Basis of Observers Representing Sector Members to Council 2005

The Council,

considering

- a) Resolution 109 (Marrakesh, 2002) concerning the review and consolidation of provisions regarding observers;
- b) Council Decision 1208 referencing the mandate of the Working Group on Observers to review all the relevant provisions of the basic texts of the Union concerning observers and prepare a report for consideration by the 2004 session of the Council,

noting

- a) the provision of Resolution 109 which, in referring to Recommendation R29 of the Working Group on ITU Reform, requires the taking into account of the recommendation that Sector Members be given observer status in the meetings of the Council and that the advisory groups should develop criteria for the selection of Sector Member representatives,
- b) the decision of the 1998 session of the Council allowing electronic access to Council documents by Member States and Sector Members,

recognizing

the decision of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Marrakesh, 2002) to make Council more transparent and inclusive to the membership,

conscious

- a) of the imperative to proceed cautiously in order to avoid impeding the important work of Council, given its broad and complex agenda and the serious constraints on its time and resources;
- b) of the need to respect Council's distinct characteristic, i.e., that it is the elected governing body of the Union in the interval between plenipotentiary conferences and, of the importance of ensuring accountability of the ITU Council to the Member States of the Union;

- c) of the need to avoid introducing divisive or competitive dynamics to Council sessions or eroding the integrity of the decision-making hierarchy within each Sector;
- d) of the imperative to avoid detracting from the important tasks of the Sector Advisory Groups as set out in Articles 11A, 14A and 17A of the Convention,

decides

1. to take note of the recommendations of Part A and Part B of the Report of the Working Group on Observers;
2. to extend the mandate of the Working Group to continue its examinations and to develop the draft texts including amendments to Council's Rules of Procedure and a draft resolution for submission to Council 2005 for appropriate action, and to examine issues related to the implementation of the provisional admission of observers representing Sector Members to Council;
3. to approve the audio webcasting of Council proceedings to Member States and Sector Members subject to the implementation of appropriate measures to respect, in particular, the restricted nature of Council's proceedings;
4. to approve, subject to follow-up evaluation, the admission, on a provisional basis, of observers representing Sector members pursuant to No. 60B of the Convention to the 2005 session of Council on the basis of the criteria set out in Annex A,

further decides

to evaluate as far as possible at the 2005 session of Council, the implementation of the provisional admission to Council meetings of observers representing Sector Members as set out in this decision,

instructs the Directors of the Bureaux

to bring this decision to the attention of the Sector advisory groups and invite them to take appropriate measures, taking into account in particular the conditions specified in Annex A below.

ANNEX A

1. Each Sector Advisory Group, through consultations and taking into account *conscious d)* above, nominates up to three Sector Members to attend Council as observers representing the Sector Members of that Sector.
2. A facility at ITU headquarters shall be provided for all nominated Sector Member observers should it not be possible for all of them to be seated in the Council meeting room. This facility shall have a live one-way audio feed to the meeting.
3. The name of each nominated Sector Member observer shall be formally communicated to the Secretary-General by the Bureau Directors, with sufficient prior notice to facilitate the registration of these individuals.
4. At Council 2005 and 2006 sessions, no contributions, either written or oral, shall be permitted by the observers representing Sector Members in Council meetings, its committees or working groups, or in any groups created by them.
5. These observers representing Sector Members shall attend Council meetings at their own expense and only one individual from the designated Sector Member may be admitted. This function is not to add to the cost of each Sector or to be factored into its budgetary appropriation or operational plan.
6. Each Sector's nomination of Sector Member observers should take into account the following factors: geographic distribution, Sector Member contributions to the Union, categories of Sector Members and commercial affiliation.

Annex 2

Criteria and procedures for the nomination of ITU-D Sector Members as observers to the 2006 session of the Council

- The proposed Sector Member observer shall agree that its representative will attend the 2005 session of the Council in its entirety
- Observers representing Sector Members shall attend Council meetings at their own expense. Their participation as observers in Council meetings shall not add to the costs of each Sector, and shall not be factored into the Sectors' budgetary appropriations or operational plans
- Only one individual from the designated Sector Member shall be admitted to participate as observer in the work of the Council
- The Sector Member must not already have been nominated as Sector Member observer to the Council by the advisory group of another Sector
- In the selection of ITU-D Sector Member representatives, preference shall be given to Sector Members from developing countries
- Interested Sector Members shall send a letter to the TDAG secretariat,

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for forwarding to the Chairman of TDAG, stating:

- agreement to the above conditions
 - the name(s) and other relevant details of the anticipated representative(s) of the Sector Member, in order to facilitate registration
 - a brief description of the Sector Member's qualifications under the criteria established by the Council in Decision 519:
 - geographical distribution
 - Sector Member contributions to the Union
 - Sector Member categories
 - commercial affiliation.
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