**Special needs of operators, regulators and Users in developing countries**

**Abstract**

the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC) held at Istanbul (Turkey) from the 18th to the 27th of march 2002 noted the importance of a smooth transition of existing mobile networks to IMT-2000. the WTDC thus charged the SG2 (ITU-D) of the required studies (Res. 43).

Some few countries of the developing world have started thinking about some guidelines for the transition to 3G, taking into account some new technologies and the current 2G environment, but this is not the case of most developing countries which are still using 2G networks, without any study for the transition to 3G. It is however clear that the transition towards the 3G will not progress  in the same way in all the countries. Many developing countries will need some guidelines matching their environment specificities for the said transition.

These needs will be related to the following ICT actors:

- ✓ The existing mobile networks operators;
- ✓ The users;
- ✓ Governments and regulators.

This presentation is mainly based on the Mid-Term Guidelines for a smooth transition of the existing mobile networks to IMT-2000 (MTG). The MTG is developed by the Reporter Group of the SG2 on question 18/2