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## Resolution Supporting the International Telecommunication Union Regulatory Global Dialogue Initiative

**WHEREAS**, The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) concluded its first world symposium for national communications regulators in November 2000 in Geneva, Switzerland; and

**WHEREAS**, The ITU launched the Development Symposium for Regulators in an effort to strengthen Regulators around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, Regulators around the world are striving to bridge the digital divide by working to ensure that the new competitive industry framework is implemented in such a way that serves the best interests of consumers; and

**WHEREAS**, Regulators capitalized on the opportunity provided by the Symposium to begin exchanging information and experiences on key regulatory issues; and

WHEREAS, During the closing session, participants endorsed a continuing global regulator's dialogue by embracing four initiatives: to identify a focal point responsible for coordinating the exchange of regulatory experiences with other regulators, to create a website for the exchange of regulatory and policy experiences, to establish a regulator's hotline to provide rapid responses to urgent regulatory issues and to hold an annual global regulators meeting; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) convened in its 2001 Winter Committee Meetings in Washington D.C., supports the continuation of a global regulator's dialogue mechanism as outlined by the ITU and encourages participation beneficial to the NARUC membership; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the NARUC designate that the Committee on International Relations be responsible for coordinating with the ITU the exchange of regulatory experiences with other regulators.

Sponsored by the Committee on International Relations Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors, February 28, 2001.