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**Report of the ITU-T SG3 Rapporteur Group on International  
Telecommunication Regulations**

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Report of the Rapporteur Group on International Telecommunication Regulations

1. At the June, 2003 Study Group 3 meeting, a Rapporteur's Group on the International Telecommunication Regulations was established. The Terms of Reference<sup>1</sup> call upon the Group to assist the Working Group of Council on the review of the ITRs. To date, the Working Group of Council on the ITRs has not yet met and has therefore not provided instructions to the Rapporteur's Group on the ITRs on how it should proceed. A meeting, however, for the Working Group of Council on the ITRs has now been scheduled June 7-8, 2004.

2. While awaiting the formation of this group and in the interest of progressing the work of the Rapporteur's Group in the meantime, in July 2003, the Co-rapporteurs sent a message to the email reflector providing several documents from the Expert Group on the ITRs and from the Plenipotentiary Conference in Marrakech. The message also indicated that work would be progressed based on contributions from the members in the group and encouraged active participation.

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<sup>1</sup> TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE RAPPORTEURS GROUP ON THE ITRS:

Study Group 3 has established a Rapporteur Group to assist the Working Group of Council on the ITRs on the review of the ITRs, with the following Terms of Reference:

- 1) to take into account the results of the work carried out under Resolution 79 (Minneapolis, 1998) and all contributions to the Plenipotentiary Conference on the issue as baseline reference documents;
- 2) to study the portions of the ITRs relevant to the mandate of Study Group 3 and prepare recommendations on which provisions, if any, should be terminated, retained in the ITRs, transferred to the Constitution or Convention, or embodied in ITU Recommendations;
- 3) if deemed appropriate, to consider whether there is a need for new provisions in the ITRs, which should be dealt with at a world conference on international telecommunications;
- 4) in this work, special attention should be given to the needs of developing countries;
- 5) to report to the SG3 Plenary on progress with respect to the issues referred to above.

A Reflector group has been established with the following address: tsg3itr.

You can subscribe either directly via the Study Group 3 website  
( <http://www.itu.int/ITU-T/studygroups/com03/edh/index.html>) or by leaving a request in  
Mr. Tanaka's box (N°6).

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3. In September 2003, a second request was made by the Co-rapporteurs to the reflector for contributions. At that time, a contribution from the European Union (EU) related to the ITRs that had been provided to the Co-rapporteurs was distributed and comments on it as well as a request for additional contributions was made. The EU contribution was originally proposed to the Plenipotentiary Conference in Marrakech as a way to progress the work related to the ITRs. At this point in time, no comments on this document have been received nor have any other contributions been submitted.

4. At the November, 2003 Study Group 3 meeting, the work of the Rapporteurs Group on ITRs was discussed and was encouraged to continue its work as appropriate. The Rapporteurs Group on ITRs has been awaiting the instruction of the Working Group on Council. On the agenda of the June 7-8, 2004 Working Group of Council on the ITRs meeting, there is an agenda item to discuss possible working methods between the Working Group of Council and other structures within the ITU such as the Study Groups and their subgroups. Pending the outcome of that session, the Study Group 3 Rapporteurs Group on the ITRs is available to assist in progressing this important work on the review of the ITRs. The SG3 Rapporteurs Group on the ITRs will make available on the reflector the report of the Working Group of Council on the ITRs from the June 7-8 meeting.

5. Active participation in the group and contributions are welcomed and encouraged.

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