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**Resolution 43 – Regional preparations for
WTSA's**

FOREWORD

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RESOLUTION 43

Regional preparations for WTSAs

(Florianópolis, 2004)

The World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (Florianópolis, 2004),

considering

- a) that many regional telecommunication organizations have coordinated their preparations for this assembly;
- b) that many common proposals have been submitted to this assembly from administrations participating in the preparatory work of regional telecommunication organizations;
- c) that this consolidation of views at regional level, together with the opportunity for interregional discussions prior to the assembly, has eased the task of reaching a consensus during the assembly;
- d) that the burden of preparation for future assemblies is likely to increase;
- e) that the coordination of preparations at regional level is consequently of great benefit to the Member States;
- f) that greater efficiency of regional coordination and interaction at interregional level prior to future assemblies will help ensure their success;
- g) that some regional organizations lack the necessary resources to organize adequately and participate in such preparations;
- h) that there is a need for overall coordination of the interregional consultations,

recognizing

- a) the benefits of regional coordination as already experienced in the preparation of world radiocommunication conferences;
- b) that the Plenipotentiary Conference and the World Telecommunication Development Conference have adopted resolutions establishing regional preparatory processes for their respective conferences,

taking into account

the efficiency benefits that a world telecommunication standardization assembly (WTSA) could gain from an increased amount and level of preparation by the Member States prior to the assembly,

noting

- a) that many regional telecommunication organizations have expressed the need for the Union to cooperate more closely with regional telecommunication organizations;
- b) that, consequently, the Plenipotentiary Conference (Minneapolis, 1998) resolved that the Union should develop stronger relations with regional telecommunication organizations,

noting further

that the relationship between ITU regional offices and regional telecommunication organizations has proved to be of great benefit,

resolves to instruct the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau

to organize, within the financial limitations established by the Plenipotentiary Conference, one regional preparatory meeting per region, the closest in time possible to the next WTSA, followed by an informal meeting of the chairmen and vice-chairmen of the regional preparatory meetings and other interested parties, to be held not earlier than six months prior to WTSA,

requests the Secretary-General, in cooperation with the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau

1 to consult with Member States and regional and subregional telecommunication organizations on the means by which assistance can be provided in support of their preparations for future WSAs;

2 on the basis of such consultations, to assist Member States and regional and subregional telecommunication organizations in such areas as:

- i) the organization of informal regional and interregional preparatory meetings;
- ii) the organization of information sessions;
- iii) the development of coordination methods;
- iv) the identification of major issues to be resolved by the next WTSA;

3 to submit to the 2006 session of the Council a report on feedback from Member States concerning the necessity of WTSA preparatory meetings, and to the next WTSA a report on the application of this resolution,

invites Member States

to participate actively in the implementation of this resolution,

invites regional and subregional telecommunication organizations

1 to participate in coordinating and harmonizing the contributions of their respective Member States in order to generate common proposals where possible;

2 to convene interregional meetings in order to arrive at interregional common proposals.