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## PLENARY MEETING

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE B TO THE PLENARY

Committee B meetings were held on Thursday 26, Friday 27, Saturday 28 and concluded their works on the final session of Monday 30 March 1998.

During the third meeting, it was decided to establish three working groups to deal with the issues proposed by Documents: UK/13, LEBANON/157 and the grouping of the different proposals regarding the Study Group Questions.

The working groups' deliberations continued even after the ending of the sessions of Committee B, so it has been decided to present their results directly to the Plenary session.

During the four Committee B meetings, a total of 82 documents were examined, classified and discussed. Emanating from those documents, the following seven Resolutions and two Recommendations have been proposed for approval to the Plenary session of the WTDC-98. These have been submitted to the Editorial Committee for examination and subsequent transmission to the Plenary.

#### **Resolutions**

- 1) Non-discriminatory access to modern telecommunications facilities and services.
- 2) The role of telecommunication and information technologies in the protection of the environment.
- 3) Telecommunications in rural, isolated and poorly served areas.
- 4) Telecommunication resources for disaster mitigation and relief operations.
- 5) Implementation of national, regional, inter-regional and global projects.
- 6) Applied research and transfer of technology.
- 7) Public service broadcasting.

#### **Recommendations**

- 1) Telemedicine.
- 2) Information infrastructure.

Apart from the aforementioned Resolutions and Recommendations, Committee B proposed to the Plenary the attribution of the following subjects to the Valletta Action Plan (VAP), as follows:

## **Programme VAP 2**

### **Spectrum management**

- establishment and implementation of an Advanced Spectrum Management System (ASMS);
- complete software/manuals of Basic Automated Management System (BASMS), in different languages.

### **Problem of the year 2000**

This issue is already treated by ITU-T and ITU-D Study Group 2. In particular, this programme will:

- 1) follow the Problem of the year 2000, and investigate ways of addressing it on a worldwide basis through individual or collective efforts within the framework of the studies conducted by the ITU and its members;
- 2) inform the Members of the Union of all related results;
- 3) provide the developing countries with the necessary support, through measures such as:
  - provision of advice and consultations;
  - provision of experts; and
  - organization of workshops.

### **Internet**

The ITU-T will evaluate the implications of Internet services, and specifically voice services, on the policies of the operators/carriers, in view of the effects that these may have on member countries.

### **PLANITU**

The ITU-T will continue the necessary coordination and validation of the efforts performed by all the countries in the development and modernization of the Computerized Network Planning System - PLANITU- enabling other countries to share the benefits of such a development. Countries will be encouraged to host regional workshops and meetings to exchange views and share experiences in the implementation of the PLANITU system in their network.

## **Programme VAP 3**

### **Community telecentres**

The ITU will assist in the implementation of pilot projects in the rural, isolated and poorly served areas, using the telecentres concept. The experience gained by the countries implementing rural projects, will be shared by means of workshops, meetings, fora, data basis and seminars.

## **Programme VAP 6**

### **Regional training centres**

The ITU will assist in the preparation of project documents and descriptive papers. It will also assist in the implementation of training centres projects and/or research and development ones by providing expertise, consultancy services and promoting inter-country cooperation.

**Centres of excellence**

The ITU will assist in the implementation of the center of excellence concept, using the networking principle involving all partners, be it from the private or the public sector. The centres will use traditional means as well as modern technology and communication facilities and media to facilitate the provision of services adapted to the needs of each user.

**GTU/GTTI**

The ITU will continue the implementation of the global telecommunication university/global telecommunication training institute.

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