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**WG OF THE PLENARY
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DRAFT RESOLUTION

**ESTABLISHING THE MECHANISM TO PRIORITIZE THE ACTIVITIES
OF THE ITU-D SECTOR**

The World Telecommunication Development Conference (Valletta, 1998),

considering

a) that the availability of modern telecommunications is vital to the economic, social and cultural progress of all countries;

b) that the gap between industrialized and developing countries has narrowed slightly in terms of access to basic telephone services, but is continuing to widen at high speed with regard to access to advanced telecommunication services and information technology,

recognizing

a) that ITU-D has manifold functions, all of which have great importance;

b) that the demand for ITU to actively promote development is increasing;

c) that, given the limited availability of resources, it will become increasingly critical for ITU-D to focus its energies on priority activities;

c) that such priority activities should be reviewed on a regular basis in the rapidly changing telecommunication environment,

resolves

that ITU-D establish a mechanism to decide priorities for implementation of the Action Plan, including a procedure for annually reviewing those priorities (a possible example is attached in Annex),

instructs the Director of BDT

to establish a mechanism to decide priorities, taking due account of the advice of the Telecommunication Development Advisory Board, and to apply it to the activities in the Action Plan,

further instructs the Director of BDT

to review, and revise if necessary, the mechanism in order to ensure that the most suitable mechanism is used to establish priorities, and report it to the next WTDC.

ANNEX

Proposed prioritization mechanism for ITU-D activities

1   The WTDC should clearly define the group of ITU-D programmes and the activities under each programme.

2   Every year BDT should make a list of activities in detail under each of the programmes defined by the WTDC.

3   The list should be circulated to member countries. Each country should be requested to allocate one of the following three grades to each activity of the Action Plan:

   A: very important (3 points);

   B: important (2 points);

   C: less important (1 point).

Each country should not assign an "A" grade to more than half of the total number of activities.

4   The secretariat should calculate the total points for each activity and produce a table on which all activities are arranged in order of the points received.

5   This table should then be used to facilitate discussion of priorities.

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