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RESOLUTION GTPLEN-PS-1

**SUBGROUP OF TDAB DEALING WITH PRIVATE SECTOR ISSUES**

The World Telecommunication Development Conference (Valletta, 1998),

*considering*

- a) Resolution 4 of the Additional Plenipotentiary Conference (Geneva, 1992) highlighting the need to broaden participation in the activities of the Union;
- b) the Strategic Plan for the Union 1995-1999, as reflected in Resolution 1 of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Kyoto, 1994) which reinforced the need for ITU to strengthen the foundations of the Union through enhanced private sector participation;
- c) Resolutions 14 and 15 of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Kyoto, 1994) which noted in particular the need to review and update the terms and conditions under which members participate in Union activities in light of their changing needs and ITU's changing requirements;
- d) that it is in the interest of ITU to promote the participation of Sector Members;
- e) that Sector Members provide professional and financial support to the three Sectors of ITU;
- f) the Appendix of Resolution 2 of the report of the Telecommunication Development Advisory Board (TDAB) that highlighted in its report to this Conference the importance of enhancing the role of the private sector in the work of ITU-D,

*recognizing*

- a) the rapidly changing telecommunication environment;
- b) the important role played by the private sector in the former Centre for Telecommunications Development, one of the two predecessor organs of BDT;
- c) the progress achieved through BDT initiatives such as partnership meetings and colloquia in strengthening cooperation with the private sector,

*noting*

- a) that the role of the private sector in telecommunications is increasing in developing countries as well as in the industrialized countries;
- b) the desire of the Director of BDT to integrate the private sector more fully into the planning and execution of BDT programmes;

- c) that the private sector, through its membership and participation at various ITU-D meetings, has demonstrated its willingness to cooperate and work closely with BDT;
- d) that the Valletta Action Plan includes a separate programme on development partnerships with the private sector;
- e) the evolving and increasingly important role of the private sector in the activities of ITU-D,

*welcomes*

the establishment at this Conference of the Working Group of the Plenary on the role of the private sector, and the decision of the Conference to open the membership of TDAB,

*resolves*

- 1 to establish a subgroup of TDAB to ensure that issues of particular interest and concern to the private sector, as noted in annex hereto, are addressed and to assure the role of the private sector as a development partner of BDT;
- 2 to invite BDT to work closely with the private sector to ensure the successful implementation of the Valletta Action Plan;
- 3 that every possible effort should be made by ITU to encourage the private sector to take a more active part through partnerships with telecommunication entities in developing countries, and especially with those in the least developed countries, in order to help close the gap in universal and information access.

## ANNEX 1

### **Scope of tasks of the TDAB subgroup dealing with private sector issues**

To enhance partnership in development for developing countries, the scope of tasks of the TDAB subgroup should include, *inter alia*:

- To recommend ways by which the private sector, through ITU-D, can better participate in and advise on BDT strategy development, programme design and project delivery, with the overall goal of increasing mutual responsiveness to the requirements of telecommunication development.
- To identify means to enhance cooperation and arrangements between the private and public sectors, as well as between private sector entities in developing countries and in developed countries.
- To advise on the means by which partnership with the private sector can be enhanced; to seek means to reach out to the private sector of developing countries and the many small companies in industrialized countries that are not knowledgeable of BDT activities; and to determine modifications to ITU-D processes, practices and projects that would facilitate and encourage private sector support, cooperation and participation.
- To advise on integrating the financial contributions of the private sector more fully into the activities of BDT while ensuring requisite financial transparency to provide a clearer understanding of functions and priorities.
- To review the essential products of ITU-D which should be developed by Sector Members and the BDT secretariat.
- To discuss means to ensure that increased private sector participation is built into the Valletta Action Plan and the next study group cycle.

#### **Working methods**

The subgroup will conduct its work through the use of e-mail and other telecom-based services in order to minimize costs. The ITU Web should be used for publishing draft proposals, etc., in order to elicit comments from ITU-D.

Draft proposals and other issues will be handled in meetings convened in connection with and immediately prior to regular TDAB meetings or other meetings and conferences where the private sector would normally be in attendance.

All information is open to any ITU Member.

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