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RESOLUTION WGVAP-1

## ESTABLISHMENT OF A MECHANISM TO PRIORITIZE THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ITU TELECOMMUNICATION DEVELOPMENT 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 actively to 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;

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

*resolves*

that ITU-D should establish a mechanism for setting priorities for implementation of the Action Plan, including a procedure for annually reviewing those priorities (one possible example is attached in annex hereto),

*instructs the Director of BDT*

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

*further instructs the Director of BDT*

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

ANNEX

**Example of a prioritization mechanism for ITU-D activities**

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

2       Every year BDT should draw up a detailed list of activities under each of the programmes identified by WTDC.

3       The list should be circulated to Member States. Each State should be requested to assign one of the following three grades to each activity of the Action Plan according to their level of priority:

       A:  VERY IMPORTANT (3 points);

       B:  IMPORTANT (2 points);

       C:  LESS IMPORTANT (1 point).

Each State 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 in 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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