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DRAFT RESOLUTION [ARS/ARG/BRB/CPV/CTU/USA/J/JOR/PHI/LCA/VCT/SNG/AFS/TZA/TRD-1]

TIMELY IMPLEMENTATION OF GMPCS

The World Telecommunication Development Conference (Valletta, 1998),

having observed

the high level of interest among Member States, competent authorities, Sector Members and end users, as manifested in the work of the first World Telecommunication Policy Forum in October 1996 (WTPF-96), and the subsequent Report of the Secretary-General, including the principles and guidelines contained in the five Opinions, as well as the set of definitions contained therein,

having considered

that the Group of Experts from the WTPF-96 Opinion 5 "Implementation of GMPCS in Developing Countries" prepared a checklist of factors for developing countries to take into account when introducing GMPCS, completed five regional seminars to provide advice and assistance to developing countries, studied the policy, regulatory, technical, and socio-economic impacts of GMPCS services in developing countries, and prepared a report of its studies for this Conference,

having considered further

the work of the GMPCS-MoU Group, especially on the GMPCS arrangements as well as the procedures for implementation, including an agreement on a GMPCS-MoU registry mark, which will be the following text: "GMPCS-MoU ITU Registry",

recognizing

that the WTPF-96 considered in its Opinion 4 that some GMPCS systems were already in operation and others were planned to be in operation soon, and that urgent action is, therefore, required to facilitate the transborder circulation of terminals, and

recognizing further

that the Specific Provisions of the Arrangements on Type Approval and Marking of Terminals, Licensing, Access to Traffic Data, and Recommendations on Customs Matters represent broad international consensus on how to address these issues,

noting

the need for global implementation of these arrangements so that the benefits of GMPCS services can be extended to all countries in a timely fashion,

resolves

to recommend that administrations should embark on an urgent initiative to introduce licensing procedures for GMPCS services, sign the GMPCS-MoU, and implement the GMPCS arrangements.
