Agenda item: 1.4   PLENARY MEETING

Tadiran

OBSERVATIONS TO THE TDAB REPORT TO THE WTDC-98

Tadiran electronic systems

Sector Members are invited in ITU/BDT/DM-1123 of 23 January 1998 to submit their comments and suggestions in order to assist in the efficient preparation of the WTDC-98. The following are our observations to the TDAB report to the WTDC, specified in Document CMDT98/8.

Considering

a)   ITU-2000 MOD CV242 to the "ITU Convention", ITU-T and ITU-R maintain Assemblies. The ITU-D does not hold an Assembly;

b)   that TDAB obtained authorizations similar to the ITU Radiocommunication Assembly, i.e. Radiocommunication Assemblies approve Questions and Recommendations;

c)   that the structure and working methods of ITU-D should aspire to ITU-T and ITU-R structures;

d)   that legal aspects, such as economics ones, are important for the development of national telecommunications. CV211 should be modified to include the legal questions and aspects in the ITU-D mandate;

e)   that it is in the interests of the ITU to promote the participation of Sector Members;

f)   that Sector Members provide professional and financial support to the three Sectors of the ITU,

Tadiran *recommends* these modifications to ITU-D draft Resolutions included in the TDAB report.

1 General

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a)   Following Recommendation 24 of the ITU-2000 Group, as well as Recommendation 5 of the Reflection Group, TDAB will develop into an Assembly (not an Advisory Group) with the participation of all Member States and Sector Members of ITU-D. The duplication of RAG and ITU-R Assemblies should be avoided in ITU-D.

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b)   In future, TDAB, and not the WTDC, will approve ITU-D questions and recommendations, as approved in the ITU Radiocommunication Assembly.

2 Specific modifications

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a)   Appendix to draft Resolution 2, Private Sector Involvement: **add** item 11) as follows:

"11)   Active participation and appointments to the ITU-D Committees and Study Groups".

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b)   Draft Resolution 3, Establishment of Study Groups: **add** "and suppliers" in *resolves*, bullet 3 as follows:

"… service providers <u>and suppliers</u> in planning, developing, …".

Clarification: telecommunications suppliers can assist in ITU-D work.

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c)   Appendix to draft Resolution 3: Terms of Reference of ITU-D Study Groups: **add** "handbooks" in 3 as follows:

"… guidelines, <u>handbooks</u>, and reports within …".

Clarification: handbooks should also be prepared by ITU-D Study Groups.

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d)   Draft Resolution 4, Procedures to be applied by Study Groups; **add** "legal" in *considering* a) as follows:

"… financial, <u>legal</u>, managerial, regulatory …".

Clarification: legal aspects are important.

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e)   Appendix to draft Resolution 4, Procedures to be applied by Study Groups:

Section 1:

1)   **Add** "Task Groups, Joint Groups" in 1.2 as follows:

"…Working Parties, <u>Task Groups, Joint Groups</u>, focus groups, …".

Clarification: similar to ITU-R.

2)   **Add** "Vice-Chairmen" in 1.4 as follows:

"… SG Chairmen <u>and Vice-Chairmen</u> should meet with …".

3)   Paragraph 1.5, **replace** "regions" by "ITU Regions of the world".

Clarification: it should give more flexibility in the elections of Vice-Chairmen from the three ITU-R RR 8-3 Regions.

3.1)   At the end of 1.5, **add** new text as follows:

"The appointments should be such that, one person will not be nominated as Chairman or Vice-Chairman to more than one post in ITU-D."

Clarification: there are enough competent delegates to implement ITU-D tasks. This guideline was adopted unofficially during the appointments of RA-97.

4)   At the end of 3.2, **add**:

"… Council, and to all Study Group participants".

Clarification: in 1996, ITU-R Study Group 1 meeting, there was no free access to Study Group activities, to participants from different countries.

5)   At the beginning of 4.1, **add**:

"… Administrations, Sector Members and other entities, …".

6)   **Add** a new paragraph 8.5:

"Efforts are needed to achieve that one question result in one recommendation."

Clarification: today we waste paper and confuse administrations with different recommendations to one question.

Section 2:

7)   Paragraph 1.1, **delete**:

"... registered with a SG or other group".

Clarification: there is no need to link Member State and Sector Member membership to ITU-D study groups. The Sector Member in ITU membership is sectorized by ITU Sectors T, R, D.

8)   At the end of paragraph 1.3, after "on the Web", **add** "by ITU-D".

Clarification: it is not clear whose responsibility it is to put the contribution on the Web - the contributor or ITU-D? The same observation relates to Section 3 at the end of 2.2, and Section 4 at the end of 5.1.

Section 3:

9)   Paragraph 1.2, **change** "member" to "participant".

Clarification: "member of that SG" is not clear.

10)   **Delete** paragraph 2.

Clarification: in the future, questions and recommendations should be approved by TDAB, not by WTDC.

11)   Paragraph 3.1, **replace** "authorized to participate" by "participating".

Clarification: there is no need to link Member State and Sector Member membership to ITU-D study groups. The Sector Member in ITU membership is sectorized by ITU Sectors T, R, D.

Section 4:

12)   Paragraph 4.1, **replace** "and/or" by "or".