

**Chairman of the Telecommunication Development Advisory Group (TDAG)**

**Final Report of the 17th TDAG Meeting  
Geneva, 27 June – June 29 2012**

**SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS**

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**9.4 Elaboration of a working definition of the term “ICT” (Document 26)**

Document 26, submitted to TDAG by the Russian Federation, presented an update of on-going discussions related to the elaboration of a working definition of the term “ICT”, and invited TDAG to set up a group to elaborate a working definition of the term “ICT”, open for the participation of members of other Sectors primarily by correspondence, and to submit the results of the group’s work for consideration by ITU-D Study Groups 1 and 2 and TDAG in 2013, and subsequently submit a working definition of the term “ICT” for consideration to the Council working groups and the ITU Council in 2014. It was also proposed that the Director of BDT should inform the ITU Council in 2012 of the decision taken.

Delegates stressed the fact that this was not only an issue for the development sector and considered that the three Sectors should probably be associated to this work. Delegates acknowledged the difficulty in defining ICT and suggested to consider the issue in broader terms.

As the request to elaborate a working definition of the term “ICT” had already passed through Council and consultation with the other Sectors had already been undertaken, TDAG decided that a correspondence group for the elaboration of a working definition of the term “ICT” be established. This Group, to be set up under the leadership of Study Group 1, is to be open for participation to all three Sectors.

TDAG invited Study Group 1 to set up the Working Group by September 2012 and to submit the results of its work for consideration by ITU-D Study Groups 1 and 2 as well as TDAG in 2013.

TDAG further invited the BDT Director to inform Council 2012 that such an activity has been initiated and report to Council 2014 on the outcomes on this work.

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