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PRINCIPLES FOR THE BASIC TELEPHONE  
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NETWORK**

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## NOTES

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2 In this Recommendation, the expression “Administration” is used for conciseness to indicate both a telecommunication administration and a recognized operating agency.

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*(Melbourne, 1988)*

The CCITT,

*considering*

(a) that, during the transition period, it is essential that Administrations provide interconnection between the public switched telephone network (PSTN) and the ISDN in order to continue providing users with a basic telephone service;

(b) that it would thus be advisable to adopt general charging and accounting principles to be applied to this service irrespective of whether it is provided over the ISDN, the PSTN or by interconnection between these networks;

(c) the relevant CCITT Recommendations,

*recommends*

#### **1 Charging principles for the basic telephone service**

1.1 Collection charges are a national matter.

1.2 *Basic telephone service provided by interconnection between the ISDN and the PSTN*

In any given relation there should, in principle, be a common collection charge for the basic telephone service provided by interconnection of the ISDN and the PSTN, and the telephone service provided over the PSTN.

1.3 *Basic telephone service provided over the ISDN*

The collection charge should take account of charges for similar services on the PSTN, in addition to commercial and network developmental objectives.

#### **2 International accounting**

2.1 The Administrations may agree to apply the same accounting rates for the basic telephone service irrespective of whether it is provided over the ISDN, the PSTN or by interconnection between these two networks.

2.2 The possibility of applying a different accounting rate for the basic telephone service provided over the ISDN is for further study.