

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND CONVEN-
TION OF THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNI-
CATION UNION (GENEVA, 1992)

MESSAGE

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND CONVENTION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION (GENEVA, 1992),
AS AMENDED BY THE PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE (KYOTO,
1994) AND THE PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE (MARRAKESH,
2002), TOGETHER WITH THE DECLARATIONS AND RESERVATIONS
BY THE UNITED STATES, ALL AS CONTAINED IN THE FINAL
ACTS OF THE PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE (ANTALYA, 2006)



APRIL 8, 2008.—Treaty was read the first time, and together with the
accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations
and order to be printed for the use of the Senate

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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

THE WHITE HOUSE, *April 8, 2008.*

To the Senate of the United States:

With a view to receiving the advice and consent of the Senate to ratification, I transmit herewith the amendments to the Constitution and Convention of the International Telecommunication Union (Geneva, 1992), as amended by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Kyoto, 1994) and the Plenipotentiary Conference (Marrakesh, 2002), together with the declarations and reservations by the United States, all as contained in the Final Acts of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Antalya, 2006). I transmit also, for the information of the Senate, the report of the Department of State concerning the amendments.

The Plenipotentiary Conference (Antalya, 2006) adopted amendments that, among other things: clarify the functions of certain International Telecommunication Union (ITU) officials and bodies; reduce the frequency of certain ITU conferences; clarify eligibility for re-election to certain ITU positions; enhance oversight of the ITU budget and provide for results-based (as well as cost-based) budget proposals; expand the scale of available contribution levels for Member States and Sector Members; and, clarify the definition of and role of observers participating in ITU proceedings.

Consistent with longstanding practice in the ITU, the United States, in signing the 2006 amendments, made certain declarations and reservations. Subject to those declarations and reservations, I believe the United States should ratify the 2006 amendments to the International Telecommunication Union Constitution and Convention. These amendments will contribute to the ITU's ability to adapt to changes in the global telecommunications sector and, in so doing, serve the needs of the United States Government and United States industry.

It is my hope that the Senate will take early action on this matter and give its advice and consent to ratification.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

LETTER OF SUBMITTAL

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, May 29, 2007.

THE PRESIDENT,
The White House.

THE PRESIDENT: I have the honor to submit to you, with a view to their transmission to the Senate for advice and consent to ratification, amendments to the Constitution and Convention of the International Telecommunication Union (Geneva, 1992), as amended by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Kyoto, 1994), the Plenipotentiary Conference (Minneapolis, 1998), and the Plenipotentiary Conference (Marrakesh, 2002). The United States signed these amendments to the Constitution and Convention on November 24, 2006, at the Plenipotentiary Conference in Antalya, Turkey. I also have the honor to submit to you certain U.S. declarations and reservations made upon signature of these amendments that also require Senate advice and consent.

The Department of State and the other agencies involved recommend that these declarations and reservations be confirmed in the U.S. instrument of ratification of the amendments. The Department of State and the other interested agencies are of the view that no additional reservations are required. These amendments will not require implementing U.S. legislation. The National Telecommunications and Information Administration of the Department of Commerce, the Department of Defense, the Federal Communications Commission, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration concur in my recommendation that the amendments, with the U.S. declarations and reservations discussed above, be submitted to the Senate for its consideration and advice and consent to ratification.

Respectfully submitted,

CONDOLEEZZA RICE.

Enclosure: Overview of the amendments.

2006 Amendments to the ITU Constitution and Convention

Overview

These amendments to the ITU Constitution and Convention were signed by the United States on November 24, 2006, at the Plenipotentiary Conference that convened in Antalya, Turkey during the period November 6-24, 2006. The amendments, as well as the declarations and reservations made by the U.S. delegation, are contained in the Final Acts of the Plenipotentiary Conference, which also includes texts of the following documents that do not require ratification by the United States: (1) declarations and reservations of other governments; (2) General Rules of Conferences, Assemblies, and Meetings of the Union, as amended; (3) Decisions, as amended; (4) Resolutions, as amended; and (5) a list of Resolutions abrogated by the Plenipotentiary Conference. The certified English language text of the Final Acts is submitted herewith.

The amendments to the Constitution and Convention will each, respectively, enter into force as a whole and in the form of one single instrument, on January 1, 2008, between Member States that have by that date deposited their instruments of ratification, acceptance, or approval of, or accession to, the amendments. The amendments will thereafter be open to accession.

Description and Effect of AmendmentsAmendments concerning certain functions of ITU officials and bodies.

The Convention was amended to clarify that the Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General, or a representative of the Secretary-General may participate in ITU conferences or other ITU meetings in an advisory, vice consultative, capacity (See Convention, Art. 5, paragraph 2 (MOD 105)). The Convention currently provides that world telecommunication development conferences may, as part of the work program of the Telecommunication Development Sector, set up study groups. The Convention was amended to amplify this function, specifying that such conferences shall decide on the need to maintain, terminate, or establish study groups and allocate to them the matters to be studied (See Convention, Art. 16, paragraph 1(a) (MOD 209)). In addition, the provision in the Convention relating to the functions of the Telecommunication Development Advisory Group was amended to state that this Group shall act through the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau. This provides more direct control by the Director over the activities of the

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Telecommunication Development Advisory Group (See Convention, Art. 17A, paragraph 1 (MOD 215C)).

Amendments concerning scheduling of meetings.

Under the current Constitution, world radiocommunication conferences and radiocommunication assemblies are normally to be convened every two to three years. In an effort to reduce ITU expenditures, the Conference amended the Constitution to provide that world radiocommunication conferences and radiocommunication assemblies shall normally be convened every three to four years (See Constitution, Art. 13, paragraphs 2 and 3 (MOD 90, MOD 91)).

Amendments concerning elections.

The Convention provides that elected officials of the ITU (the Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General, and the Directors of the Bureaus) shall be eligible for re-election only once. An amendment clarifies that this applies only to re-election for the same position. Also, it clarifies that the restriction on re-election for a second term applies regardless of whether the terms are consecutive (See Convention, Art. 2, "Elected Officials" paragraph 1 (MOD 13)). A similar amendment clarifies that the existing restriction on re-election for a second term for members of the Radio Regulations Board applies regardless of whether the terms are consecutive. See Convention, Art. 2, "Members of the Radio Regulations Board" paragraph 1 (MOD 20).

Amendments concerning financial matters.

In an effort to enhance oversight of the budget of the ITU, the Convention was amended to require that the Council carry out an annual review of income and expenditures in order to make adjustments, as appropriate, in accordance with resolutions and decisions of the plenipotentiary conference (See Convention, Art. 4, paragraph 11(7) (MOD 73)). In addition, the Convention was amended to provide that, in preparing and submitting to the Council a biennial draft budget covering ITU expenditures, the Secretary-General shall include results-based as well as cost-based budget information (See Convention, Art. 5, paragraph 1(q) (MOD 100)). Under the Convention, each Member State and Sector Member must choose its class of contribution to the ITU from a scale of contribution units. The Conference amended that scale by adding two new levels (11 unit class and 6 unit class), bringing the total of available contribution levels to 24 (See Convention, Art. 33, paragraph 1 (MOD 468)). Also, a provision was added to the Convention

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permitting the Council, in exceptional circumstances, to authorize a reduction in the number of contributory units when so requested by a Sector Member that can no longer maintain its original level of contribution (See Convention, Art. 33, paragraph 4(5ter) (ADD 480B)). The Constitution provides that, prior to each plenipotentiary conference, the Council shall fix the provisional amount of the contributory unit on the basis of the draft financial plan and the total number of contributory units. The Secretary-General is then to inform the Member States and the Sector Members of the provisional amount of the contributory unit and invite Member States to notify the class of contribution they have provisionally chosen. The Conference changed the deadline for such notification from no later than one week prior to the opening of the plenipotentiary conference to no later than four weeks prior to the opening of the plenipotentiary conference, thereby providing the Secretariat with more time to process the notifications and incorporate any financial implications into fiscal planning (See Constitution, Art. 28, paragraph 2(3bis)(2) (MOD 161C)). The Constitution further provides that the plenipotentiary conference shall determine the definitive upper limit of the amount of the contributory unit and fix a deadline by which Member States must announce their definitive choice of class of contribution. That deadline was changed from a date within the penultimate week of the plenipotentiary conference to the Monday of the final week of the plenipotentiary conference (See Constitution, Art. 28, paragraph 2(3bis)(4) (MOD 161E)). The article in the Convention on Finances was amended to identify with more precision the organizations and Sector Members that are obligated to share in defraying the expenses of the conferences, assemblies, and meetings in which they participate (See Convention, Art. 33, paragraph 4(1) (MOD 476)).

Amendment concerning participation by Sector Members.

The Convention authorizes certain entities to participate in the activities of the ITU as Sector Members. The Convention currently provides that, when a Sector Member elects to withdraw from such participation, this becomes effective one year from the date of notification to the Secretary-General. The Conference changed this period of time to six months in order to increase the likelihood of payment after notification of withdrawal (See Convention, Art. 19, paragraph 10 (MOD 240)).

Amendments concerning the role of observers.

The definition of “observer” in the Annex to the Convention was simplified to state that an observer is “[a] person sent by a Member State, organization

agency, or entity to attend a conference, assembly, or meeting of the Union or the Council, without the right to vote and in accordance with the relevant provisions of the basic texts of the Union” (See Convention, Annex (MOD 1002)). The Conference deleted a provision in the Convention giving the representative of each Member State of the Council the right to attend, as an observer, all meetings of the ITU Sectors (See Convention, Art. 4, paragraph 7 (SUP 58)). The Convention was amended to clarify that Sector Members may attend – and not merely be represented at – meetings of the Council, its committees, and its working groups, subject to certain conditions (See Convention, Art. 4, paragraph 9ter (MOD 60B)). The Convention was amended to clarify that observers of specified organizations, agencies, and entities may participate in plenipotentiary conferences in an advisory capacity (See Convention, Art. 23, paragraph 1(d) (MOD 269)). Such observers include certain Sector Members, but no longer organizations of an international character representing such Sector Members (See Convention, Art. 23, paragraph 1(e) (MOD 269E)). Another amendment clarifies that observers of certain organizations and agencies, including international organizations, may participate in radiocommunication conferences in an advisory capacity (See Convention, Art. 24, paragraph 1(b) (MOD 278); Art. 24, paragraph 1(c) (MOD 279)). There is no longer a requirement that observers from Sector Members of the Radiocommunication Sector participating in radiocommunication conferences be “duly authorized by the Member State concerned” (See Convention, Art. 24, paragraph 1(d) (MOD 280)). With respect to admission to radiocommunication assemblies, world telecommunication standardization assemblies, and telecommunications development conferences, an amendment clarifies that observers from certain organizations and agencies may participate in an advisory capacity; other amendments restructure the relevant article without changing its substance (See Convention, Art. 25, paragraph 1 (ADD 296bis; MOD 297; ADD 297bis; SUP 298A; SUP 298B; MOD 298C; SUP 298D; SUP 298E; SUP 298F)).

Amendments of a technical nature.

The languages of the ITU (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, and Spanish) are now described in the Constitution as “official” only rather than as “official and working” (See Constitution, Art. 29, paragraph 1 (MOD 171)). Conforming changes were made in several references in the Convention to languages of the ITU (See Convention, Art. 12, paragraph 2(4)(b) (MOD 178); Convention, Art. 15, paragraph 2(d) (MOD 203); and Convention, Art. 18, paragraph 2(c) (MOD 220)). In order to improve transparency, reports of the proceedings of the Coordination Committee are now to be made available to all Member States without the need for a specific request (See Convention, Art. 6,

paragraph 4 (MOD 111)). Several amendments were made to change references in the text to conform to earlier revisions in the numbering of various provisions (See Convention, Art. 4, paragraph 11(14) (MOD 80); Convention Art. 5, paragraph 1(m) (MOD 96); Convention, Art. 19, paragraph 5 (MOD 235); Convention, Art. 19, paragraph 6 (MOD 236); Convention, Art. 19, paragraph 7 (MOD 237); Convention, Art. 21, paragraph 2 (MOD 251); and Convention, Art. 33, paragraph 4(5bis) (MOD 480A)). One amendment merely moved a provision to a different place in the same article (See Constitution, Art. 11, paragraph 1 (ADD 73bis, SUP 76).

Declarations and Reservations

ITU practice provides for declarations and reservations to be submitted by governments prior to signature of the Final Acts of the Plenipotentiary Conference. In 2006, the United States submitted six declarations and reservations that are included in the 2006 Final Acts. The six declarations and reservations made by the United States require Senate advice and consent.

Consistent with long-standing U.S. practice at ITU treaty-making conferences, the first of these declarations and reservations (No. 70(1)) makes three key points: (1) The United States reserved the right to make additional reservations or declarations at the time of deposit of its instruments of ratification of the amendments to the Constitution and Convention; (2) The United States reiterated and incorporated by reference all reservations and declarations made at earlier ITU conferences; and (3) The United States reiterated the position that the United States cannot be considered bound by the Administrative Regulations adopted previously, or revisions thereto adopted subsequently, without specific notification to the ITU of its consent to be bound. The U.S. statement also makes reference to concerns expressed at the Plenipotentiary Conference regarding procedures followed in certain committee proceedings. The relevant text reads as follows:

The United States of America refers to the provisions on reservations of Article 32B of the Convention of the International Telecommunication Union (Geneva, 1992), and notes that in considering the Final Acts of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Antalya, 2006), the United States of America may find it necessary to make additional reservations or declarations. The United States of America also wishes to reiterate its concerns, as reflected in the summary minutes of the Plenary, with respect to certain procedures

that were followed during committee proceedings. Accordingly, the United States of America reserves the right to make additional reservations or declarations at the time of deposit of its instrument of ratification of the amendments to the Constitution and the Convention (Geneva, 1992) which are adopted by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Antalya, 2006).

The United States of America reiterates and incorporates by reference all reservations and declarations made at world administrative conferences and world radiocommunication conferences prior to signature of these Final Acts.

The United States of America does not, by signature to or by any subsequent ratification of the amendments to the Constitution and the Convention adopted by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Antalya, 2006), consent to be bound by the Administrative Regulations adopted prior to the date of signature of these Final Acts. Nor shall the United States of America be deemed to have consented to be bound by revisions of the Administrative Regulations, whether partial or complete, adopted subsequent to the date of signature of these Final Acts, without specific notification to the International Telecommunication Union of its consent to be bound.

The second of these declarations and reservations (No. 70(2)) states the view of the United States that the ITU, in carrying out the mandates of the Plenipotentiary Conference, should adhere to the principles of accountability, responsibility, and transparency. It reads as follows:

The United States of America, recalling the principles of accountability, responsibility, and transparency that are fundamental to United Nations reform, notes that it is essential that the International Telecommunication Union, in carrying out the mandates of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Antalya, 2006) adhere to those principles in order to achieve lasting reform.

The third of these declarations and reservations (No. 70(3)), referring to a related statement made by the United States at an earlier Plenipotentiary Conference, provides that the United States will interpret the Resolution on the "Status of Palestine in the ITU," as revised at the Plenipotentiary Conference in Antalya, in accordance with relevant international agreements. It reads as follows:

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The United States of America refers to its Statement 92 made at the Plenipotentiary Conference (Minneapolis, 1998) and states that it will interpret Resolution 99 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) in accordance with relevant international agreements, including agreements between Israel and the Palestinians.

In keeping with prior U.S. practice in the ITU, the fourth of these declarations and reservations (No. 104(1)) preserves the right of the United States to take such actions as it deems necessary in response to actions taken by other Member States that are detrimental to U.S. telecommunication interests. It reads as follows:

The United States of America refers to declarations made by various Member States reserving their right to take such action as they may consider necessary to safeguard their interests with respect to application of provisions of the Constitution and Convention of the International Telecommunication Union (Geneva, 1992), and any amendments thereto. The United States of America reserves the right to take whatever measures it deems necessary to safeguard U.S. interests in response to such actions.

Also in keeping with prior U.S. practice in the ITU, the fifth of these declarations and reservations (No. 104(2)) responds to a statement by Cuba reserving its right to take any steps that it may deem necessary against U.S. radio and television broadcasting to Cuba and denouncing U.S. use of radio frequencies at Guantanamo, Cuba. The U.S. response, which is similar to those made by the United States at previous ITU conferences, reads as follows:

The United States of America, noting Statement 80 entered by the delegation of Cuba, recalls its right to broadcast to Cuba on appropriate frequencies free of jamming or other wrongful interference and reserves its rights with respect to existing interference and any future interference by Cuba with U.S. broadcasting. Furthermore, the United States of America notes that its presence in Guantanamo is by virtue of an international agreement presently in force and that the United States of America reserves the right to meet its radiocommunication requirements there as it has in the past.

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The sixth of these declarations and reservations (No. 106), in which the United States joined with eight other Member States, responds to statements by other countries concerning the use of the geostationary-satellite orbit or related claims. It reads as follows:

The delegations of the above-mentioned States, referring to the declarations made by the Republic of Colombia (No. 58), Mexico (No. 34), and Ecuador (No. 55), inasmuch as these and any similar statements refer to the Bogota Declaration of 3 December 1976 by equatorial countries and to the claims of those countries to exercise sovereign rights over segments of the geostationary-satellite orbit, or to any related claims, consider that the claims in question cannot be recognized by this Conference.

The above-mentioned delegations also wish to state that the reference in Article 44 of the Constitution to the "geographical situation of particular countries" does not imply recognition of a claim to any preferential rights to the geostationary-satellite orbit.

I n t e r n a t i o n a l T e l e c o m m u n i c a t i o n U n i o n

**Final Acts of the Plenipotentiary Conference
(Antalya, 2006)**

**Instrument amending
the Constitution
of the International Telecommunication Union (Geneva, 1992)
as amended by the
Plenipotentiary Conference (Kyoto, 1994),
by the
Plenipotentiary Conference (Minneapolis, 1998)
and by the
Plenipotentiary Conference (Marrakesh, 2002)**

**Instrument amending
the Convention
of the International Telecommunication Union (Geneva, 1992)
as amended by the
Plenipotentiary Conference (Kyoto, 1994),
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Plenipotentiary Conference (Minneapolis, 1998)
and by the
Plenipotentiary Conference (Marrakesh, 2002)**

General Rules of Conferences, Assemblies and Meetings of the Union

Decisions and Resolutions



EXPLANATORY NOTES

Symbols used in the Final Acts

The symbols given in the margin indicate changes adopted by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Antalya, 2006) in relation to the texts of the Constitution and Convention (Geneva, 1992) as amended by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Kyoto, 1994), by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Minneapolis, 1998) and by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Marrakesh, 2002), and have the following meaning:

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| ADD | = | addition of a new provision |
| MOD | = | modification of an existing provision |
| (MOD) | = | editorial modification of an existing provision |
| SUP | = | deletion of an existing provision |
| SUP* | = | provision moved to another place in the Final Acts |
| ADD* | = | an existing provision moved from another place in the Final Acts to the place indicated |

These symbols are followed by the number of the existing provision. For new provisions (symbol ADD), the point at which they are to be inserted is shown by the number of the preceding provision, followed by a letter.

INSTRUMENT AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION
OF THE INTERNATIONAL
TELECOMMUNICATION UNION
(GENEVA, 1992)

as amended by the
Plenipotentiary Conference (Kyoto, 1994),
by the
Plenipotentiary Conference (Minneapolis, 1998)
and by the
Plenipotentiary Conference (Marrakesh, 2002)

(Amendments adopted by the
Plenipotentiary Conference (Antalya, 2006))

CONSTITUTION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION*
(GENEVA, 1992)

PART I. Foreword

By virtue of and in implementation of the relevant provisions of the Constitution of the International Telecommunication Union (Geneva, 1992), as amended by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Kyoto, 1994), by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Minneapolis, 1998) and by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Marrakesh, 2002), in particular those in Article 55 thereof, the Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006) has adopted the following amendments to the said Constitution:

* The language used in the basic instruments of the Union (Constitution and Convention) is to be considered as gender neutral.

ARTICLE 11

General Secretariat

ADD* 73bis The Secretary-General shall act as the legal representative of the Union.
SUP* 76

ARTICLE 13

**Radiocommunication Conferences
and Radiocommunication Assemblies**

MOD 90 2 World radiocommunication conferences shall normally be convened
PP-98 every three to four years; however, following the application of the relevant provisions of the Convention, such a conference need not be convened or an additional one may be convened.

MOD 91 3 Radiocommunication assemblies shall also normally be convened every
PP-98 three to four years, and may be associated in place and time with world radiocommunication conferences so as to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Radiocommunication Sector. Radiocommunication assemblies shall provide the necessary technical bases for the work of the world radiocommunication conferences and respond to all requests from world radiocommunication conferences. The duties of the radiocommunication assemblies are specified in the Convention.

ARTICLE 28

Finances of the Union

- MOD 161C** 2) The Secretary-General shall inform the Member States and Sector
PP-98 Members of the provisional amount of the contributory unit as determined under No. 161B above and invite the Member States to notify, no later than four weeks prior to the date set for the opening of the plenipotentiary conference, the class of contribution they have provisionally chosen.
- MOD 161E** 4) Bearing in mind the draft financial plan as revised, the
PP-98 plenipotentiary conference shall, as soon as possible, determine the definitive
PP-02 upper limit of the amount of the contributory unit and set the date, which shall be at the latest on Monday of the final week of the plenipotentiary conference, by which Member States, upon invitation by the Secretary-General, shall announce their definitive choice of class of contribution.

ARTICLE 29

Languages

- MOD 171** 1) The official languages of the Union shall be Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.

PART II. Date of Entry into Force

The amendments contained in the present instrument shall, as a whole and in the form of one single instrument, enter into force on 1 January 2008 between Member States being at that time parties to the Constitution and the Convention of the International Telecommunication Union (Geneva, 1992), and having deposited before that date their instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval of, or accession to, the present amending instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the respective plenipotentiaries have signed the original of the present instrument amending the Constitution of the International Telecommunication Union (Geneva, 1992), as amended by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Kyoto, 1994), by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Minneapolis, 1998) and by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Marrakesh, 2002).

Done at Antalya, 24 November 2006

INSTRUMENT AMENDING THE CONVENTION
OF THE INTERNATIONAL
TELECOMMUNICATION UNION
(GENEVA, 1992)
as amended by the
Plenipotentiary Conference (Kyoto, 1994),
by the
Plenipotentiary Conference (Minneapolis, 1998)
and by the
Plenipotentiary Conference (Marrakesh, 2002)

(Amendments adopted by the
Plenipotentiary Conference (Antalya, 2006))

CONVENTION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION*
(GENEVA, 1992)

PART I. Foreword

By virtue of and in implementation of the relevant provisions of the Convention of the International Telecommunication Union (Geneva, 1992), as amended by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Kyoto, 1994), by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Minneapolis, 1998) and by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Marrakesh, 2002), in particular those in Article 42 thereof, the Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006) has adopted the following amendments to the said Convention:

* The language used in the basic instruments of the Union (Constitution and Convention) is to be considered as gender neutral.

ARTICLE 2

Elections and Related Matters**Elected officials**

- MOD 13** 1 The Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General and the Directors of the Bureaux shall take up their duties on the dates determined by the Plenipotentiary Conference at the time of their election. They shall normally remain in office until dates determined by the following Plenipotentiary Conference, and they shall be eligible for re-election once only for the same post. Re-election shall mean that it is possible for only a second term, regardless of whether it is consecutive or not.

Members of the Radio Regulations Board

- MOD 20** 1 The members of the Radio Regulations Board shall take up their duties on the dates determined by the Plenipotentiary Conference at the time of their election. They shall remain in office until dates determined by the following Plenipotentiary Conference, and shall be eligible for re-election once only. Re-election shall mean that it is possible for only a second term, regardless of whether it is consecutive or not.

ARTICLE 4

The Council

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PP-02 9 *ter*) Sector Members may attend, as observers, meetings of the Council, its committees and its working groups, subject to the conditions established by the Council, including conditions relating to the number of such observers and the procedures for appointing them.

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7) review and approve the biennial budget of the Union, and consider the budget forecast (included in the financial operating report prepared by the Secretary-General under No. 101 of this Convention) for the two-year period following a given budget period, taking account of the decisions of the Plenipotentiary Conference in relation to No. 50 of the Constitution and of the financial limits set by the Plenipotentiary Conference in accordance with No. 51 of the Constitution; it shall ensure the strictest possible economy but be mindful of the obligation upon the Union to achieve satisfactory results as expeditiously as possible. In so doing, the Council shall take into account the priorities established by the Plenipotentiary Conference as expressed in the strategic plan for the Union, the views of the Coordination Committee as contained in the report by the Secretary-General mentioned in No. 86 of this Convention and the financial operating report mentioned in No. 101 of this Convention. The Council shall carry out an annual review of income and expenditure with a view to effecting adjustments, where appropriate, in accordance with resolutions and decisions of the Plenipotentiary Conference;

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14) be responsible for effecting the coordination with all international organizations referred to in Articles 49 and 50 of the Constitution and to this end, conclude, on behalf of the Union, provisional agreements with the international organizations referred to in Article 50 of the Constitution and in Nos. 269B and 269C of the Convention, and with the United Nations in application of the Agreement between the United Nations and the International Telecommunication Union; these provisional agreements shall be submitted to the Plenipotentiary Conference in accordance with the relevant provision of Article 8 of the Constitution;

ARTICLE 5

General Secretariat

- MOD 96** *m)* prepare recommendations for the first meeting of the heads of delegation referred to in No. 49 of the General Rules of conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union, taking into account the results of any regional consultation;
- MOD 100**
PP-98 *q)* after consultation with the Coordination Committee and making all possible economies, prepare and submit to the Council a biennial draft budget covering the expenditures of the Union, taking account of the financial limits laid down by the Plenipotentiary Conference. This draft shall consist of a consolidated budget, including cost-based and results-based budget information for the Union, prepared in accordance with the budget guidelines issued by the Secretary-General, and comprising two versions. One version shall be for zero growth of the contributory unit, the other for a growth less than or equal to any limit fixed by the Plenipotentiary Conference, after any drawing on the Reserve Account. The budget resolution, after approval by the Council, shall be sent for information to all Member States;
- MOD 105** 2 The Secretary-General or the Deputy Secretary-General may participate, in an advisory capacity, in conferences of the Union; the Secretary-General or his representative may participate in an advisory capacity in all other meetings of the Union.

ARTICLE 6

Coordination Committee

- MOD 111**
PP-02 4 A report shall be made of the proceedings of the Coordination Committee and shall be made available to the Member States.

ARTICLE 12

Radiocommunication Bureau

- MOD 178** *b)* exchange with Member States and Sector Members data in machine-readable and other forms, prepare and keep up to date any documents and databases of the Radiocommunication Sector, and arrange, with the Secretary-General, as appropriate, for their publication in the languages of the Union in accordance with No. 172 of the Constitution;
- PP-98**

ARTICLE 15

Telecommunication Standardization Bureau

- MOD 203** *d)* exchange with Member States and Sector Members data in machine-readable and other forms, prepare and, as necessary, keep up to date any documents and databases of the Telecommunication Standardization Sector, and arrange with the Secretary-General, where appropriate, for their publication in the languages of the Union in accordance with No. 172 of the Constitution;
- PP-98**

ARTICLE 16

Telecommunication Development Conferences

- MOD 209** *a)* world telecommunication development conferences shall establish work programmes and guidelines for defining telecommunication development questions and priorities and shall provide direction and guidance for the work programme of the Telecommunication Development Sector. They shall decide, in the light of the above-mentioned programmes of work, on the need to maintain, terminate or establish study groups and allocate to each of them the questions to be studied;

ARTICLE 17A

Telecommunication Development Advisory Group

- MOD 215C** 1 The telecommunication development advisory group shall be open to representatives of administrations of Member States and representatives of Sector Members and to chairmen and vice-chairmen of study groups and other groups, and will act through the Director.

ARTICLE 18

Telecommunication Development Bureau

- MOD 220** c) exchange with members data in machine-readable and other forms, prepare and, as necessary, keep up to date any documents and databases of the Telecommunication Development Sector, and arrange with the Secretary-General, as appropriate, for their publication in the languages of the Union in accordance with No. 172 of the Constitution;

ARTICLE 19

Participation of Entities and Organizations Other than Administrations in the Union's Activities

- (MOD) 235** 5 Any request from any entity or organization listed in No. 231 above (other than those referred to in Nos. 269B and 269C of this Convention) to participate in the work of a Sector shall be sent to the Secretary-General and acted upon in accordance with procedures established by the Council.
- (MOD) 236** 6 Any request from an organization referred to in Nos. 269B to 269D of this Convention to participate in the work of a Sector shall be sent to the Secretary-General, and the organization concerned shall be included in the lists referred to in No. 237 below.

- (MOD) 237**
PP-98 7 The Secretary-General shall compile and maintain lists of all entities and organizations referred to in Nos. 229 to 231 and Nos. 269B to 269D of this Convention that are authorized to participate in the work of each Sector and shall, at appropriate intervals, publish and distribute these lists to all Member States and Sector Members concerned and to the Director of the Bureau concerned. That Director shall advise such entities and organizations of the action taken on their requests, and shall inform the relevant Member States.
- MOD 240**
PP-98 10 Any Sector Member has the right to denounce such participation by notifying the Secretary-General. Such participation may also be denounced, where appropriate, by the Member State concerned or, in case of the Sector Member approved pursuant to No. 234C above, in accordance with criteria and procedures determined by the Council. Such denunciation shall take effect at the end of six months from the date when notification is received by the Secretary-General.

ARTICLE 21

Recommendations from One Conference to Another

- (MOD) 251** 2 Such recommendations shall be sent to the Secretary-General in good time for assembly, coordination and communication, as laid down in No. 44 of the General Rules of conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union.

ARTICLE 23

PP-02

Admission to Plenipotentiary Conferences

- MOD 269**
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PP-02 *d)* observers of the following organizations, agencies and entities, to participate in an advisory capacity:
- MOD 269E**
PP-02 *e)* observers from the Sector Members referred to in Nos. 229 and 231 of this Convention.

ARTICLE 24

PP-02 Admission to Radiocommunication Conferences

- MOD 278** *b)* observers of organizations and agencies referred to in Nos. 269A to 269D of this Convention, to participate in an advisory capacity;
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- MOD 279** *c)* observers of other international organizations invited in accordance with the relevant provisions of Chapter I of the General Rules of conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union, to participate in an advisory capacity;
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- MOD 280** *d)* observers from Sector Members of the Radiocommunication Sector;
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ARTICLE 25

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PP-02

**Admission to Radiocommunication Assemblies,
World Telecommunication Standardization
Assemblies and Telecommunication
Development Conferences**

- ADD 296bis** *b)* representatives of Sector Members concerned;
MOD 297 *c)* observers, to participate in an advisory capacity, from:
PP-02
- ADD 297bis** *i)* the organizations and agencies referred to in Nos. 269A to 269D of this Convention;
- SUP 298A**
SUP 298B
- (MOD) 298C** *ii)* any other regional organization or other international organization
PP-02 dealing with matters of interest to the assembly or conference.
SUP 298D
SUP 298E
SUP* 298F

ARTICLE 33

Finances

MOD 468 1) The scale from which each Member State, subject to the provisions of No. 468A below, and Sector Member, subject to the provisions of No. 468B below, shall choose its class of contribution, in conformity with the relevant provisions of Article 28 of the Constitution, shall be as follows:

| | |
|---------------|------------------|
| 40 unit class | 8 unit class |
| 35 unit class | 6 unit class |
| 30 unit class | 5 unit class |
| 28 unit class | 4 unit class |
| 25 unit class | 3 unit class |
| 23 unit class | 2 unit class |
| 20 unit class | 1 1/2 unit class |
| 18 unit class | 1 unit class |
| 15 unit class | 1/2 unit class |
| 13 unit class | 1/4 unit class |
| 11 unit class | 1/8 unit class |
| 10 unit class | 1/16 unit class |

MOD 476 4) The organizations referred to in Nos. 269A to 269E of this Convention and other organizations also specified in Chapter II thereof (unless they have been exempted by the Council, subject to reciprocity) and Sector Members referred to in No. 230 of this Convention which participate, in accordance with the provisions of this Convention, in a plenipotentiary conference, in a conference, assembly or meeting of a Sector of the Union, or in a world conference on international telecommunications, shall share in defraying the expenses of the conferences, assemblies and meetings in which they participate on the basis of the cost of these conferences and meetings and in accordance with the Financial Regulations. Nevertheless, Sector Members will not be charged separately for their attendance at a conference, assembly or meeting of their respective Sectors, except in the case of regional radiocommunication conferences.

(MOD) 480A *5 bis*) When a Sector Member contributes to defraying the expenses of the Union under No. 159A of the Constitution, the Sector for which the contribution is made should be identified.

ADD 480B *5 ter*) Under exceptional circumstances, the Council may authorize a reduction in the number of contributory units when so requested by a Sector Member which has established that it can no longer maintain its contribution at the class originally chosen.

ANNEX

**Definition of Certain Terms Used in this Convention and
the Administrative Regulations of the International
Telecommunication Union**

MOD 1002
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Observer: A person sent by a Member State, organization, agency or entity to attend a conference, assembly or meeting of the Union or the Council, without the right to vote and in accordance with the relevant provisions of the basic texts of the Union.

PART II. Date of Entry into Force

The amendments contained in the present instrument shall, as a whole and in the form of one single instrument, enter into force on 1 January 2008 between Member States being at that time parties to the Constitution and the Convention of the International Telecommunication Union (Geneva, 1992), and having deposited before that date their instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval of, or accession to, the present amending instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the respective plenipotentiaries have signed the original of the present instrument amending the Convention of the International Telecommunication Union (Geneva, 1992), as amended by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Kyoto, 1994), by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Minneapolis, 1998) and by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Marrakesh, 2002).

Done at Antalya, 24 November 2006

**GENERAL RULES OF CONFERENCES,
ASSEMBLIES AND OTHER
MEETINGS OF
THE UNION**

CHAPTER I

**General Provisions Regarding Conferences
and Assemblies**

**2 Invitation to radiocommunication conferences when there
is an inviting government**

MOD 12 2 1) Subject to the relevant provisions of Article 24 of the Convention, the provisions of Nos. 5 to 10 above shall apply to radiocommunication conferences.

MOD 14 3 1) The inviting government, in agreement with or on a proposal by the Council, may notify the international organizations other than those referred to in Nos. 269A to 269D of the Convention which may be interested in sending observers to participate in the conference.

**8 Time-limits and conditions for submission of proposals
and reports to conferences**

MOD 44 6 The Secretary-General shall assemble and coordinate the proposals received from Member States and shall communicate them to Member States as they are received, but in any case at least two months before the opening of the conference, making them available by electronic means. Elected officials and staff members of the Union, as well as those observers that may attend conferences in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Convention, shall not be entitled to submit proposals.

CHAPTER II

**Rules of Procedure of Conferences, Assemblies
and Meetings****13 Composition of committees****13.1 Plenipotentiary conferences**

MOD 75 Subject to No. 66 of these General Rules, committees shall be composed of the delegates of Member States. Unless otherwise decided by the plenary meeting, the observers referred to in Nos. 269A to 269E of the Convention shall be authorized to attend such committees, with the exception of the steering, credentials, budget control and editorial committees.

13.2 Radiocommunication conferences and world conferences on international telecommunications

MOD 76 1 Subject to No. 66 of these General Rules, committees of radiocommunication conferences shall be composed of the delegates of Member States. Unless otherwise decided by the plenary meeting, the observers referred to in Nos. 278, 279, 280 and, as appropriate, 282 of the Convention, shall be authorized to attend such committees, with the exception of the steering, credentials, budget control and editorial committees.

ADD 76bis 2 Subject to No. 66 of these General Rules, committees of world conferences on international telecommunications shall be composed of the delegates of Member States. Unless otherwise decided by the plenary meeting, the observers referred to in Nos. 278 and 279 of the Convention, and observers of Sector Members shall be authorized to attend such committees, with the exception of the steering, credentials, budget control and editorial committees.

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13.3 Radiocommunication assemblies, world telecommunication standardization assemblies and telecommunication development conferences

- MOD 78** In addition to delegates of Member States and representatives of any entity or organization included in the relevant list referred to in No. 237 of the Convention, the committees of radiocommunication assemblies, of world telecommunication standardization assemblies and of telecommunication development conferences, with the exception of the steering, budget control and editorial committees, may be attended by the observers referred to in Article 25 of the Convention.

CHAPTER III

Election Procedures

31 General rules on election procedures

- MOD 172** 5) Elections shall begin on the fourth calendar day of the conference.

33 Specific rules of procedure for the election of the members of the Radio Regulations Board

- (MOD) 195** 1) The total number of members of the Radio Regulations Board and the number of seats per region of the world shall be decided in accordance with Nos. 63 and 93A of the Constitution.

DECISIONS



RESOLUTIONS

List of PP-06 Decisions/Resolutions – Final numbering

| DECISIONS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE (ANTALYA, 2006) | | |
|---|-------------------------|---|
| Provisional numbering | Final numbering * | Title |
| Decisions | | |
| | 5 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) | Income and expenditure for the Union for the period 2008 to 2011 |
| GT-PLN/A | 9 (Antalya, 2006) | Fourth World Telecommunication Policy Forum |
| COM6/1 | 10 (Antalya, 2006) | Implementation of additional corrective measures relating to cost recovery on satellite network filings |
| Resolutions | | |
| | 11 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) | World and regional telecommunication/information and communication technology exhibitions and forums |
| | 14 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) | Recognition of the rights and obligations of all Sector Members of the Union |
| | 21 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) | Special measures concerning alternative calling procedures on international telecommunication networks |
| | 22 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) | Apportionment of revenues in providing international telecommunication services |
| | 25 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) | Strengthening the regional presence |
| | 30 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) | Special measures for the least developed countries and small island developing states |
| | 34 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) | Assistance and support to countries in special need for rebuilding their telecommunication sector |

* Final publication to be made available in due course.
05.02.2007

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| Provisional numbering | Final numbering | Title |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--|
| | 36 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) | Telecommunications/information and communication technologies in the service of humanitarian assistance |
| | 41 (Rev. Antalya 2006) | Arrears and special arrears accounts |
| | 48 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) | Human resources management and development |
| | 64 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) | Non-discriminatory access to modern telecommunication/information and communication technology facilities and services |
| | 68 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) | World Telecommunication and Information Society Day |
| | 70 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) | Gender mainstreaming in ITU and promotion of gender equality towards all-inclusive information societies |
| | 71 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) | Strategic plan for the Union for 2008-2011 |
| | 72 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) | Linking strategic, financial and operational planning in ITU |
| | 77 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) | Future conferences, assemblies and forums of the Union (2008-2011) |
| | 91 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) | Cost recovery for some ITU products and services |
| | 94 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) | Auditing of the accounts of the Union |
| | 99 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) | Status of Palestine in ITU |
| | 101 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) | Internet Protocol-based networks |
| | 102 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) | ITU's role with regard to international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet and the management of Internet resources, including domain names and addresses |
| | 111 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) | Scheduling of ITU conferences and assemblies |
| | 119 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) | Methods to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Radio Regulations Board |

| Provisional numbering | Final numbering | Title |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--|
| | 122 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) | The evolving role of the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly |
| | 123 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) | Bridging the standardization gap between developing and developed countries |
| | 124 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) | Support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development |
| | 126 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) | Assistance and support to the Republic of Serbia for rebuilding its destroyed public broadcasting system |
| | 128 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) | Support for the Agenda for Connectivity in the Americas and Quito Action Plan |
| | 130 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) | Strengthening the role of ITU in building confidence and security in the use of information and communication technologies |
| | 131 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) | Information and communication technology index and community connectivity indicators |
| | 133 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) | Role of administrations of Member States in the management of internationalized (multilingual) domain names |
| PLEN/1 | 134 (Antalya, 2006) | Number of Council Member States |
| GT-PLEN/1 | 135 (Antalya, 2006) | The role of the International Telecommunication Union in the development of telecommunications/information and communication technologies, in providing technical assistance and advice to developing countries, and in implementing relevant national, regional and inter-regional projects |
| GT-PLEN/2 | 136 (Antalya, 2006) | The use of telecommunications/information and communication technologies for monitoring and management in emergency and disaster situations for early warning, prevention, mitigation and relief |
| GT-PLEN/3 | 137 (Antalya, 2006) | Next-generation network deployment in developing countries |
| GT-PLEN/4 | 138 (Antalya, 2006) | The Global Symposium for Regulators |
| GT-PLEN/5 | 139 (Antalya, 2006) | Telecommunications/information and communication technologies to bridge the digital divide |

| Provisional numbering | Final numbering | Title |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---|
| GT-PLEN/6 | 140 (Antalya, 2006) | ITU's role in implementing the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society |
| GT-PLEN/7 | 141 (Antalya, 2006) | Study on the participation of all relevant stakeholders in the activities of the Union related to the World Summit on the Information Society |
| GT-PLEN/8 | 142 (Antalya, 2006) | Review of terminology used in the Constitution and Convention of the International Telecommunication Union |
| COM5/1 | 143 (Antalya, 2006) | Extending the provisions in ITU documents relating to developing countries to apply to countries with economies in transition |
| COM5/2 | 144 (Antalya, 2006) | Availability of model host-country agreements in advance for conferences and assemblies of the Union held away from Geneva |
| COM5/3 | 145 (Antalya, 2006) | Participation of observers in conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union |
| COM5/4 | 146 (Antalya, 2006) | Review of the International Telecommunication Regulations |
| COM5/5 | 147 (Antalya, 2006) | Study on the management and functioning of the Union |
| COM5/6 | 148 (Antalya, 2006) | Tasks and functions of the Deputy Secretary-General |
| COM5/7 | 149 (Antalya, 2006) | Study of definitions and terminology relating to building confidence and security in the use of information and communication technologies |
| COM6/1 | 150 (Antalya, 2006) | Approval of the accounts of the Union for the years 2002 to 2005 |
| COM6/2 | 151 (Antalya, 2006) | Implementation of results-based management in ITU |
| COM6/3 | 152 (Antalya, 2006) | Improvement of management and follow-up of the defrayal of ITU expenses by Sector Members and Associates |
| COM6/4 | 153 (Antalya, 2006) | Scheduling of Council sessions and plenipotentiary conferences |
| COM6/5 | 154 (Antalya, 2006) | Use of the six official languages of the Union on an equal footing |
| COM6/6 | 155 (Antalya, 2006) | Establishment of a management and budget group of the Council |
| COM6/7 | 156 (Antalya, 2006) | Scheduling of conferences |

| Provisional numbering | Final numbering | Title |
|------------------------------|------------------------|--|
| COM6/8 | 157 (Antalya, 2006) | Resolution of the project execution function in ITU |
| COM6/9 | 158 (Antalya, 2006) | Financial issues for consideration by the Council |
| COM6/10 | 159 (Antalya, 2006) | Assistance and support to Lebanon for rebuilding its telecommunication networks (fixed and mobile) |
| COM6/11 | 160 (Antalya, 2006) | Assistance to Somalia |
| COM6/12 | 161 (Antalya, 2006) | Assistance and support for the Democratic Republic of the Congo for rebuilding its telecommunication network |

DECISION 5 (Rev. Antalya, 2006)

**Income and expenditure for the Union for
the period 2008 to 2011**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

considering

the strategic plans and goals established for the Union and its Sectors for the period 2008 to 2011, and the priorities identified therein,

considering further

- a) Resolution 91 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) of this conference on general principles for cost recovery;
- b) that, in the consideration of the draft financial plan of the Union for 2008-2011, the gap between income and expenditure was substantial;

noting

that this conference has adopted Resolution COM6/2 (Antalya, 2006) concerning the implementation of results-based management in ITU, an important component of which relates to planning, programming, budgeting, monitoring and evaluation, and which should lead, *inter alia*, to further strengthening of the financial management system of the Union,

noting further

that Resolution 48 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) of this conference, stresses the importance of the human resources of the Union for the fulfilment of its goals and objectives,

decides

1 that the Council is authorized to draw up the two biennial budgets of the Union in such a way that the total expenditure of the General Secretariat and the three Sectors of the Union is balanced by the anticipated income, on the basis of Annex 1 to this decision, taking into account the following:

1.1 that the upper limit of the amount of the contributory unit of Member States for the years 2008-2011 shall be CHF 330 000;

1.2 that, for the years 2008-2009, the contributory unit of Member States shall not exceed CHF 318 000;

1.3 that expenditure on interpretation, translation and text processing in respect of the official languages of the Union shall not exceed CHF 85 million for the years 2008 to 2011;

1.4 that, when adopting the biennial budgets of the Union, the Council may decide to give the Secretary-General the possibility, in order to meet unanticipated demand, to increase the budget for products or services which are subject to cost recovery, within the limit of the income from cost recovery for that activity;

- 1.5 that the Council shall each year control the expenditure and income in the budget as well as the different activities and the related expenditure contained therein;
- 2 that, if no plenipotentiary conference is held in 2010, the Council shall establish the biennial budgets of the Union for 2012 and thereafter, having first obtained approval for the budgeted annual values of the contributory unit from a majority of the Member States of the Union;
- 3 that the Council may authorize expenditure in excess of the limits for conferences, meetings and seminars if such excess can be compensated by sums within the expenditure limits accrued from previous years or charged to the following year;
- 4 that the Council shall, during each budgetary period, assess the changes that have taken place and the changes likely to take place in the current and coming budgetary periods under the following items:
- 4.1 salary scales, pension contributions and allowances, including post adjustments, established by the United Nations common system and applicable to the staff employed by the Union;
- 4.2 the exchange rate between the Swiss franc and the United States dollar in so far as this affects the staff costs for those staff members on United Nations scales;
- 4.3 the purchasing power of the Swiss franc in respect of non-staff items of expenditure;
- 5 that the Council shall have the task of effecting every possible economy, in particular taking into account the options for reducing expenditure contained in Annex 2 to this decision, and considering the application of the concept of unfunded mandatory activities (UMACs)¹, and, to this end, that it shall establish the lowest possible authorized level of expenditure commensurate with the needs of the Union, within the limits established by *decides* 1, if necessary taking into account the provisions of *decides* 7 below; a set of options for reducing expenditure is given in Annex 2 to this decision;
- 6 that the Council may exceed the limit set in *decides* 1.2 above for the years 2008-2009 by up to 1 per cent, in order to meet expenditure on unforeseen and urgent activities which are in the interests of the Union; within the upper limit established in *decides* 1.1 above, the Council may exceed the limit of CHF 318 000 by more than 1 per cent only with the approval of a majority of the Member States of the Union, after they have been duly consulted, within the upper limit of CHF 330 000; they shall be presented with a full statement of the facts justifying this step;
- 7 that, in determining the value of the contributory unit in any budgetary period, the Council shall take into account the future programme of conferences and meetings and the estimated related costs, as well as other sources of income, in order to avoid wide fluctuations from period to period;

¹ The concept of UMACs may be applied, where necessary, as a means of highlighting a number of activities within the overall programme of work mandated by the governing bodies of the Union, as well as those support activities which are deemed essential to implement the mandated activities, which could not be accommodated within the financial limits set by the Plenipotentiary Conference. The Secretary-General would be authorized to incur expenditure on these activities provided that savings are achieved or additional income is generated.

8 that, in determining the value of the contributory unit, the Council should also take into account the budgetary impact of the introduction of new cost-recovery charges for activities that were previously funded from assessed contributions and should, to the greatest extent possible, reduce the value of the contributory unit by an appropriate amount;

9 that the following guidelines should be applied in relation to any expenditure reductions:

- a) the internal audit function of the Union should be maintained at a strong and effective level;
- b) there should be no expenditure reductions which would affect cost-recovery income;
- c) fixed costs such as those related to the reimbursement of loans or after-service health insurance should not be subject to expenditure reductions;
- d) there should be no expenditure reductions in regular maintenance costs for ITU buildings which would affect the security or the health of staff;
- e) the information services function in the Union should be maintained at an effective level,

10 that the Council, in determining the amount of withdrawals from or allocations to the Reserve Account, should aim under normal circumstances at keeping the Reserve Account (after integration of unused appropriations) at a level above 3 per cent of the total budget,

instructs the Secretary-General, with the assistance of the Coordination Committee

1 to prepare the draft biennial budgets for the years 2008-2009, as well as 2010-2011, on the basis of the associated guidelines in the *decides* above, the Annexes to this decision and all relevant documents submitted to the Plenipotentiary Conference;

2 to ensure that, in each biennial budget, income and expenditure are balanced;

3 to draw up and implement a programme of appropriate cost efficiencies and reductions across all ITU operations so as to ensure a balanced budget;

4 to implement the aforementioned programme as soon as possible,

instructs the Secretary-General

to provide to the Council, no less than seven weeks before its 2007 and 2009 ordinary sessions, complete and accurate data as needed for the development, consideration and establishment of the biennial budget,

instructs the Council

1 to review and approve the biennial budgets for 2008-2009 and 2010-2011, giving due consideration to the associated guidelines in *decides* above, the Annexes to this decision and all documents submitted to the Plenipotentiary Conference;

2 to ensure that, in each biennial budget, income and expenditure are balanced;

- 3 to consider further appropriations in the event that additional sources of revenue are identified or savings achieved;
- 4 to examine the cost-efficiency and cost-reduction programme drawn up by the Secretary-General;
- 5 to take account of the impact of any cost reduction programme on the staff of the Union, including the implementation of a voluntary retirement scheme.

ANNEX 1 TO DECISION 5 (Rev. Antalya, 2006)

Financial plan 2008-2011: Income and expenditure estimates

| | Amount of the contributory unit (in CHF) | 318 000 |
|-----------|--|----------------|
| | | 000 CHF |
| 1 | Income estimates | |
| 2 | Assessed contributions (403.08 full units)* | 511 445 |
| 3 | Cost-recovery income | 105 369 |
| 4 | Other income | 10 800 |
| 5 | Reduction due to free access to ITU-T recommendations** | -7 000 |
| 6 | Increase in the price of publications (10% on average) | 4 000 |
| 7 | Income estimates | 624 614 |
| 8 | Expenditure estimates*** | 673 662 |
| 9 | Estimated financial impact of PP-06 resolutions and decisions (COM5/1, COM5/4, GT-PLN/A) | 1 490 |
| 10 | RRC-06 post-conference work | 5 200 |
| 11 | WTDC-06 Doha Action Plan | 4 500 |
| 12 | IPSAS implementation | 2 500 |
| 13 | Security projects | 0 |
| 14 | WSIS outcomes | 0 |
| 15 | WTSA-04 outcomes | 0 |
| 16 | WTDC-06 outcomes | 0 |
| 17 | Staff costs | -2 000 |
| 18 | Travel on duty | -2 000 |
| 19 | Fellowships | -1 000 |
| 20 | External consultants | -1 000 |
| 21 | Public services | -1 000 |
| 22 | Documentation | -11 500 |
| 23 | Advisory groups | -560 |
| 24 | Council working groups | -490 |
| 25 | WRC/RA/CPM | -600 |
| 26 | Study group meetings | -2 000 |
| 27 | Interpretation | -1 500 |
| 28 | Expenditure estimates | 663 702 |
| 29 | Income estimates less expenditure estimates**** | -39 088 |

* Based on the number of contributory as at 22 November 2006

** Subject to Council 2007 decision

*** Reference Document PP-06/57 (Annex 1)

**** Reduction of expenditure and/or increase of income to be identified

ANNEX 2 TO DECISION 5 (Rev. Antalya, 2006)

Options for reducing expenditure

- 1) Identification of possible duplications (functions, activities, workshops, seminars) and centralization of finance and administrative tasks.
- 2) Coordination and harmonization of seminars and workshops in order to avoid duplication of the subjects covered and to optimize secretariat attendance.
- 3) Coordination with regional organizations with a view to sharing the available resources of the regional organizations and minimizing the costs of participation (workshops, seminars, preparatory meetings for world conferences).
- 4) Possible savings from natural attrition (opportunity for keeping vacant positions unfilled and for the redeployment of staff).
- 5) New activities are to be implemented through staff redeployment.
- 6) Reduction in the cost of documentation of conferences and meetings by:
 - a) requesting at the time of registration whether paper copies are required;
 - b) setting of a maximum number of copies by the Plenipotentiary Conference or by the Council;
 - c) setting of a maximum of three sets per delegation;
 - d) reducing the number of paper copies sent to administrations from the current five to a maximum of two or three.
- 7) Consideration of savings in languages (translation, interpretation) for study group meetings and publications.
- 8) Implementation of WSIS activities through staff redeployment within the existing resources.
- 9) Review of the costs of study groups, working parties, task groups.
- 10) Limitation of the number of study group meetings and in their duration.
- 11) Limitation of the number of days of meetings for the advisory groups to three days per year maximum. Additional meetings may be held on cost recovery basis, i.e. costs are financed by the requesting Sectors.
- 12) Elimination as much as possible of physical meetings of working groups of the Council.
- 13) Reduction of 2 working days for WRC, 1 for RA and 1 for CPM. The scope and complexity of the agenda will have to be taken into consideration and adapted to the new durations of these events.
- 14) Identification of the level of achievement of the different programmes with a view to utilizing resources for other new activities.
- 15) For new programmes or those having additional financial resource implications, a "value-added impact statement" should justify how the proposed programmes differ from current and/or similar programmes in order to avoid overlap and duplication.

- 16) Sound consideration of the resources allocated to regional initiatives, programmes and assistance to members, to the regional presence both in the regions and at headquarters, as well as those resulting from the outcome of WTDC and the Doha Action Plan.
- 17) Reduce the cost of travel on duty, by limiting the time on mission as well as the participation to meetings, and benefiting from reductions in air fares.
- 18) Radio Regulations Board - reduce the number of meetings in one calendar year from 4 to 3.

DECISION GT-PLEN/A (Antalya, 2006)

Fourth World Telecommunication Policy Forum

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

considering

- a) Resolution 2 (Rev. Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference on the maintaining of the World Telecommunication Policy Forum (WTPF) in order to discuss and exchange views and information on telecommunication policy and regulatory matters, especially on global and cross-sectoral issues;
- b) Resolution COM5/4 (Antalya, 2006) of this conference on the review of the International Telecommunication Regulations,

noting

- a) the relevant outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society;
- b) that the purposes of the Union are, *inter alia*, to promote, at international level, the adoption of a broader approach to the issues of telecommunications in the global information economy and society, to promote the extension of the benefits of the new telecommunication technologies to all the world's inhabitants and to harmonize the actions of Member States and Sector Members in the attainment of those ends;
- c) that ITU is uniquely positioned and has the necessary experience to provide a forum for the coordination of, exchange of information on, discussion of and harmonization of national, regional and international telecommunication strategies and policies;
- d) that WTPF has provided a venue for discussion of global and cross-sectoral issues by high-level participants, thus contributing to the advance of world telecommunications,

considering further

- a) that convergence, including Internet-related public policy matters, is one of the topics of high current interest to ITU Member States and Sector Members;
- b) that the continued development of convergence, next-generation networks, and Internet also has significant implications for several domains, particularly for capacity building, especially in developing countries;
- c) that a study of emerging telecommunications policy and regulatory issues is also amongst the topics of high current interest to ITU Member States and Sector Members;

d) that a study of new and emerging issues as referred to in Resolution COM5/4 (Antalya, 2006) is also among the topics of high current interest to ITU Member States and Sector Members,

decides

- 1 to convene the fourth WTPF in Geneva in the first quarter of 2009, in order to discuss and exchange views on the themes listed above, with the draft agenda shown in the Annex to this Decision;
- 2 that the fourth WTPF shall draw up a report and, if possible, opinions for consideration by ITU Member States and Sector Members and relevant ITU meetings;
- 3 that arrangements for the fourth WTPF shall be in accordance with applicable Council decisions for such fora.

ANNEX TO DECISION GT-PLN/A (Antalya, 2006)

Draft agenda

Fourth World Telecommunication Policy Forum

- 1 Inauguration of the fourth World Telecommunication Policy Forum
- 2 Election of the chairman
- 3 Opening remarks and presentations
- 4 Organization of the work of the Forum
- 5 Presentation of the Secretary-General's report
- 6 Presentation of comments by the membership on the report
- 7 Discussion
- 8 Consideration of draft opinions
- 9 Adoption of the chairman's report and opinions
- 10 Other business

DECISION COM6/1 (Antalya, 2006)

Implementation of additional corrective measures relating to cost recovery on satellite network filings

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

considering

- a) the revision of the methodology and scale of charges for cost recovery for the processing of satellite network filings established in Decision 482 modified by the Council at its 2002 session;
- b) that, in Decision 513, Council-03 agreed on the need to address this issue on a temporary basis, pending a review of the charging methodology by Council-04;
- c) that the application of Decision 513 still resulted in some invoices having values significantly higher than CHF 100 000;
- d) that Council-04 did not adopt a new charging methodology;
- e) that Council-05 identified and corrected several anomalies regarding the cost-recovery fees for satellite network filings with invoices issued in the 2004-2005 biennium;
- f) that corrective measures set forth in some Council-05 decisions for invoices issued for the 2002-2003 period were not implementable due to the closure of the accounts for 2002-2003,

noting

- a) that Council-06 instructed the Secretary-General to transmit to the Plenipotentiary Conference (Antalya, 2006) the relevant matters relating to the implementation of cost recovery for satellite network filings (C-05 Decision 531, C-05 Decision 532, C-05 Decision 534) for which invoices were issued during the 2002-2003 period, and which were subject to actions by Council-05;
- b) the Radio Regulations Board (RRB), at its 41st meeting (Geneva, 4-8 September 2006), concluded that the publication of special sections pertaining to the coordination of some satellite networks was not correct, and therefore requested the cancellation of the relevant invoices issued during the 2002-2003 period,

decides

- 1 to implement the corrective measures set forth in the Council-05 Decisions 531, 532 and 534 and in the RRB decision (41st meeting, Geneva, 4-8 September 2006) in respect of invoices issued for the 2002-2003 period, taking into account *considering f)* above;
- 2 that, in respect of those satellite network filings affected by *decides 1* above, and not nominated for the free entitlement, the Radiocommunication Bureau shall issue revised invoices and shall credit the responsible administration, as appropriate;
- 3 to withdraw the amount of CHF 6 204 956.40 from the Reserve Account, noting, however, that Decision 5 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) of this conference requires that in no circumstances should the Reserve Account be reduced below 3 per cent as a result of the present decision.

SUP

DECISION 4 (Minneapolis, 1998)

Procedure concerning choice of class of contribution

SUP

DECISION 8 (Marrakesh, 2002)

**ITU input to the Declaration of Principles and Plan of Action of
the World Summit on the Information Society
and the information document on ITU activities
related to the Summit**

RESOLUTION 11 (Rev. Antalya, 2006)

World and regional telecommunication/information and communication technology exhibitions and forums

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

considering

- a)* that telecommunication/ICT exhibitions and associated forums (ITU TELECOM) are of considerable assistance in keeping the membership of the Union and the wider telecommunication/ICT community informed of the latest advances in all fields of telecommunications/ICT and the possibilities of applying them for the benefit of all Member States and Sector Members, particularly the developing countries;
- b)* that world and regional ITU TELECOM events fulfil the mandate to keep Member States and Sector Members informed of, and offer a universal opportunity for the display of, state-of-the-art technology concerning all aspects of telecommunications/ICT and related fields of activity;
- c)* that some developing countries that have not had the opportunity to host world and regional ITU TELECOM events now have the capability, willingness and commitment to host such events;
- d)* that regional ITU TELECOMs bring the potential benefits of telecommunications/ICT closer to the people of all continents by emphasizing the specific problems of each region and indicating possible solutions to them;
- e)* that such regional exhibitions and forums organized on a regular basis by ITU, staged at the invitation of Member States, are an excellent means of catering for the needs of both developed and developing countries and facilitate the transfer of technology and of essential information to developing countries;
- f)* the commitments made by Switzerland towards ITU;
- g)* the commitments made by the countries which have signed the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies,

noting

- a)* that an ITU TELECOM Board has been established to assist the Secretary-General in the management of ITU TELECOM activities;
- b)* that many developing countries have moved significantly forward in the development of their telecommunication/ICT sector;
- c)* that some of these countries have already hosted regional ITU TELECOM events which have proved successful;

- d) that ITU has been successfully organizing world and regional ITU TELECOM events for many years;
- e) that the principles governing ITU's activities in this field have proved to be extraordinarily useful for the membership of the Union and the wider telecommunication/ICT community;
- f) that the operational flexibility which the ITU TELECOM management needs in order to meet all the challenges in its field of activity and compete in its semi-commercial environment has proved to be useful,

resolves

- 1 that the Union should, in collaboration with its Member States and its Sector Members, continue to organize world and regional telecommunication/ICT exhibitions and forums on a regular basis, taking due account of the need to ensure the financial success of such exhibitions;
- 2 that the Union, in its venue selection process for ITU TELECOM exhibitions and forums, should, taking into account *resolves* 5 below, give due consideration to:
 - 2.1 ensuring that such decisions are based on an open and transparent process, with objective criteria – including financial viability – as well as on the results of preliminary market and feasibility studies, including consultations with exhibitors from all regions, guaranteeing preferential or discounted hotel prices to participants and exhibitors;
 - 2.2 balancing the need for generating surplus income with the capability and willingness of countries, and developing countries in particular, to host and stage world and regional ITU TELECOM events;
- 3 that the Secretary-General is fully accountable for ITU TELECOM activities (including planning, organization and finance), which are an integral part of the permanent activities of the Union;
- 4 that ITU TELECOM activities are subject to the ITU Staff Regulations and Staff Rules, publication practices and Financial Regulations, including internal control and internal audit;
- 5 that the venue selection for world ITU TELECOM events be based on a fair and transparent process open to all interested parties and that, in the case when several countries have submitted competitive offers, taking into account *resolves* 2.1 above, the principle of rotation applies;
- 6 that the audit of ITU TELECOM accounts shall be carried out by the External Auditor of the Union;
- 7 that, once all the expenditures have been recovered, a significant part of any surplus income over expenditure derived from ITU TELECOM activities should be used as extrabudgetary income for the Telecommunication Development Bureau, for specific telecommunication development projects, primarily in the least developed countries,

instructs the Secretary-General

- 1 to ensure the appropriate management of all ITU TELECOM activities, in line with the regulations of the Union and in particular with this resolution;
- 2 to consider measures that will enable and assist Member States which are capable and willing, particularly developing countries, to host and stage regional ITU TELECOM events;
- 3 in respect of these measures, to take into account the following:
 - flexibility in implementing ITU requirements for regional telecommunication/ICT exhibitions and forums, i.e. space requirements, pricing regimes for exhibition, forum and office space;
 - establishing a rotation system in deciding the venue of regional ITU TELECOM events which will give due consideration, on a neutral basis, to countries which have not had the opportunity to host such an event but are willing and capable of doing so;
- 4 to take advice from the ITU TELECOM Board, the mandate and the principles governing the composition of which are approved by the Council on the proposal of the Secretary-General, with due consideration to ensuring transparency and to appointing some individuals with experience in the organization of exhibitions and forums;
- 5 to ensure the transparency of ITU TELECOM activities and report on them in a separate annual report to the Council, including on:
 - all ITU TELECOM business activities;
 - all activities of the ITU TELECOM Board;
 - the reasons for the selection of venues for future world and regional ITU TELECOM exhibitions and forums;
 - future events and their financial implications, the future strategy and risks to be considered;
 - action taken with respect to the use of surplus income,
- 6 to establish a mechanism to implement *resolves* 2.1 and *resolves* 5 above;
- 7 not to stage regional ITU TELECOM events in a year in which a world ITU TELECOM event will be organized;
- 8 that a world ITU TELECOM event is held every four years, provided that it does not coincide with one of the most important ITU conferences or assemblies, thus reverting to the previous cycle;
- 9 to ensure the internal control and internal and external audits of the accounts for the different ITU TELECOM activities,

instructs the Council

- 1 to review the annual report on ITU TELECOM activities as described under *instructs the Secretary-General* 5 above and give guidance on future trends for those activities;
- 2 to review and approve the ITU TELECOM accounts, after having examined the reports of the External Auditor and of the internal auditor of the Union;

- 3 to review and approve the use of ITU TELECOM surplus funds and to decide annually on the amount to be transferred to the ICT Development Fund;
- 4 to review and approve proposals of the Secretary-General on the principles for a transparent decision-making process on the venues of world and regional ITU TELECOM events, including the criteria which serve as a basis for that process; such criteria shall include cost elements as well as the rotation system as referred to in *resolves* 5 above and the additional costs which may result from holding the event outside the city of the seat of the Union;
- 5 to review and approve proposals of the Secretary-General on the mandate and on the composition of the ITU TELECOM Board, with due consideration to ensuring transparency and to appointing some individuals with experience in the organization of exhibitions and forums.

RESOLUTION 14 (Rev. Antalya, 2006)

**Recognition of the rights and obligations
of all Sector Members of the Union**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

considering

- a) that the rights and obligations of Member States and Sector Members of the Union are set out in Article 3 of the ITU Constitution;
- b) that Article 19 of the ITU Convention lists the types of entities and organizations which may be authorized to participate in the activities of the Sectors as Sector Members;
- c) that, except for the provisions of Nos 239 and 340C of the Convention, only Member States have the right to vote, particularly for the approval of recommendations and questions, in accordance with Article 3 of the Constitution,

recognizing

that Sector Members referred to in the lists established by the Secretary-General in accordance with No. 237 of the Convention may participate in all activities of the Sector concerned, with the exception of formal votes and some treaty-making conferences, and in this regard each Sector Member is entitled to:

- a) receive from the Bureau of that Sector all the documents which they have requested relating to the Sector's study groups, assemblies or conferences in which they may participate under the relevant provisions of the Convention and under the working methods and procedures of the Sector concerned;
- b) send contributions to study groups, notably those in which they have requested to participate in due time, in accordance with the Sector's working methods and procedures;
- c) send representatives to such meetings, after having announced their names to the Bureau in due time, in accordance with the Sector's working methods and procedures;
- d) propose items for inclusion in the agendas of such meetings, except in relation to the structure and functioning of the Union;
- e) take part in all discussions, and may assume responsibilities such as chairmanship or vice-chairmanship of a study group, working party, expert group, rapporteur's group or any other ad hoc group, according to the competence and availability of their experts;
- f) take part in the drafting work and editorial work necessary prior to the adoption of recommendations,

recognizing further

that coordination between Member States and Sector Members at the national level has proved to increase the efficiency of the work,

resolves

to invite Sector Members to take part in any decision-finding procedure aimed at facilitating the achievement of a consensus in study groups, in particular in the field of standardization,

invites the world telecommunication development conference, radiocommunication assembly and world telecommunication standardization assembly

to adopt respective provisions in the working methods and procedures of their Sectors,

invites administrations of Member States

to conduct, at the national level, broad coordination among all Sector Members from their countries.

RESOLUTION 21 (Rev. Antalya, 2006)

**Special measures concerning alternative
calling procedures on international
telecommunication networks**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

recognizing

- a) that each Member State has the sovereign right to allow or prohibit certain or all alternative calling procedures in order to avoid negative effects on or harm to its national telecommunication networks;
- b) the interests of developing countries;
- c) the interests of consumers and users of telecommunication services,

considering

- a) that the use of some alternative calling procedures may adversely affect the economies of developing countries and may seriously hamper the efforts made by those countries to ensure the sound development of their telecommunication/information and communication technology networks and services;
- b) that some forms of alternative calling procedures may have an impact on traffic management and network planning and degrade the quality and performance of the public switched telephone network (PSTN);
- c) that the use of certain alternative calling procedures that are not harmful to networks may contribute to competition in the interests of consumers;
- d) that a number of relevant Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T) recommendations specifically address, from several points of view, including technical and financial, the effects of alternative calling procedures (including call-back and refile) on the performance and development of telecommunication networks,

recalling

- a) Resolution 21 (Rev. Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on alternative calling procedures on telecommunication networks, which:
 - urged Member States to cooperate among themselves to resolve difficulties in order to ensure that national laws and regulations of ITU Member States are respected;
 - instructed ITU-T to accelerate its studies with a view to developing appropriate solutions and recommendations;

b) Resolution 29 (Rev. Florianópolis, 2004) of the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA), which resolved that:

- administrations and recognized operating agencies (ROA) should take all reasonable measures, within the constraints of their national law, to suspend alternative calling procedures which seriously degrade the quality and performance of the PSTN;
- administrations and ROAs should take a cooperative and reasonable approach to respecting the national sovereignty of others;
- further studies are required to evaluate the economic effects of call-back on the effort of countries with economies in transition, developing countries, and especially least developed countries, for sound development of their local telecommunication networks and services, and to evaluate the effectiveness of the suggested guidelines for consultation on call-back;

c) Resolution 22 (Rev. Doha, 2006) of the World Telecommunication Development Conference, the final version of which is based on amendments to Resolutions 20 and 29 (Rev. Florianópolis, 2004) of WTSA,

aware

a) that, as at October 2006, 114 Member States had notified the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau that call-back is prohibited on their territory;

b) that ITU-T has concluded that certain alternative calling procedures such as constant calling (or bombardment or polling) and answer suppression seriously degrade the quality and the performance of the PSTN;

c) that appropriate ITU-T study groups are cooperating on issues related to alternative calling procedures, including refile, call-back, and telecommunication origin identification,

resolves

1 to encourage administrations and international telecommunication operators to implement the ITU-T recommendations referred to in *considering d)* in order to limit the negative effects that, in some cases, alternative calling procedures have on developing countries;

2 to request administrations and international operators which permit the use of alternative calling procedures on their territory in accordance with their national regulations to pay due regard to the decisions of other administrations and international operators whose regulations do not permit such services;

3 to request the appropriate ITU-T study groups, through contributions of Member States and Sector Members, to continue to study alternative calling procedures, such as refile and call-back, and issues related to identification of origin, in order to take into account the importance of these studies as they relate to next-generation networks (NGN) and network degradation,

instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau and the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau

- 1 to collaborate in the effective implementation of this resolution;
- 2 to collaborate so as to avoid overlap and duplication of effort in studying issues related to refile, call-back and identification of origin.

RESOLUTION 22 (Rev. Antalya, 2006)

Apportionment of revenues in providing international telecommunication services

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

considering

- a) the importance of telecommunications/information and communication technology (ICT) for the social and economic development of all countries;
- b) the continued leading role of the International Telecommunication Union in stimulating the universal development of telecommunication/ICT;
- c) the increasing imbalance, under the current circumstances, between developed and developing countries, in terms of economic growth and technological progress;
- d) that the Independent Commission for World-Wide Telecommunications Development, in its report "The Missing Link", recommended, *inter alia*, that Member States should consider setting aside a small portion of revenues from calls between developing and industrialized countries to be devoted to telecommunications in developing countries;
- e) that Recommendation D.150 of the Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T), which provides for the apportionment of accounting revenues from international traffic between terminal countries, in principle on a 50/50 basis, has been amended to provide for sharing in a different proportion where there are differences in the costs of providing and operating telecommunication services, although ITU-T has not obtained any information on its implementation;
- f) Resolution 3 (Melbourne, 1988) adopted by the World Administrative Telegraph and Telephone Conference;
- g) that ITU, in pursuance of Resolution 23 of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Nice, 1989) and as a follow-up to the recommendation in "The Missing Link", carried out a study of the costs of providing and operating international telecommunication services between developing and industrialized countries and established that the cost of providing telecommunication services is much higher in developing countries than in developed ones and this remains the case;
- h) that ITU-T has conducted the necessary studies for completion of Recommendation D.140 which establish the principles of cost-orientated accounting rates and accounting rate shares in each relation,

recognizing

- a) that the continuing social and economic underdevelopment of a large part of the world is one of the most serious problems affecting not only the countries concerned but also the international community as a whole;

- b) that the development of telecommunication/ICT infrastructure and services is a precondition for social and economic development;
- c) that inequalities in access to telecommunication facilities globally result in a widening of the gap between the developed and the developing world in terms of economic growth and technological progress;
- d) that the trend is towards falling costs of international telecommunication transmission and switching, contributing towards a lowering of accounting rate levels, especially between developed nations, but that the conditions for lowering rates are not uniformly present throughout the world;
- e) that raising telecommunication network quality and telephone access levels to developed-country levels throughout the world would assist significantly in achieving economic equilibrium and in diminishing existing call and cost imbalances,

recalling

- a) the relevant resolutions of various development conferences, especially their declarations on the recognition of the need to pay special attention to the requirements of the least developed countries (LDCs) when devising development cooperation programmes;
- b) the recommendation in "The Missing Link" that Member States should consider a rearrangement of their international traffic accounting procedures in relations between developing and industrialized countries such that a small proportion of call revenue be used for development purposes;
- c) Recommendation 3 (Kyoto, 1994) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, which recommends that developed countries take into account requests for favourable treatment made by developing countries in service, commercial or other relations in telecommunications, thus helping to achieve the desired economic equilibrium conducive to a relaxation of present world tensions,

noting

- a) that the concept of network externalities may apply to international traffic between developing and developed countries;
- b) that information regarding the concept of network externalities and its possible application to international traffic may be found in an ITU-T Report;
- c) that if the concept of network externalities were found to apply, it might be appropriate, subject to certain conditions being fulfilled, for the apportionment of accounting revenues to be on a basis other than 50/50, with the higher proportion being payable by the developed country to take account of the value of the network externalities;
- d) that ITU-T is studying the applicability of network externalities to international traffic,

resolves to urge the Telecommunication Standardization Sector

- 1 to expedite its work on completing its study on the concept of network externalities for international traffic in relation to both fixed and mobile services;
 - 2 to follow up its work on developing the appropriate costing methodologies for both fixed and mobile services;
 - 3 to agree on transitional arrangements which may allow for some flexibility, taking into account the situation of the developing countries and the rapidly changing international telecommunication environment;
 - 4 to take into consideration the interests of all users of telecommunications as a high priority,
invites administrations of the Member States
- 1 to make available to the General Secretariat all the information necessary for the implementation of this resolution;
 - 2 to contribute to the work of ITU-T on network externalities, with a view to completing the required studies, taking due account of the legitimate interests of all involved parties,
instructs the Secretary-General and the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau
- to monitor, and report to the Council on progress achieved,
instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau
- to submit a report to the Council on the implementation of this resolution,
instructs the Council
- 1 to review achieved results, and to take all necessary measures so as to contribute to the achievement of the objectives of this resolution;
 - 2 to report to the next plenipotentiary conference on the progress made with respect to this resolution.

RESOLUTION 25 (Rev. Antalya, 2006)

Strengthening the regional presence

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

recalling

- a) Resolution 25 (Rev. Minneapolis, 1998) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, which instructed the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT), in close consultation with the Secretary-General and the Directors of the Radiocommunication Bureau (BR) and the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau (TSB), to strengthen gradually the regional presence;
- b) Resolution 25 (Rev. Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, which resolved that the regional presence should be further strengthened and kept under review in the interests of meeting the continually evolving requirements and priorities of each region;
- c) Resolution COM5/1 (Antalya, 2006) of this conference, which resolves that the provisions of all ITU documents relating to developing countries shall be extended adequately to apply to countries with economies in transition;
- d) Resolutions 1143 and 1183 adopted by the Council at its 1999 and 2001 sessions, respectively, specifying a series of measures to be taken by the Director of BDT, aimed at strengthening the regional presence;
- e) that, at its 2002 session, the Council approved a plan of action for the implementation of Resolution 1183;
- f) resolutions adopted by the Council at its 2006 session, and resolutions of the World Telecommunication Development Conference (Doha, 2006);
- g) that the ITU Strategic Plan for 2008-2011 recommends strengthening communication channels among BDT, the Member States and the Sector Members and Associates of the Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D), and ensuring effective and cooperative communication and coordination between BDT – both headquarters and the regional offices – and the General Secretariat, the Radiocommunication Sector (ITU-R) and the Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T);
- h) the instruction given in the relevant Council resolutions to the Director of BDT, in collaboration with the Secretary-General and the Directors of TSB and BR, to seek new sources of financing for regional presence and investigate the possible arrangements for, and impact of, expanding the role of the regional presence to serve the needs of countries wishing to benefit from the full range of the Union's activities,

reaffirming

- a) the importance of the regional presence in enabling ITU to work as closely as possible with its Member States and Sector Members, improve the dissemination of information on its activities and develop closer ties with regional and subregional organizations;
- b) the importance of continuing to strengthen coordination between BDT, the other Bureaux and the General Secretariat,

considering

- a) the outcomes of the Geneva (2003) and Tunis (2005) phases of the World Summit on the Information Society;
- b) that many countries are coping with a complex array of issues, some of which are currently being addressed in all three Sectors of the Union;
- c) that ITU should remain a leading intergovernmental organization in which the Member States, Sector Members and Associates work together to foster the growth and sustained development of telecommunication and information networks and facilitate universal access, so that everyone, everywhere may participate in and benefit from the world information economy and society;
- d) that means must continue to be established to enable the regional presence to respond effectively and tangibly to the crucial needs of the developing countries, which in the end will benefit the developed world as well,

recognizing

- a) the difficulty faced by many countries, particularly developing countries, least developed countries, countries with economies in transition and small island developing states, with stringent budgetary constraints, in participating in the activities of ITU, including the conferences and meetings of the three Sectors;
- b) the urgent need to adapt the expertise and working methods of the regional presence towards partnerships in project implementation and activities, which would necessarily involve strengthening the relationship between ITU and regional telecommunication organizations, as foreseen in Resolution 58 (Kyoto, 1994) of the Plenipotentiary Conference;
- c) the decision by the World Radiocommunication Conference, in its Resolution 72 (WRC-97), to instruct the Director of BR to consult regional telecommunication organizations on the means by which assistance can be given to their preparations for future world radiocommunication conferences, including the facilitation of regional and interregional preparatory meetings, and to report on those consultations;
- d) that the regional offices facilitate participation in preparations under Resolution 112 (Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference;
- e) the decision by the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC), through its Resolutions 21 (Rev. Doha, 2006) and 32 (Rev. Doha, 2006), to highlight the need for ITU-D to institute active coordination and collaboration and organize joint activities in areas of common interest with regional and subregional organizations and training institutions, and to consider the establishment of regional rapporteur groups, as a complement to the two ITU-D study groups, so as to permit wider participation by some countries, at lower cost, in addressing certain questions;
- f) that WTDC, in Resolution 17 (Rev. Doha, 2006) called for equitable budget allotments for each region to implement regional initiatives;
- g) that the regional offices enable ITU to be more responsive to and more aware of the specific needs of the regions;

- h)* that the regional offices provide important technical assistance to countries with development needs;
- i)* that resources are limited, and that efficiency and effectiveness are therefore key considerations for activities to be undertaken by ITU;
- j)* that, to be effective, the regional presence must have the necessary level of authority to meet the diverse requirements of the Member States;
- k)* that adequate online access between headquarters and the field offices would enhance technical cooperation activities significantly;
- l)* that all relevant electronic information available at headquarters should also be available to regional offices;
- m)* that strengthened regional presence will create efficiencies and greater convenience for Member States,

noting

- a)* that joint projects involving the collaborative efforts of the ITU regional offices and certain regional telecommunication organizations have already been very successfully implemented in some regions;
- b)* that both the Plenipotentiary Conference and the Council have endorsed the principle that regional offices should be entrusted with clear and specific functions;
- c)* that there should be greater cooperation among BDT, the other Bureaux and the General Secretariat in order to encourage participation by the regional offices in their respective spheres;
- d)* that the regional and area offices are inadequately staffed,

noting also

that it is essential to evaluate the outcomes of the work accomplished by the regional offices, draw conclusions, and, if appropriate, make, with a view to the future, such adjustments as may be required to ensure that they operate in accordance with the imperatives of efficiency and effectiveness, to optimize the use of resources and to avoid duplication of effort, so as to continue to take decisions that will strengthen the regional presence,

resolves

- 1 to undertake an evaluation of the ITU regional presence;
- 2 that, within the scarce existing resources of the Union, the regional presence shall be further strengthened and kept under review in the interests of meeting the continually evolving requirements and priorities of each region, the first objective being to maximize the benefits of the regional presence for the whole of the Union's membership;
- 3 that a broadening of the information dissemination functions of the regional presence is required to ensure that all of the activities and programmes of the Union are represented, while avoiding the duplication of such functions between headquarters and the regional offices;

- 4 that the regional offices shall be empowered to make decisions within their mandate, while the coordination functions and the balance between ITU headquarters and the regional offices should be facilitated and improved, in accordance with the Strategic Plan 2008-2011, in order to achieve a better balance of work between headquarters and the regional offices;
- 5 that priority shall be given to implementing all elements of the ITU Strategic Plan 2008-2011 with a view to strengthening the regional presence, in particular:
- a) to expand and strengthen the regional offices by identifying functions which could be decentralized and implementing them as soon as possible;
 - b) to review the internal administrative procedures pertaining to the work of the regional offices, with a view to their simplification and transparency and enhancement of work efficiency;
 - c) to assist countries in implementing the projects defined in Resolution 17 (Rev. Doha, 2006);
 - d) to establish clear procedures for consulting Member States, giving Member States the opportunity to review the consolidated regional initiatives and provide feedback to help prioritize them and keeping them informed on project selection and funding;
 - e) to provide the regional offices with greater autonomy in terms both of decision-making and of addressing the crucial needs of the Member States in the region, including but not limited to:
 - functions relating to the dissemination of information, provision of expert advice and hosting of meetings, courses and seminars;
 - any functions and tasks that may be delegated to them relating to the preparation and implementation of their own budgets;
 - ensuring their effective participation in discussions on the future of Union and on strategic issues concerning the telecommunication/information and communication technology (ICT) sector;
- 6 that cooperation between the ITU regional offices, relevant regional organizations and other international organizations dealing with development and financial matters should continue to be improved, in the interests of optimizing the use of resources and avoiding duplication, and that Member States should be kept updated through BDT, where necessary, to ensure that their needs are being met in a coordinated and consultative fashion;
- 7 that regional meetings should be organized in the various regions by the relevant Sectors, particularly ITU-D, in collaboration with regional organizations, in order to improve the effectiveness of the corresponding global meetings and facilitate better participation;
- 8 that substantial resources have to be made available in order for BDT to be able to operate effectively in the interests of narrowing the telecommunication gap between the developing and developed countries, thereby supporting endeavours towards bridging the digital divide; accordingly the regional offices should, in coordination with ITU headquarters, take measures with a view to:
- supporting pilot projects for the implementation of e-services/applications, analysing and disseminating their results and managing their further adaptation and development within the region;

- creating a mechanism for the purpose:
 - i) developing a suitable and sustainable business model that will result in private-sector participation (companies and academic communities);
 - ii) assisting in the determination of an appropriate and affordable technology to meet the needs and requirements of rural populations;
 - iii) formulating a rural deployment strategy that takes account of the ICT literacy of rural populations and is relevant to their conditions and needs;
- actively assisting Member States in the area of funds-in-trust projects or projects financed from the ICT Development Fund,

instructs the Council

- 1 to continue to include the regional presence as an item on the agenda of each session of the Council in order to examine its evolution and adopt decisions for its continuing structural adaptation and operation, with the aim of fully meeting the requirements of the Union's membership and giving effect to the decisions adopted at meetings of the Union, and of consolidating the coordination and complementary aspects of activities between ITU and regional and subregional telecommunication organizations;
- 2 to allocate the appropriate financial resources within the financial limits established by the Plenipotentiary Conference;
- 3 to report to the next plenipotentiary conference on the progress made in implementing this resolution,

instructs the Secretary-General

- 1 facilitate the task of the Council by providing all necessary support for strengthening the regional presence as described in this resolution;
- 2 to adapt where necessary the agreements between ITU and the host countries of the regional and area offices to the changing environment in the host countries;
- 3 to submit each year to the Council for consideration a detailed report on the regional presence, covering its staffing, a financial overview and the evolution and development of its activities, including the extension of its activities to the three Sectors, and, if appropriate, proposing any changes that would be conducive to the better accomplishment of its mission, and to disseminate this report to all Member States and Sector Members,

further instructs the Secretary-General

to suggest including evaluation of the effectiveness of ITU's regional presence in the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) work programme, or to refer it to any other independent entity, if appropriate, taking into account the elements set out in the annex to this resolution,

instructs the Director of Telecommunication Development Bureau, in close consultation with the Secretary-General and the Directors of the Radiocommunication Bureau and the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau

- 1 to take the necessary measures for further strengthening of the regional presence, as described in this resolution;

- 2 to support the evaluation of the effectiveness of the ITU's regional presence, taking into account the elements set out in the annex to this resolution;
- 3 to develop specific operational and financial plans for the regional presence, in collaboration with the regional offices, to be included as part of ITU's annual operational and financial plans;
- 4 to review and determine the appropriate posts, including permanent posts, in regional and area offices, and provide specialized staff on an as-needed basis to meet particular needs;
- 5 to fill the vacant posts in the regional offices, where appropriate, giving due consideration to the regional distribution of staff positions;
- 6 to ensure that the regional offices are given sufficient priority among the activities and programmes of the Union as a whole, and that, to supervise the implementation of funds-in-trust projects and projects financed from the ICT Development Fund, they have the required autonomy, the decision-making authority and the appropriate means;
- 7 to take the necessary measures to improve the exchange of information between headquarters and field offices;
- 8 to strengthen the human resource capabilities and provide the regional and area offices with a measure of flexibility in terms of the recruitment of professional staff as well as support staff;
- 9 to take the necessary measures to ensure the effective incorporation of BR and TSB activities in the regional offices,

instructs the Directors of the Radiocommunication Bureau and the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau

to continue cooperating with the Director of BDT in enhancing the ability of the regional and area offices to provide information on their Sectors' activities, as well as the necessary expertise, to strengthen cooperation and coordination with the relevant regional organizations and to facilitate the participation of all Member States and Sector Members in the activities of the three Sectors of the Union.

ANNEX TO RESOLUTION 25 (Rev. Antalya, 2006)

Elements for evaluation of the ITU regional presence

The evaluation of the ITU's regional presence should be based on the functions assigned to its regional offices under Council-99 Resolution 1143, Annex A: "Generic activities expected of the regional presence," in *resolves* 2 to 8 of Resolution 25 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) and other pertinent decisions.

The evaluation of the regional presence should take into account, but not be limited to, the following elements:

- a) the extent of fulfilment of the provisions of Resolution 25 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) by BDT, the General Secretariat and the other two Sectors, as appropriate;
- b) how further decentralization could ensure greater efficiency at lower cost, taking into consideration accountability and transparency;
- c) a survey of the level of satisfaction of Member States, Sector Members and regional telecommunication organizations with the ITU's regional presence, including the effectiveness of its regional programmes and offices;
- d) the extent of possible duplication between the functions of ITU headquarters and the regional offices;
- e) the degree of autonomy in decision-making currently accorded to regional offices, and whether greater autonomy could enhance their efficiency and effectiveness;
- f) the effectiveness of collaboration between the ITU regional offices, regional telecommunication organizations and other regional and international development and financial organizations;
- g) how regional presence and the organization of activities in the regions can enhance the effective participation of all countries in ITU work;
- h) the resources currently made available to the regional offices for reducing the digital divide;
- i) the identification of functions and powers that might be assigned to the regional presence in implementing the WSIS Plan of Action;
- j) the optimal structure of the ITU regional presence, including the location and number of regional and area offices.

In preparing this evaluation, input should be sought from Member States and Sector Members which benefit from the ITU's regional presence, as well as from the regional offices, from regional and international organizations and from any other relevant entities.

A report on this evaluation exercise should be submitted by the Secretary-General to Council at its 2008 session. The Council should then consider the appropriate course of action to be taken, with a view to reporting to the 2010 plenipotentiary conference on the matter.

RESOLUTION 30 (Rev. Antalya, 2006)

**Special measures for the least developed countries and
small island developing states**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

considering

United Nations resolutions on programmes of action for the least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing states (SIDS),

recognizing

the importance of telecommunications/information and communication technologies (ICTs) for the development of the countries concerned,

having noted

Resolution 49 (Doha, 2006) of the World Telecommunication Development Conference and the Doha Action Plan which provides for extending these measures to include SIDS,

concerned

that the number of LDCs has continued to rise and that it is necessary to address the situation of SIDS,

instructs the Secretary-General and the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau

- 1 to continue to review the state of telecommunication/ICT services in LDCs and SIDS so identified by the United Nations and needing special measures for the development and provision of telecommunications/ICTs, and to identify areas of critical weakness requiring priority action;
- 2 to propose to the Council concrete measures intended to bring about genuine improvements and provide effective assistance to these countries from the Special Voluntary Programme for Technical Cooperation, the Union's own resources and other sources of finance;
- 3 within existing resources, to provide the necessary administrative and operational structure for proper administration of the resources appropriated for the LDCs and the SIDS;
- 4 to report annually on the matter to the Council,

instructs the Council

- 1 to consider the above-mentioned reports and take appropriate action so that the Union may continue to display its keen interest and cooperate actively in the development of telecommunication/ICT services in these countries;
- 2 to make appropriations for this purpose from the Special Voluntary Programme for Technical Cooperation, the Union's own resources and any other sources of finance;
- 3 to keep the situation under constant review and to report on the matter to the next plenipotentiary conference.

RESOLUTION 34 (Rev. Antalya, 2006)

Assistance and support to countries in special need for rebuilding their telecommunication sector

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

recalling

- a) the noble principles, purpose and objectives enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, as well as in the Declaration of Principles adopted by the World Summit on the Information Society;
- b) the efforts of the United Nations to promote sustainable development;
- c) the purposes of the Union as enshrined in Article 1 of the ITU Constitution,

recalling further

- a) Resolution 127 (Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference;
- b) Resolution 25 (Rev. Doha, 2006), Resolution 26 (Rev. Doha, 2006), Resolution 51 (Doha, 2006) and Resolution 57 (Doha, 2006) of the World Telecommunication Development Conference,

recognizing

- a) that reliable telecommunication systems are indispensable for promoting the socio-economic development of countries, in particular of countries in special need, which are those having suffered from natural disasters, domestic conflicts or war;
- b) that, under the present conditions and in the foreseeable future, these countries will not be able to ensure effective operation of their telecommunication sector without help from the international community, provided bilaterally or through international organizations,

noting

that the conditions of order and security sought by United Nations resolutions have been only partially achieved and hence Resolution 34 (Rev. Minneapolis, 1998) has only been partially implemented,

resolves

that the special action undertaken by the Secretary-General and the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau, with specialized assistance from the ITU Radiocommunication Sector and the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector, should be continued or initiated in order to provide appropriate assistance and support to countries in special need referred to in the annex to this resolution in rebuilding their telecommunication sector,

calls upon Member States

to offer all possible assistance and support to the countries in special need, either bilaterally or through the special action of the Union referred to above, and, in any case, in coordination with that action,

instructs the Council

to allocate the necessary funds to the aforesaid action, within the financial limits set by the Plenipotentiary Conference, and proceed with its implementation,

instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau

- 1 to carry out an assessment of the particular needs of each of these countries;
- 2 to ensure adequate resource mobilization, including under the internal budget and the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Development Fund, for the implementation of the proposed actions,

instructs the Secretary-General

- 1 to coordinate the activities carried out by the three Sectors of the Union in accordance with *resolves* above, to ensure that the Union's action in favour of the countries in special need is as effective as possible, and to report annually on the matter to the Council;
- 2 with the approval of the Council, upon request from the countries concerned, to update the annex to this resolution as needed.

ANNEX TO RESOLUTION 34 (Rev. Antalya, 2006)

Afghanistan

As the result of the past 24 years of war in Afghanistan, the telecommunication system has been destroyed and needs urgent attention for its basic reconstruction.

Within the framework of Resolution 34 (Rev. Antalya, 2006), appropriate assistance and support shall be provided to the Government of Afghanistan in rebuilding its telecommunication system.

Burundi, Timor Leste, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Rwanda, Sierra Leone

Within the framework of Resolution 34 (Rev. Antalya, 2006), appropriate assistance and support shall be provided to these countries in rebuilding their telecommunication networks.

Democratic Republic of the Congo

The basic telecommunication infrastructure of the Democratic Republic of the Congo has been severely damaged by the conflicts and wars from which the country has suffered for more than a decade.

As part of the reform of the telecommunication sector undertaken by the Democratic Republic of the Congo, involving the separation of the operating and regulatory functions, two regulatory bodies have been instituted along with a basic telecommunication network, which requires adequate financial resources in order to be built.

Within the framework of Resolution 34 (Rev. Antalya, 2006), appropriate assistance and support for rebuilding its basic telecommunication network shall be provided to the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Iraq

The telecommunication infrastructure in the Republic of Iraq has been destroyed by two and a half decades of war and the systems currently in use have become antiquated through long years of use.

Iraq has received no assistance from ITU for a long time due to the conditions of war it has experienced.

Within the framework of Resolution 34 (Rev. Antalya, 2006), the Republic of Iraq shall be supported in rebuilding and overhauling its telecommunication infrastructure, establishing institutions, developing human resources and establishing tariffs, through the provision of all forms of assistance, including technical assistance.

Lebanon

Lebanon's telecommunication facilities have been severely damaged due to wars in that country.

Within the framework of Resolution 34 (Rev. Antalya, 2006), Lebanon shall be provided with appropriate assistance and support in rebuilding its telecommunication network.

Somalia

The telecommunication infrastructure in Somalia has been completely destroyed by a decade and half of war and, in addition, the regulatory framework in the country needs to be re-established.

Somalia has not benefited adequately from the Union's assistance over a long period due to war in the country and lack of government.

Within the framework of Resolution 34 (Rev. Antalya, 2006), and using funds allocated to the programme of assistance for the least developed countries, a special initiative shall be launched, aimed at providing assistance and support to Somalia, in rebuilding and modernizing its telecommunication infrastructure, re-establishing a well-equipped ministry of telecommunications and establishing institutions, and developing telecommunication/ICT policy, legislation and regulation, including a numbering plan, spectrum management, tariff and human resource capacity building, and all other necessary forms of assistance.

RESOLUTION 36 (Rev. Antalya, 2006)

**Telecommunications/information and communication technologies
in the service of humanitarian assistance**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

endorsing

- a) Resolution 644 (Rev.WRC-2000) of the World Radiocommunication Conference on telecommunication resources for disaster mitigation and relief operations;
- b) Resolution 646 (WRC-03) of the World Radiocommunication Conference on public protection and disaster relief,
- c) Resolution 34 (Rev. Doha, 2006) of the World Telecommunication Development Conference on the role of telecommunications/information and communication technology (ICT) in early warning and mitigation of disasters and humanitarian assistance;
- d) § 91 of the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society adopted by the second phase of the World Summit on the Information Society,

considering

- a) that the Intergovernmental Conference on Emergency Telecommunications (Tampere, 1998) adopted the Tampere Convention on the provision of telecommunication resources for disaster mitigation and relief operations, which entered into force on 8 January 2005;
- b) that the second Tampere Conference on Disaster Communications (Tampere, 2001) invited ITU to study the use of public mobile networks for early warning and the dissemination of emergency information, and the operational aspects of emergency telecommunications such as call prioritization;
- c) that the third Tampere Conference on Disaster Communications (Tampere, 2006) encouraged wider understanding and cooperation between governments on implementation of the Tampere Convention;
- d) that the United Nations World Conference on Disaster Reduction (Kobe, Hyogo, 2005) encouraged all States, taking into account their domestic legal requirements, to consider, as appropriate, acceding to, approving or ratifying relevant international legal instruments relating to disaster reduction, such as the Tampere Convention,

recognizing

- a) the seriousness and magnitude of potential disasters that may cause dramatic human suffering;
- b) that the recent tragic events in the world clearly demonstrate the need for high-quality communications services to assist public safety and disaster relief agencies in minimizing risk to human life and to cover the necessary general public information and communication needs in such situations,

convinced

that the unhindered use of telecommunication/ICT equipment and services is indispensable for the provision of effective and appropriate humanitarian assistance,

further convinced

that the Tampere Convention provides the necessary framework for such use of telecommunication/ICT resources,

resolves to instruct the Secretary-General and the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau

- 1 to work closely with the United Nations Emergency Relief Coordinator to support Member States which so request in their work towards their national accession to the Tampere Convention;
- 2 to assist Member States which so request with the development of their practical arrangements for implementation of the Tampere Convention, in close collaboration with the United Nations Emergency Relief Coordinator,

invites Member States

to work towards their accession to the Tampere Convention as a matter of priority,

urges Member States Parties to the Tampere Convention

to take all practical steps for the application of the Tampere Convention and to work closely with the operational coordinator as provided for therein.

RESOLUTION 41 (Rev. Antalya 2006)

Arrears and special arrears accounts

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

in view of

the report of the Council to the Plenipotentiary Conference on the situation with regard to amounts owed to the Union by Member States, Sector Members and Associates,

regretting

the increasing level of arrears and slow settlement of special arrears accounts,

considering

that it is in the interest of all Member States, Sector Members and Associates to maintain the finances of the Union on a sound footing,

having noted

that a number of Member States and Sector Members for which special arrears accounts have been established, notwithstanding the provisions of No. 168 of the ITU Constitution, have up to now not complied with their obligation to submit a repayment schedule to the Secretary-General, and to agree on such a schedule with the Secretary-General, and that their special account has accordingly been cancelled,

urges

all Member States in arrears, especially those for which special arrears accounts have been cancelled, as well as Sector Members and Associates in arrears, to submit a repayment schedule to the Secretary-General, and to agree on such a schedule with the Secretary-General,

confirms the decision

to open any new special arrears account only after the conclusion of an agreement with the Secretary-General establishing a specific repayment schedule at the latest within one year of the receipt of the request for such a special arrears account,

resolves

that the amounts due shall not be taken into account when applying No. 169 of the Constitution provided that the Member States concerned have submitted their repayment schedules to the Secretary-General, and agreed on those schedules with the Secretary-General, and for as long as they strictly comply with them and with the associated conditions, and that failure to comply with the repayment schedule and associated conditions shall result in the cancellation of the special arrears account,

resolves further

that No. 480B of the ITU Convention adopted by this conference shall provisionally apply as from the date of signature of its Final Acts,

instructs the Council

- 1 to review the guidelines for repayment schedules, including a maximum duration, which would be up to five years for developed countries, up to ten years for developing countries and up to fifteen years for least developed countries, as well as up to five years for Sector Members and Associates,
- 2 to consider appropriate additional measures such as, for example, in exceptional circumstances, temporary reduction in class of contribution in conformity with No. 165A of the Constitution and No. 480B of the Convention, and the write-off of interest on overdue payments, subject to each Member State, Sector Member and Associate concerned complying strictly with the agreed repayment schedule for the settlement of the unpaid contributions;
- 3 to take additional measures in respect of non-compliance with the agreed terms of settlement and/or arrears in payment of annual contributory shares not included in repayment schedules, including, in particular, suspending the participation of Sector Members and Associates in the work of the Union,

further instructs the Council

to review the appropriate level of the Reserve for Debtors' Accounts, to provide appropriate coverage, and to report to the next plenipotentiary conference on the results obtained in pursuance of this resolution,

authorizes the Secretary-General

to negotiate and agree upon, with all Member States in arrears, especially those for which special arrears accounts have been cancelled, as well as with Sector Members and Associates in arrears, schedules for the repayment of their debts in accordance with the guidelines established by the Council, and, where appropriate, to submit for decision by the Council proposals for additional measures as indicated under *instructs the Council* above, including those related to non-compliance,

instructs the Secretary-General

to inform all Member States, Sector Members and Associates in arrears or having special arrears accounts or cancelled special arrears accounts of this resolution and to report to the Council on the measures taken and progress made towards the settlement of debts in respect of special arrears accounts or cancelled special arrears accounts, as well as on any non-compliance with the agreed terms of settlement,

urges Member States, Sector Members and Associates

to assist the Secretary-General and the Council in the application of this resolution.

RESOLUTION 48 (Rev. Antalya, 2006)

Human resources management and development

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Antalya, 2006),

recalling

a) Resolution 48 (Rev. Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference on human resources management and development;

b) No. 154 of the ITU Constitution,

noting

a) the strategic plan for the Union as described in Resolution 71 (Rev. Antalya, 2006) of this conference;

b) the report submitted to the 2002 session of the Council (Document C02/27) on effective human resources management in the Union;

c) the Standards of Conduct for the International Civil Service established by the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) and implemented by ITU in July 2002;

d) Decision 517, adopted by the Council at its 2004 session, on strengthening the dialogue between the Secretary-General and the ITU Staff Council;

e) the report introduced to the 2006 session of the Council (Document C06/EP/3) on ITU human resources management;

f) Resolution 1253, adopted by the Council at its 2006 session, establishing the Tripartite Group on Human Resources Management,

recognizing

a) the value of the human resources of the Union to the fulfilment of its goals;

b) that the human resources strategy should emphasize the continued importance of maintaining a well-trained workforce and providing more training to serving staff members, while recognizing budget constraints,

further recognizing

a) the value, both to the Union and to the staff, of developing those resources to the fullest extent possible through various human resources development activities, including in-service training and training activities in accordance with staffing levels;

b) the impact on the Union and its staff of the continuing evolution of activities in the field of telecommunications and the need for the Union and its human resources to adapt to this evolution through training and staff development;

c) the importance of human resources management and development in support of ITU's strategic orientations and goals,

considering

- a) the need to follow a recruitment policy appropriate to the requirements of the Union, including the redeployment of posts and recruitment of specialists at the start of their career;
- b) the need to continue to improve the geographical distribution of appointed staff of the Union;
- c) the need to encourage the recruitment of more women in the Professional and higher categories, especially at the senior levels;
- d) the constant advances made in telecommunications and information and communication technology and operation and the corresponding need to recruit specialists of the highest standard of competence;
- e) that it is likely that the definitive upper limit of the contributory unit approved by this conference for the years 2008-2011 will affect the amount spent on human resources in the Union;
- f) that there are a number of factors that will affect the finances of the Union which cannot be accurately predicted up to the end of 2011, such as the fluctuations in the rate of exchange between the US dollar and the Swiss franc, and actual income that will be generated from cost recovery,

resolves

- 1 that the management and development of ITU's human resources should be compatible with the goals and activities of the Union and with the United Nations common system;
- 2 that ICSC recommendations approved by the United Nations General Assembly should continue to be implemented;
- 3 that, with immediate effect, within available financial resources, and to the extent practicable, vacancies should be filled through greater mobility of existing staff;
- 4 that internal mobility should, to the extent practicable, be coupled with training so that staff can be used where they are most needed;
- 5 that internal mobility should be applied, to the extent feasible, to cover needs when staff retire or leave ITU in order to reduce staffing levels without terminating contracts,

resolves further

- 1 that appointed staff in the Professional and higher categories shall continue to be recruited on an international basis and that posts identified for external recruitment shall be advertised as widely as possible and communicated to the administrations of all Member States of the Union; however, reasonable promotion possibilities must continue to be offered to existing staff;

