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**REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL ON THE
ACTIVITIES OF THE UNION FROM 1ST JUNE 2004 TO 31ST MARCH 2005**

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1. INTRODUCTION.

In compliance with Resolution N° 04/4SE-CPL/99 of ATU Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Legal Instruments of the Union and Article 3 Paragraph 5-6 of the Convention, the Secretary General is requested to prepare and present an annual report to the Ordinary session of the Administrative Council on the activities of the Union during the financial year under review.

This report covers the activities from 1st June 2004 to 31st March 2005

2. ACTIVITIES

2.1 Strengthening the Union and Managing Membership Relations

2.1.1 Recovery of contributions

- *Resolution N° 01/CPL/01/2002 on Non-Payment of Annual Contributions (arrears)*
- *Resolution N° 04/CPL/01/2002 on the ATU Strategic Plan and Budget 2002-2006*
- *Resolution N° 01/ES/CPL/01/2003 on issues of non-payment of annual contributions*
- *Decision No. 02/AC/05/2004 on the approval of the Programme Budget for the Financial Year 2004/2005*

a) Actions

- i. Arrears of contributions received from Member States have been used to carry out activities and clear some of the Union's debts.
- ii. A number of Member States continued their support to the Union. Special mention should be made of two countries, the Republic of the Sudan and Zimbabwe which remitted substantial amount of arrears of contribution.
- iii. Others like Djibouti and Comoros which in the recent past, have not been participating actively in the activities of the Union have made a comeback and paid part of their contributions. The Union wishes to thank all for their support.
- iv. Associate Members also paid their contributions (The current position is outlined in the Financial Report).

- v. The General Secretariat sent several circular letters to Member States requesting them to meet their financial obligations to the Union by paying their contributions.
- vi. Contacts have also been established with every Member State for the collection of contribution using the post and electronic communication channels. Each coordinator at the General Secretariat has been assigned a number of Member States with the objective of sensitizing them to honour their obligations. Modest successes of this new approach have been obtained.
- vii. The Secretary General also used the occasion of his missions to appeal to officials of African Telecommunications Administrations to support the Union by paying their contributions.
- viii. Regarding the Mission of the Chairman of the Council and the Secretary General to Libya, Gabon and Algeria, it was not possible to undertake it due to lack of funds. The Secretary General however visited Libya in February 2005 at the invitation of the Libyan Authorities and had a wide range of discussion with them.

b) Next steps

The sensitization efforts will be pursued to collect contribution arrears especially from defaulting members to enable ATU meet its financial obligations

2.1.2 Strengthening ATU's Role

- *Resolution N° 05/ES/CPL/01/2003 on strengthening the role of the African Telecommunications Union in the New African Union*
- *Decision N° 03/ES/CPL/01/2003 on hosting of the 2nd Conference of Plenipotentiaries (CPL-02) in 2006*

a) Actions

- i. ATU and the African Union are working in partnership for the implementation of a number of projects including NEPAD ICT Programme and the Single Numbering Plan for Africa.
- ii. ATU was invited to the main AU meetings and ICT Forums in which it played active and effective role.

b) Next steps

- i. Efforts will be made for effective joint implementation of the AU Programme and recognition of ATU as AU's ICT arm. ATU is with the support of AU, preparing a WSIS Preparatory Meeting and Conference in Nairobi from 25 –

29 April and 16 – 20 May 2005 respectively in conjunction with the ICTe Africa Fair being organized in Nairobi in May 2005 by Global Fairs TT-Messe of Germany in Partnership with the Kenya Government, ATU and URTNA.

- ii. Regarding the 2nd ATU Conference of Plenipotentiaries, Special attention will be focused on the preparation of ATU Four Year Plan of Action and Budget for the period 2006 – 2010, candidature for the Post of Secretary General, Candidature for Council Membership, AFCPs for ITU PP-06, and the overall preparation of the Conference.

2.1.3 Managing Membership Relations

- *Decision N° 01/ES/CPL/2003 on the election of Members of the Administrative Council for the period 2004-2006*
- *Resolution No. 01/AC/05/2004 on the theme of the African Telecommunications Day*
- *Recommendation No. 01/AC/04/2004 on the Audited Accounts for the Financial Year 2002/2003*

a) Actions

- i. Sudan and Tunisia were absent at the time of their election to Council, but were later informed accordingly. Sudan reacted very positively.
- ii. Chad and the Central African Republic absent at the last Council Meeting, were contacted and requested to do their utmost to attend the 6th Ordinary Session of the Council.
- iii. Regarding the African Telecommunications Day, December 2004, messages were sent to Member States reminding them of the Commemoration and the theme of the Day.
- iv. The Audited Account for the financial year 2003 / 2004 is now being submitted to Council for consideration and approval.

b) Next steps

- i. Concerning the audited account for F. Y. 2002 / 2003, it will form part of the accounts to be submitted to the 2nd Conference of Plenipotentiaries in 2006.
- ii. The Secretariat will redouble efforts to ensure maximum participation by members in Council meetings.
- iii. Regarding the next African Telecommunications Day, the Secretariat will do its utmost to enhance its commemoration.

2.1.3.1 ATU Missions to Khartoum, 16 – 20 January 2005 / 16 February 2005

Following the kind offer made by the National Telecommunications Corporation (NTC) of the Republic of the Sudan to host the 6th ATU Administrative Council Meeting, the Secretary General sent a delegation to Khartoum on 16 January 2005 to discuss modalities for the organization of the meeting. A Protocol Agreement on the holding of the 6th Council Meeting was concluded at the end of the discussions.

The Secretary General visited Khartoum on 16th February to review preparations for the Khartoum Council Meeting. It was also an occasion to express his profound gratitude to the Sudanese Authorities for their cooperation and unflinching support to ATU.

2.1.4 Widening Membership

- *Resolution N° 04/CPL/01/2002 on the ATU Strategic Plan and Budget 2002-2006*

a) Actions

- i. Associate Membership

Four Telecommunications entities joined the Union as Associate Members and paid up their contributions in the year under review. They are: - Loteny Telecom Ltd (Cote d'Ivoire), Botswana Telecommunications Authority (Botswana), Zanzibar Telecom Ltd (Tanzania), Ghana Telecom. Company (Ghana).

ATU now has 14 Associate Members as shown in the table below.

#	Country	Number	Associate Member
1.	Botswana	1	Botswana Telecommunications Authority (BTA)
2.	Cote d'Ivoire	1	Loteny Telecom
3.	Egypt	1	Egypt Telecom Limited
4.	Ghana	1	Ghana Telecommunications Company Limited (GTA)
5.	Kenya	1	Safaricom Limited
6.	Kenya	1	Telkom Kenya Limited
7.	Lesotho	1	Telecom Lesotho
8.	Mauritius	1	Mauritius Telecom
9.	Nigeria	1	Infotel Limited
10.	South Africa	1	PQ-Africa Limited
11.	South Africa	1	VODACOM Limited
12.	Sudan	1	Sudan Telecom Company Ltd (SUDATEL)
13.	Tanzania	1	Tanzania Telecommunication Company Limited (TTCL)
14.	Tanzania	1	Zanzibar Telecom Limited (ZANTEL)

b) Next steps

- i. Contacts with other Operators will be pursued with the aim of convincing them to play a greater role in the activities of the Union and join ATU as Associate members.

2.2 Integrating Regional Markets

2.2.1 Regional Harmonization

ICANN/GAC Meeting 29 November - 2 December, 2004 Cape Town

The Secretariat was represented at the above meeting in ATU's capacity as a member of the Governmental Advisory Committee of ICANN, which addresses mainly public policy issues. Of topical interest to the region was the continued updating of the principles of delegation and administration of Country Code Top Level Domain Names (ccTLD). Another important aspect addressed by the meeting was the need to enhance ICANN outreach activities through regional workshops and seminars.

The Single Sim Card Project for Africa was launched at the Accra WSIS Preparatory Conference in January / February 2005 and at the AU meeting on Unified Numbering Area held in Addis Ababa from 22 – 24 March 2005.

A regional association to spearhead the management of a Regional Registry, AfriNIC is in the process of attaining accreditation.

2.3 Contributing to Global ICT Decision Making and Advocating Equitable Share of Global ICT Resources

2.3.1 Evolving African Common Position

- *Resolution N° 04/CPL/01/2002 on the ATU Strategic Plan and Budget 2002-2006*
- *Resolution N° 05/CPL/01/2002 on the Consultation and Preparatory Process for Evolving African Common Proposals as Africa's Contributions to the work of the ITU Conference*
- *Resolution N° 08/CPL/01/2002 on ITU Council candidatures*
- *Resolution No. 06/ES/CPL/01/2003 on the equitable distribution of ITU Region "D" Council seats to African sub-regions*
- *Decision 01/AC/05/2004 on the equitable and effective distribution of ITU Region "D" Council seats to African sub regions*

a) Actions

- i. A key common proposal, on which great attention was focused, was Africa's position on key issues of the World Summit on Information Society (WSIS). Several preparatory meetings were held to this effect including the 2nd African Regional Preparatory Conference for WSIS, 28 January – 4th February 2005, Accra and WSIS Preparatory Committee Meeting, Geneva, 17 – 25 February 2005.
- ii. As requested by Council, resolution 06/CPL/ES/2003 were circulated to Member States and to Regional Economic Communities (RECs), requesting them to carry out consultations with a view to determining candidatures for ITU Council elections at ITU PP-06. No encouraging response was so far received.

b) Next steps

- i. Consultation is ongoing to organize a WSIS Preparatory Meeting in April and a conference with core partners during the ICTe Africa event in Nairobi from 16 – 19 May 2005 to generate African Common Proposals for WSIS. These proposals will be submitted to the Summit of the African Union in July 2005 for endorsement.
- ii. Efforts will be intensified coming financial year to harmonize positions for an AFCP on ITU Region D Council candidatures to be submitted to the Second Session of the ATU Conference of Plenipotentiaries scheduled in 2006 for consideration.

2.3.2 Regional Radiocommunication Conference (RRC-06)

RRC-06 is the second session of the RRC which is organized by ITU to assist its Members of which fifty three (53) are countries in Africa Region to plan for the introduction of digital broadcasting aiming at replacing the analogue systems currently installed. ATU General Secretariat is involved in the conference to coordinate activities of its Members in Africa so that a performing broadcasting plan is realized. The second session will be held in Geneva on 15 May-16 June 2006. A meeting of the Intersessional Planning Group is scheduled to be held from 4 – 8 July 2005.

In order to improve the accuracy and quality of planning data, The Radiocommunication Bureau (BR) in cooperation with ATU Secretariat will organize an Information Meeting and Workshop in Dakar Senegal on 25-29 April 2005. The Second Information Meeting and Workshop will be organized in South Africa from 5 -9 September 2005.

2.3.3 World Radiocommunication Conference

The preparation of the World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-07) that will be held in 2007 are ongoing. Initiation procedures for the establishment of online forum is in progress so that concerns of Africa Region on the agenda of WRC-07 could be addressed.

2.3.4 World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly, Florianopolis, Brazil, October 4 – 15, 2004

The Secretariat was represented at the above assembly and took a lead position in coordinating members' participation before and during the event.

In June 2004, the Secretariat cooperated with TSB of the ITU to organize Information and Preparatory Meeting in Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe. The meeting reviewed the assembly agenda and arrived at key concerns of interest to the African Region. Subsequently, the Secretariat finalized the drafting of the African Common Proposals (AFCPs), which were later endorsed by Member States as Africa's contributions to the conference.

During the Assembly ATU Secretariat organized coordination meetings to lay down the strategies for the defense of AFCPs. All AFCPs were accepted by the Assembly with modifications.

2.3.5 Telecommunications Standardizations Advisory Group (TSAG)

The Secretariat was also represented at the meeting of the ITU Telecommunications Standardization Advisory Group Meeting, Geneva 14-18 March 2005. The principal objective of this meeting was to draw up working programmes for the Standardization Sector for the period 2005 to 2008. Of key interest in the forthcoming studies will be the areas of the New Generation Networks (NGN),

Study Group 2 on services, Study Group3 on tariffs, contribution to ITU input to WSIS, Internet Governance including the questions of Domain Name issues and establishment of mechanisms to enhance regional participation in Standardization work.

2.4 Promoting Investment in ICT Infrastructure and Establishing Strong Partnership

2.4.1 Establishing Strong Partnership to enhance ICT Development in Africa

- *Resolution N° 04/CPL/01/2002 on the ATU Strategic Plan and Budget 2002-2006*
- *Resolution N° 06/CPL/01/2002 on the Status and Additional Support for Implementing the RASCOM Programme*
- *Resolution N° 02/ES/CPL/01/2003 on the installation of RASCOM Multimedia*

a) Actions

- i. The ATU Extraordinary Session held in Abidjan, in August 2003 adopted a resolution as a step in the direction of implementing this Resolution. The Abidjan Resolution instructed the Administrative Council and the Secretary General to build the necessary partnership for implementing the project of installing RASCOM Multimedia Terminals in every Post Office in Africa. These measures will promote the use of RASCOM network when it is operational in 2006 while contributing to bridging the digital divide.
- ii. The E-Post Africa Project Management Group met at ATU Headquarters in Nairobi on 14th September 2004 to kick-start the E-Post Africa Project. The Group decided to set up a Project Team and adopted its Terms Of Reference. The Group also adopted the Programme of Activities and Budget for the Project for the Financial Year October 2004 – September 2005.
- iii. The Project Management Team held its inaugural meeting at the ATU Headquarters from 14 – 15 March 2005. The team adopted its Programme of Action 2004 / 2007 and the budget for the period 2004 / 2005.

b) Next steps

- i. One of the key activities of the General Secretariat in the coming financial year will be the preparation of the Plan of Action and Budget for 2006 – 2010. Proposals on the preparation of the 2nd Conference of Plenipotentiaries scheduled in 2006 will be submitted by the Secretary General to Council for consideration under Doc. AC/06/D07.

- ii. ATU in partnership with PAPU and RASCOM will redouble efforts in the years to come to make the E-Africa project a reality.

2.4.2 ICT Partnership activities

It is of interest to note that a number of organizations both in the private sector and the UN system have sponsored ATU's participation at ICT conferences and meetings through payment of travel and per diem costs. This has given the Secretariat opportunity to contribute to the work of such meetings through the presentation of papers. ATU presented papers at the 2nd Annual African Telecommunications Summit 2005, Johannesburg 25-28, January, 2005 on the theme "Attracting investors by promoting Africa as a hub" .

2.5 Creating Intellectual Property and Providing Value-added Information and Knowledge Services

2.5.1 Creating Intellectual Property

- *Resolution N° 07/CPL/01/2002 on the activity of the Ministerial Oversight Committee (MOC) and the African Connection Centre for Strategic Planning and the Strengthening of ATU's role in the new African Union (AU)*
- *Resolution N° 04/ES/CPL/01/2003 on the activities of African Connection centre for Strategic Planning*
- *Decision N° 03/AC/05/2004 on the smooth transfer of assets and intellectual properties of the African Connection Center for Strategic Planning (ACCSP) to ATU*

a) Actions

- i. Due to lack of funds, to organize the mission of the Council Bureau to South Africa, a staff of the General Secretariat on a sponsored mission to South Africa, attending the 2nd Annual African Telecommunications Summit, was tasked by the Secretary General to visit DBSA. The meeting took place on 27th January 2005. The Secretariat representative was well received by Ms. Irma Weenink, Infrastructure Development Manager at the Bank who indicated that the African Connection (AC) Project Office had long been closed. This was after the departure of Mr. Ole Kambainei in November 2003 at the end of his contract. A major activity of the project still in hand at the time was the ***Rural ICT Toolkit For Africa*** and this, among other things, was the principal issue of discussion.
- ii. DBSA indicated that they would be happy to transfer formally the AC Project to ATU including the AC Website but as a matter of principle and protocol, the Bank would need to inform the South African Minister of Communications and obtain her approval. This is an aspect which the Secretariat will be coordinating with DBSA.

b) Next Steps

- i. As already agreed by Council, a follow up visit will need to be undertaken by the Secretariat to DBSA in order to fully coordinate the many project issues including files, publications and intellectual property to be handed over to the Secretariat. Financial provision to meet this contingency has been included in the forth coming budget proposals.
- ii. The General Secretariat will look for ways and means of printing the Rural ICT Access Kit obtained from DBSA.

2.5.2 Information and knowledge Services

i. ATU Website Activity

A new Agreement has been concluded with Teknosell of Kenya to enhance the ATU Website. It will feature an Online Discussion Forum to enable the Secretariat to monitor future key ICT discussions.

ii. ATU Continental Directory 2004

The publication of the ATU Continental Directory 2004 was delayed and subsequently suspended. In a message dated 19th December 2004 and received on 14 February 2005, the publishers, Directel of Lisbon, Portugal denounced the agreement signed with ATU. The reason given for the denunciation was high cost of production and delivery of the Directory. The General Secretariat is exploring other avenues to identify partners to continue the publication of this useful directory.

2.6 Finance and Administration

2.6.1 Staff Management

i. Establishment

The number of staff as 31st March 2005 was as follows:

- 1 Secretary General
- 4 experts
- 1 seconded expert
- 8 support staff

Due to the financial constraints which the Union is still facing, it has not been possible to recruit other experts and the Secretary General extended contract for one year to three retired staff.

ii. Annual leave

Considering the limited number of staff, the staff members have not fully taken their annual leaves, and the Union was not even able to provide the statutory staff

with air tickets in line with their current contracts of employment, hence, staff have accrued annual leave. Therefore provision has been made to pay in lieu thereof an equivalent sum of money for compensation purposes.

iii. Payment by the Union of amounts due to Staff

Lack of funds continues to impede the full implementation of the resolution on the liquidation of outstanding dues to staff in post and former employees. (Resolution no 07/4SE-CPL/99)

The total amount due to staff as 31st March 2005 stood at US\$920,716.00

These liabilities have remained unpaid for a considerable length of time.

This means that staff members have lost income on their unpaid final entitlements. (salaries and allowances).

iv. Voluntary Contribution (Resolution No. 02/4SE-CPL/99)

It will be recalled that the Conference of Plenipotentiaries meeting at its 4th Extraordinary Session in Cape Town, South Africa, 6 – 7 December 1999 by its Resolution No. 02/4SE-CPL/99 on enhancing the liquidation of Union's debts, requested Member States to pay a voluntary contribution of USD 50,000 to enable the General Secretariat to liquidate the Union's debts. Out of an amount of USD 2,250,000 expected from Member States, only USD 661,712 i.e. 29.40% was fully paid in by 12 Member States and partly paid in by 3 Member States, leaving a balance of USD 1,588,288.

During the current financial year, no voluntary contribution has been received. The General Secretariat is proposing therefore that the Council adopts a Decision appealing to Member States to honour this special contribution called 'Voluntary Contribution' so as to give the Secretary General the means with which to liquidate the Union's debts.

In view of the above, the attention of the council is drawn to the critical situation to which the Union is confronted:

- Advocates of some retired staff are pressurizing the Union for the settlement of their client's final dues. They are even claiming payment of legal fees by the Union.
- Staff members are claiming payment of interest on the amount owed to them. It will be recalled that the Conference of Plenipotentiaries at its 4th Extra-ordinary Session in Cape Town, South Africa, 6-7 December 1999 decided that staff's terminal dues be paid by 31st December 2000 (Resolution no 07/4SE-CPL/99).

It is therefore suggested that the final entitlements should attract interest. Council is requested to take action.

v. Staff allowances

As you are aware, the US Dollar has been steadily weakening since January 2004. The steady fall in the value of the dollar and the inflationary trends in the overall economy have adversely affected staff purchasing power.

In view of these factors and in order to mitigate the fall of the purchasing power, Council is requested to consider the proposed increment of housing allowance and transport allowance as shown below:

Housing allowance	Actual rate / Month	Proposed rate / Month
• Secretary General	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,000
• Experts	\$ 1,300	\$ 2,000
• Personnel local 1	\$ 225	\$ 335
• Personnel local 2	\$ 150	\$ 225
a) Transport allowance (Local Staff only)	\$ 60	\$ 90

vi. Financial Situation

a) Expenditure

The Union's budget for 2004/2005 is set at US\$ 898,852.00 reflecting the approved programme of activities adopted by the 5th Ordinary Session of Administrative Council. For the year 2004/05(10 months) total actual expenditure amounted to US\$ 550,377.00 or 61.23% of total appropriations for the year.

b) Income

As at 31st March 2005, ATU has 46 Member States and 14 Associate members. The assessed contributions for Member States have been set at \$ 833,635 while the assessed contributions for Associate members have been set at \$ 65,217.00. The income paid in by Member States amounted to \$346,630.00 which represent 40.86% and the income paid in by associate members amounted to \$55,563.00. which represent 85.19%. The total income received during this period under review amounted to \$402,193.

c) Recovery of Arrears of contribution

During the period under review, the Secretariat carried out a number of actions aimed at recovering contributions from Member States. Among the actions were the letters and fax reminders sent to Member States. Several telephonic contacts were made by the Secretariat. The Secretary General made visits to Sudan and Libya.

In view of the above actions, an amount of US\$ 197,161.00 as arrears of contributions was received, representing 2.24% of the total of US\$ 8,763,991 at the beginning of the year. Detailed statements are provided in the Supplementary Document No. AC/06/S06

d) Capital Expenditure

During the period under review, the Union acquired a heavy duty photocopier "MITA"

e) Hosting of the General Secretariat

During the period under review, the General Secretariat received invaluable support from the Host Government.

The only issue pending is the renegotiation of the Headquarters Agreement as decided by the 4th Extra-ordinary Session of the Conference of Plenipotentiaries in its Resolution no 08/\$SE-CPL/99. The Resolution calls for enhanced assistance to the Union by way of inclusion in the Headquarters Agreement of provisions for office accommodation and communications facilities, to promote and strengthen the technical activities of the Union.

3 DRAFT RESOLUTIONS, DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

Decision No. XX/AC/06/2005 on approval of the Report of the Secretary General to the 6th Ordinary Session of the Administrative Council (Doc. No. AC/06/D04).

The Administrative Council, meeting in its 6th ordinary session in Khartoum, Sudan from 19 – 21 April 2005;

Noting Document No. AC/06/D04 on the Report of the Secretary General.

Considering the Annual Programme adopted by Council during the 5th Ordinary Session of Council.

Noting further the favourable observations made by Council in its deliberations on the report.

Decides to adopt the report of the Secretary General Doc No. AC/06/D04

Commends the Secretary General for the good presentation of the report.

Decision No. XX/AC/06/2005 on the payment of Voluntary contribution on enhancing the liquidation of staff dues.

The Administrative Council, meeting in its 6th ordinary session in Khartoum, Sudan from 19 – 21 April 2005;

Considering the Secretary General's Report of Activities for the Year 2004 / 2005;

Recalling The Resolution No.02/SE-CPL/99 adopted by the 4th Extraordinary Session of the Conference of Plenipotentiaries, Cape Town, South Africa, 6 – 7 December 1999, on enhancing the liquidation of Union's debts;

Aware that the Union still owes staff in post and those in retirement a substantial amount in spite of several appeals made at different fora of the organs of the Union, requesting Member States to honour their financial obligations to the Union;

Further recalls and urges Member States to pay the Voluntary Contribution of US\$ 50,000 to enable the General Secretariat to liquidate the Union's staff dues;

Decides that the funds realized from the payment of voluntary contribution will be used primarily to clear all the staff dues;

Instructs the Secretary General to notify the Administrative Council regularly on the payment received on voluntary contributions.

4 LIST OF ACRONYMS

AC	Administrative Council
AC	African Connection
ACRAN/RIARC	African Communication Regulatory Authority Network
AC/05/2004	Fifth Ordinary Session of the Administrative Council, 21 – 23 July 2003
ACCSP	African Connection Center for Strategic Planning
AFPCs	African Common Proposals
AFRINET	African Internet Summit and Exhibition
ATD	African Telecommunications Day
ATU	African Telecommunications Union
AU	African Union
ccTLD	Country Code Top Level Domain Names
BTA	Botswana Telecommunications Authority
CCK	Communication Commission of Kenya
COMESA	Market for East and Southern Africa
CPL	Conference of Plenipotentiaries of ATU
CPL/01/2002	First Ordinary Session of the Conference of Plenipotentiaries
CPM	Conference Preparatory Meeting
DBSA	Development Bank of South Africa
ECOWAS	Economic Community of West African States
ES /CPL/01/2003	First Extraordinary Session of the Conference of Plenipotentiaries,
ICANN	
ICASA	Independent Communications Authority of South Africa
ICT	Information and Communication Technologies
ITU	International Telecommunication Union
ITU-R	International Telecommunication Union – Radio Communication Sector
ITU-T	International Telecommunication Union – Standardization Sector
IXPs	Internet Exchange Points
MOC	Ministerial Oversight Committee
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
NEPAD	The New Partnership for Africa's Development
NGN	New Generation Network
PAPU	Pan-African Postal Union
PP-06	ITU Plenipotentiary Conference - 2006
RASCOM	Regional African Satellite Communication Organization
RECs	Regional Economic Communities
RRC	Regional Radiocommunication Conference
TDC	Technical and Development Conference
TSAG	Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group
TSB	Telecommunication Standardization Bureau
WGIG	Working Group on Internet Governance
WRC	World Radiocommunication Conference
WSIS	World Summit on Information Society
WTSA -04	World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly - 2004

5 ANNEXES

- 5.1 Resolutions of CPL/01/2002
- 5.2 Resolutions and Decisions of ES/CPL/01/2003
- 5.3 Resolution, Decisions and Recommendation of AC/05/2004

5.1 Resolutions of CPL/01/2002

Resolution 01/CPL/01/2002 on Non- Payment of Annual Contributions (arrears).

The Conference of Plenipotentiaries of the African Telecommunications Union (ATU), meeting in its first Ordinary Session, in Nairobi, from 28-30 August, 2002,

Considering the provisions of Resolution 01/4SE-CPL/99 on arrears of contributions ;

Having considered the report on the implementation of that resolution ;

Having further noted the concern shown and shared by Member States to address once and for all the issue of arrears of contributions, in order to strengthen the restructuring and smooth running of the African Telecommunications Union ;

Resolves

- a) to extend, up to the date of the next Extra-ordinary Conference of Plenipotentiaries scheduled in 2003 in Côte d'Ivoire, the enforcement of provisions 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Resolution 01/4SE-CPL/99 on the different arrangements provided to Member States owing arrears of contributions for clearing their obligations to the Union ;
- b) that the Member States concerned communicate to the Secretary General a schedule of payment of their arrears in accordance with the period between 1st September, 2002 and the opening day of the next Extra-ordinary Conference of Plenipotentiaries scheduled in 2003 in Côte d'Ivoire, including their contributions for financial year 2002-2003 ;
- c) that the sanctions provided for in the Union's Constitution be applied immediately from the Second Ordinary Session of the Conference of Plenipotentiaries scheduled in 2006.

Asserts that the above mentioned decision was made as one last exceptional measure aimed at ensuring a more collective inclusion of member States in the new African Telecommunications Union and will never set a precedent again.

Resolution 02/CPL/01/2002 on Adoption of Report of Administrative Council for the Period 1998 - 2002

The Conference of Plenipotentiaries of the African Telecommunications Union (ATU), meeting in its first Ordinary Session, in Nairobi, from 28-30 August, 2002,

Considering

- a) that the Conference (Cape Town, 1999) instructed the Administrative Council to examine the remuneration of Staff of the General Secretariat and take decisions as appropriate;
- b) that the Conference (Cape Town, 1999) instructed Council to examine the scale of contributions of Associate Members and take decision on it;
- c) that the legal instruments of the Union empower the Administrative Council to examine the audited accounts of the Union and take provisional decisions that may be endorsed by the Conference;
- d) that the legal instruments of the Union authorise the Administrative Council to provisionally approve the Memoranda of Understanding between the Union and partner organisations;

Resolves to adopt:

- a) the report of Administrative Council for the period 1998 – 2002.
- b) Council decision No. DEC.01/AC-03/02 on the scale of contribution of Associate Members.
- c) decision of Council to approve per diem and house allowances as contained in its decision No. ATU/AC-02/01/DEC.04.
- d) decision of Council to approve the Memoranda of Understanding between the Union and the Regional African Satellite Communications Organisation (RASCOM), African Advanced Level Telecommunications Training Institute (AFRALTI), European Conference of Posts and Telecommunications Administrations (CEPT) and Economic Community of Sahel – Saharan States (CENSAD).

Resolution 03/CPL/01/2002 on the Union's Accounts for the Financial Years 1997/1998, 1998/1999, 1999/2000, and 2000/2001

The Conference of Plenipotentiaries of the African Telecommunications Union (ATU), meeting in its first Ordinary Session, in Nairobi, from 28-30 August, 2002,

Having considered the report of the Conference Preparatory Committee (CPC) meeting from 23-24 August 2002 in Nairobi;

Taking into consideration the report of the Administrative Council on the financial management of the Union for the financial years 1997/1998 to 2000/2001;

Considering the provisions of the ATU Convention (Cape Town, 1999);

Adopts the Audited Accounts of the Union for the financial years 1997/1998, 1998/1999, 1999/2000 and 2000/2001;

Directs the Secretary General to circulate the Audited Accounts to Member States and Associate Members.

Resolution 04/CPL/01/2002 on the ATU Strategic Plan and Budget 2002 – 2006

The Conference of Plenipotentiaries of the African Telecommunications Union (ATU), meeting in its first Ordinary Session, in Nairobi, from 28-30 August, 2002,

Cognizant of Res. No 07/6S-CPL/98 on the adoption and implementation of the PATU STRATEGIC PLAN / AFRICAN CONNECTION, 1998 – 2002;

Aware that:

- Telecommunications is a critical enabler of socio-economic development, economic growth and strong catalyst for investment flows;
- There is a pressing need for commitment to provide for the region an enabling environment to rapidly bring about a transformed knowledge and information African Society, in order to bridge the growing digital divide;

Noting the decision of the Lusaka Conference to establish the Ministerial Oversight Committee (MOC), with a core group of 11 countries but open to all Member States, with the key responsibility to “develop and oversee the implementation of the Strategic Plan”;

Noting further the need for the AU to recognize:

- “the development of telecommunications as a priority and declare it as a tool for socio-economic development”;
- the significant steps by the Africa leadership to initiate the NEPAD Strategy with a strong ICT component; the global and regional steps initiated to promulgate the NEPAD Strategy at regional and global level culminating in its adoption by the AU Summit, Durban, South Africa, July 2001.

Recalling the decision of the 1st Extraordinary Session of the Administrative Council to reactive and open membership of the Council Committee on Strategic Planning (CC/SP) and to assign it a as key responsibility, the task of drawing up the ATU Strategic Plan 2002 – 2006;

Recalling further Res. No RES-04/AC/03/SE/2002 of the ATU Administrative Council at its 3rd Ordinary Session, Nairobi, Kenya, 13 – 16 May 2002, to initiate a definitive programme to prepare and conclude the ATU Strategic Plan 2002 – 2006 and submit it to the 1st Ordinary Conference of Plenipotentiaries for consideration and adoption;

Aware of the necessity to achieve the full engagement and ownership of the revised plan by the Union’s membership through the maximum participation it its formulation by the CC/SP;

Recognizing that:

- African countries have made significant efforts since 1998 to advance telecommunications development in the region, particularly in the area of sector reform and mobile telephony networks;
- In spite of the above endeavors, the continent's ICT infrastructure remains poor including key areas of policy and regulation, human resource capacity, low teledensity and access, high service costs and tariffs, low investment flows which negatively impacts on network and service expansion;
- The African Connection Strategy – the Union's Strategic Plan 1998 – 2002 has only attained very minimal level of implementation as most of the set programmes and projects still remain outstanding;
- The heightened recognition of ICT's role in socio-economic development and the global as well as the regional initiatives, more specifically NEPAD to greatly enhance the continent's development.

Recognizing further:

- Resolution 02/AC/03/2002 on the interim process of evolving ACP's for upcoming ITU Conferences of the establishment of advisory / expert groups to prepare draft ACP's for ITU Conferences including WSIS.
- That the Conference of Plenipotentiaries of ATU made of Ministers of Communications and ICT's is the highest advisory assembly to Heads of States of African Union on ICT matters.

Decides to adopt the ATU Strategic Plan and the Budget 2002 – 2006 as a principal instrument to guide the work of the Union during the said period.

Further Decides to urge Member States to fully commit themselves to honour their financial obligations to the Union, in order to make it a viable institution that will respond to the aspirations and objectives of the African leadership and society, in meeting the ICT targets under the NEPAD Strategy and the operational mechanisms of the African Union.

Resolves to call upon Member States to:

- a) Develop programmes in cooperation with ATU, to enhance ICT intellectual capacity thus helps rapidly advance Africa into the knowledge and Information Society.
- b) Effectively participate in ATU's programmes aimed at enhancing the Voice of Africa in the field of information and communication technology resources.
- c) Develop programmes that will facilitate investment capital to build information infrastructure, enhance cross-border connectivity, rural telecommunications, backbone routes as well as universal service and access.
- d) Develop programmes that will enhance the creation of Information Society in Africa to provide universal access and service and also to bridge the growing digital divide.
- e) Develop programmes that will build a "critical-mass" of human capital in the field of info-technology through collaborative network of university and research institutions to promote technology transfer and reverse Africa's brain drain.

- f) Assist the Secretary General in the recruitment of Associate Members in their respective countries.
- g) Appoint part or full time focal points for ATU affairs in relevant Ministries and Regulatory Agencies.

Further Resolves: -

- a) to set the amount of the assessed annual contribution by Member States on the basis of the scale of assessment of contribution in force as per Resolution No. 05/4SE-CPL/99.
- b) To set the annual contributory unit for 2002/2006 for Associate Members at an equivalent of 1% (one percent) of the total Member State assessed annual contribution.
- c) ATU to organize and co-ordinate forums of all relevant stakeholders to prepare and develop African Common Proposals including a declaration and action Plan for adoption during the two phases of WSIS 2003 and 2005.

Appeals to Regional and Development Partners, Global Organisations and Private Social Sectors to fully cooperate with ATU not only in the implementation of the Strategic Plan but also in the preparations of the World Summit on Information Society (WSIS) programmes which are an integral part of the Strategic Plan.

Instructs the Administrative Council and the Secretary General to maintain closest collaboration and effective network arrangements directly with Member states in order to realize adequate funding for the implementation of this resolution.

Requests the Secretary General to submit quarterly on the status of funds mobilization based on the above strategy as a guide to instituting other practical measures that will enable the Union to achieve its strategic goals.

Resolution 05/CPL/01/2002 on the Consultation and Preparatory Process for Evolving African Common Proposals as Africa's Contributions to the work of the ITU Conferences

The Conference of Plenipotentiaries of the African Telecommunications Union (ATU), meeting in its first Ordinary Session, in Nairobi, from 28-30 August, 2002,

Considering

- a) that Regional Telecommunications Organizations (RTO's) in the world are increasingly involved in preparing their respective Member States in effective participation in ITU conferences;
- b) that virtually all RTO's have established regional conference preparatory processes for reaching common proposals within the regions;
- c) that the regional preparatory mechanisms include interregional co-ordination of the common proposals reached prior to and during conferences in order to ease further the work of the conferences;
- d) that ITU is acknowledging the benefits of using regional preparatory approaches prior and during the ITU conferences;

Considering further

- a) that ATU envisions an Africa that is empowered as a full and active participant in the Global Information Society;
- b) that one of the objectives of ATU enshrined in the Constitution is to co-ordinate the strategies and positions of Member States in preparations for and at international conferences;

Aware

- a) that ITU convenes on regular basis a number of international conferences on standardisation, treaty-making, policy and regulation that affect the global community;
- b) that ITU will convene PP-02, WRC-03, WSIS-03 & 05, WTSA-04, RRC-04 & 05 and that preparations for them started a long time ago in most of the regions;
- c) that Cote d'Ivoire has offered to host ATU Conference Preparatory Meeting (ACPM) to prepare and/or endorse ACP's for the WRC-03;
- d) that Tunisia has also offered to host ACPM to prepare and/or endorse ACP's for WSIS;
- e) that Kenya has offered to host another ACPM for WRC-03 should the need arise;
- f) that Council adopted resolutions ATU/EAC-01/2002/R01 and RES-01/AC/03/2002 on the conference preparatory processes;

Determined to see Africa participate effectively alongside with other regions of the world in the globalization processes for its own interests as well as for the interest of the global community.

Resolves to endorse the two Council resolutions ATU/EAC-01/2002/R01 and RES-01/AC/03/2002 as ACP consultation processes.

Decides to endorse the ACP/01 to ACP/22 for submission to ITU as Africa's contributions to PP-02

Commends

- a) East African Community States for the excellent work done in generating ACP's for the work of the ITU PP-02
- b) Secretary General for the very good work done in generating ACP's for the work of the ITU PP-02

Urges

- a) Regional Economic Community (REC) Institutions to play their part in implementing this resolution, in particular establishing regional mechanism in support of the resolution and communicate the name of contact person to the General Secretariat;
- b) Member States to play their part in implementing the resolution by in particular establishing a national mechanism in support of the resolution and communicate the name of the contact person to the Secretariat;
- c) Member States and REC Institutions to participate vigorously in the preparations for the forthcoming conferences: PP-02, WRC-03, WSIS, WTSA and RRC.
- d) Member States to give their positions on the draft ACP's prepared by the Working Group for drafting ACP's for PP-02;
- e) Member States to establish policy of staff continuity at international conferences

Requests all Member States to show their solidarity at the PP-02 to ACP's that will be submitted to the ITU for the work of the conference.

Instructs the Secretary General

- a) to play a leading role in operating the preparatory processes, catalyse other participants of the processes to play their part and report to Council annually the status on conference preparatory activities.
- b) to identify Member States that will submit ACP's to the ITU
- c) establish a team of experts to lobby for international support.

Instructs Council to follow up the implementation of this resolution by among other things allocating sufficient resources for the purpose and report to the next ordinary session of Conference the achievements made at conferences by Africa in going at conferences with one voice.

Expresses its Gratitude

- a) to the Government of Cote d'Ivoire for accepting to host the Preparatory meeting for WRC-03;
- b) to the Government of Kenya for accepting to host another Preparatory meeting for WRC-03 if the need arises.

RESOLUTION 06/CPL/01/2002 ON THE STATUS AND ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR IMPLEMENTING THE RASCOM PROGRAMME.

The Conference of Plenipotentiaries of the African Telecommunications Union (ATU), meeting in its first Ordinary Session, in Nairobi, from 28-30 August, 2002,

Considering

- a) that the African Telecommunications Union (ATU) and the Regional African Satellite Communications Organization (RASCOM) signed a cooperation agreement on 9th August 2001 that requires among other things, that the partners undertake joint projects of benefit to their respective memberships;
- b) that the mission of ATU is to promote rapid development of info-communications in Africa in order to achieve universal service and access, in addition to full inter-country connectivity in the most effective manner;
- c) that the growth of ICT connectivity is proportional to the economic growth in a given area;
- d) that satellite technologies could provide telecommunications services instantaneously from anyplace on the surface of the earth at low cost;
- e) that 70% of the African population lives in rural areas where communication infrastructure is very poor or almost non-existent;
- f) that attaining universal access is no longer a purely technical or an financial problem, but also a policy and regulatory challenge;
- g) ATU and RASCOM are jointly organizing satellite policy and regulatory workshop early next year to establish mechanisms for the resolving policy and regulatory barriers to the use of satellite services in Africa.

Concerned

- that expanded access to cost-effective communication solutions is urgently needed in Africa in the following cases among others:-
- Distance learning, internet via satellite, rural telecommunications, telemedicine/telehealth, disaster relief, government intranets and extranets, national and multinational networks, intergovernmental and corporate applications, ICT infrastructure extensions, News distribution services and bridging the digital divide in Africa.

Aware

- a) that RASCOM system will be ready for service in 2004;
- b) that RASCOM has established RASCOM Assistance and Support Programme to African Countries (RASPAC) to assist Member States to plan for national ground infrastructure;
- c) that RASCOM has established Ground Infrastructure Companies (GIC) that will implement the national, sub-regional and regional ground infrastructure;
- d) that RASCOM is owned by Member States with participation of the private sector;

- e) that RASCOM stakeholders would like to see the RASCOM system in profitable business from the time the system is operational;

Resolves to Urge Member States

- a) to support the RASCOM programme by ensuring that the privatization agreement of national telecommunication entities provides for a commitment that encourages strategic partners to use the RASCOM system.
- b) to attend the satellite policy and regulatory workshop that will be organized jointly by ATU and RASCOM early next year to resolve policy and regulatory barriers to the use of the RASCOM system and other satellite based services.

Expresses its gratitude to all Member States, organizations and companies that have supported the implementation of RASCOM system

Requests the Administrative Council and the Secretary General

- a) to continue executing joint projects with RASCOM in other areas that will benefit Member States.
- b) to encourage the rest of the African countries that are not yet members of RASCOM to join RASCOM.

RESOLUTION 07/CPL/01/2002 ON THE ACTIVITY OF THE MINISTERIAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (MOC) AND THE AFRICAN CONNECTION CENTRE FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING AND THE STRENGTHENING OF ATU'S ROLE IN THE NEW AFRICAN UNION (AU)

The Conference of Plenipotentiaries of the African Telecommunications Union (ATU), meeting in its first Ordinary Session, in Nairobi, from 28-30 August, 2002,

Considering the Resolution n° 07/6S-CPL/98 on the implementation of the Strategic Plan – the African Connection;

Considering the final implementation report of the African Connection by the MOC;

Considering the relevant provisions of the constitutive Act of the African Union (AU) especially in its Article 33.

Considering the relevant provision of the ATU Constitution in Art. 3 setting the objectives of the Union;

Considering the inception of the ATU and the process of establishing structures and bodies by the MOC;

Considering the decision of the Conference of Plenipotentiaries to convene an extraordinary session in 2003;

Decides

- a) to extend the mandates of the Ministerial Oversight Committee, by a period of 12 months up to the next extraordinary Plenipotentiary Conference, scheduled for September 2003 in Côte d'Ivoire;
- b) to extend the mandate of the African Connection Centre for the Strategic Planning (ACCSP), by 12 months up to the next extraordinary Session of the Conference, scheduled for September 2003 in Côte d'Ivoire;
- c) to assign the following tasks to the Ministerial Oversight Committee for the next twelve months:
 - i. to examine the structure and the functions of the AU Specialized Technical Committee with regard to transports, communications and tourism, and propose to the AU Executive Council the establishment of a sub-structure of that committee, made up of Ministers in charge of ICT, in accordance with Articles 14 & 15 of the AU Constitutive Act;
 - ii. to examine the structure and the functions of the AU Commission, in order to ensure that the ICT is properly considered and make proposals that the Conference will submit to the AU Executive Council, in accordance with Art. 15 of the AU Constitutive Act;
 - iii. To examine the functions, powers, composition and organization of the AU Economic, Social and Cultural Council, in order to ensure that ICT is

sufficiently considered and make proposals that the Conference will submit to the AU Executive Council, in accordance with Art. 15 of the AU Constitutive Act;

- iv. To hold a special session of the MOC in March 2003 at the ATU Headquarters, in order to examine the progress report and make proposals to the extraordinary session of the Conference, scheduled for September 2003, on recommendations to be submitted to the Executive Council of the African Union.
- d) That Member States undertake to ratify the ATU Constitution and Convention within the next twelve months, and pay, as a matter of urgency, their contributions for the budget year 2002-2003, in order to enable the Secretariat to put in place its structure, in accordance with the Constitution and Convention, and the required resources, including human resources.
- e) That the extraordinary session of the Conference examine the implementation and the results of the programmes referred to in this resolution, and decide on new guidelines to be adopted by ATU.

Instructs the Secretary General

- a) to urge Member States to ratify the Constitution and the Convention, which must enter into force before the Extraordinary session of the Conference in 2003;
- b) to take all necessary steps to invite member States to pay diligently their contributions for the 2002-2003 budget year, including the arrears;
- c) to convene the MOC meeting scheduled for March 2003 at the ATU Headquarters, or in any member State, which will have expressed the wish to host it;
- d) to publish various job vacancies in member States, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and Convention;
- e) to submit to the next Extraordinary session of the Conference, a progress report in compliance with the objectives, which have been referred to in this resolution.

Resolution 08/CPL/01/2002 on ITU Council candidatures

The Conference of Plenipotentiaries of the African Telecommunications Union (ATU), meeting in its first Ordinary Session, in Nairobi, from 28-30 August, 2002,

Noting that the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) will be holding its Plenipotentiary Conference from 23 September to 18 October 2002 in Marrakech, Morocco.

Further noting that the ITU Conference will hold elections for membership of its Council for which 13 seats are allocated to the Africa Region;

Recognising that it is desirable that the African Telecommunications Union has a responsibility to ensure that Africa has an organized election campaign with respect, in particular, to the elections to the ITU Council;

Cognisant that although elections at the ITU Conference will be conducted by individual Member States of that Union, there are great advantages for Member States who appear as regional candidates as has been demonstrated in past elections by those regions that decide on regional candidates;

Further cognisant in line with the decision of this Conference regarding the need to provide incentives to those Member States that meet their financial and other obligations with respect to the Union to continue doing so;

Resolves

- a) that there should be a list of ATU supported candidates to the ITU Conference, which list will be circulated to other regional telecommunications organizations as the ATU candidates for the ITU Council with the view to guiding the other regions on our preferred candidates and for reciprocal regional support where appropriate;
- b) that in considering candidates, the Secretary General should take into account the record of the proposed candidates in meeting their obligations to ATU and the ITU and to what extent they are active participants in these two organizations;
- c) that the principle and modalities of equitable geographical distribution of seats, between African sub-regions be discussed at the next Extraordinary Session of ATU Conference of Plenipotentiaries in Cote d'Ivoire, September 2003.

Requests Member States to notify the Secretary General on ITU Council candidatures by 14th September 2002;

Instructs the Secretary General

- a) to circulate the list of ATU candidates and this resolution to all ATU Member States for their information;

- c) to follow-up this resolution and circulate the list to other Regional Telecommunications Organizations seeking their support before 15 September 2002;
- d) to report to the next Extraordinary Sessions of Plenipotentiary Conference on impact of this resolution on Member State commitment to the Union;

Urges Member States

- a) that are elected to the ITU Council to exercise their responsibility to the continent and the ITU effectively by preparing for, attending and participating actively in ITU Council meetings and related activities particularly in the Development Sector;
- b) that are also Member States of the ITU to ensure that they meet the requirements stipulated in the ITU legal instruments in order for a delegation to be able to vote and to participate in the elections.

5.2 Resolutions and Decisions of ES/CPL/01/2003

RESOLUTION 01 /ES/CPL/01/2003 ON ISSUES OF NON-PAYMENT OF ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS

The Conference of Plenipotentiaries (CPL), meeting at its first Extraordinary Session held in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire on 26-27 August 2003,

Considering:-

1. the provisions of resolution 01/SE-CPL/99 on contributions of arrears attached in Annex 1 of this resolution,
2. the report of the General Secretariat on constraints in implementing the Strategic Plan 2002 / 2006 and difficulties of recovering arrears of contribution due to the Union by some Member States,
3. the high level of staff and retirees liabilities that are constraining recruitment of new staff and thereby threatening the survival of the Union,

Having noted

the concern raised and shared by Member States to definitively solve the problems of contribution arrears in order to ensure the consolidation and smooth functioning of the General Secretariat,

Resolves

- 1) that each Member State should immediately pay its contribution for the current year (2003-2004),
- 2) that the provisions of items (b) and (c) of resolution 01/CPL/01/2002 on non-payment of annual contributions (see Annex 2) shall be maintained,

Urges

Member States which owe the Union to communicate to the Secretary General the schedule of payment of their arrears as soon as possible,

Reaffirms

that the present resolution has been adopted as exceptional measure to ensure more active involvement of member States in the Union, with regard to their financial contribution to the Annual Work Programme budgets.

2. RESOLUTION 02/ ES/CPL/01/2003 ON THE INSTALLATION OF RASCOM MULTIMEDIA TERMINALS IN EVERY POST OFFICE IN AFRICA

The ATU Conference of Plenipotentiaries (CPL), meeting at its 1st Extraordinary Session held in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire,

Considering

- 1) the digital divide in Africa, in particular the rural areas where 70% of the African population lives.
- 2) that post office networks in Africa are the most accessible communication points to the rural populations.
- 3) that Member States have invested substantial resources in the ATU, PAPU, and RASCOM.

Resolves

To endorse the flagship project for installing RASCOM multimedia terminals in every post office in Africa to enhance universal access to ICTs and for higher value creation for the benefit of all partner stakeholders.

Instructs

The Administrative Council and the Secretary General:

- 1) to initiate feasibility studies for this Post Office partnership (e-Post Africa) and set up appropriate project management units to implement a pilot phase before embarking on full deployment rollout.
- 2) to build necessary partnerships to ensure the success of the initiative.
- 3) To report to future conferences on the status of implementation of this resolution.

3. **Resolution 03/ES/CPL/01/2003 on the activities of Ministerial Oversight Committee (MOC)**

The Conference of Plenipotentiaries (CPL), meeting at its first Extraordinary Session held in Abidjan, Cote D'Ivoire on 26-27 August 2003,

Considering

1. Resolution 07/6S-CPL/98 of the Lusaka 1998 Conference of Plenipotentiaries of the Pan African Telecommunications Union (PATU) establishing the Ministerial Oversight Committee;
2. the decision by the Conference of Plenipotentiaries to convene an extraordinary session in 2003;
3. Resolution 07/CPL/01/2002 on the activities of Ministerial Oversight Committee;
4. the report of Secretary-General on the implementation of Resolution 07/CPL/01/2002 of the first Ordinary Session of the Conference of Plenipotentiaries, August 2002, Nairobi;
5. the final report of Ministerial Oversight Committee on the implementation of the African Connection Centre for strategic Planning and the strengthening of ATU's role in the new African Union.

Recalling

Decisions (a) and (b) of the Resolution 07/CPL/01/2002 extending the mandate of the Ministerial Oversight Committee up to the Extraordinary Session of Plenipotentiaries, Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, 2003;

Considering Further

1. that the African Union provides for a structure for the Ministers and Senior Officials responsible for Communications to meet regularly and report to the Executive Council of African Union, thus fulfilling the original objectives of establishing the Ministerial Oversight Committee.
2. that the resources that are required for meetings of the Ministerial Oversight Committee are provided for by the hosting member state which makes it difficult for different countries to host;
3. the mandate of the Ministerial Oversight Committee has come to an end; and
4. that Ministerial Oversight Committee has made its final report to the Conference of Plenipotentiaries.

Congratulates

The Ministerial Oversight Committee (MOC) for the excellent work done during its tenure of office.

Decides

1. To express thanks to all partners who gave support to the activities of the MOC.
2. To terminate the existence of the Ministerial Oversight Committee.

4. **Resolution 04/ES/CPL/01/2003 on the Activities of African Connection Centre for Strategic Planning**

The Conference of Plenipotentiaries (CPL), meeting at its first Extraordinary Session held in Abidjan, Cote D'Ivoire on 26-27 August 2003,

Considering

1. the decision of the third meeting of the Ministerial Oversight Committee (MOC) held 3-4 March 2001, on the implementation of the African Connection Centre for Strategic Planning;
2. the decision by the Conference of Plenipotentiaries (CPL) to convene an extraordinary session in 2003;
3. Resolution 07/CPL/01/2002 on the activities of African Connection Centre for Strategic Planning (ACCSP);
4. the report of Secretary-General on the implementation of Resolution 07/CPL/01/2002 of the first Extraordinary Session of CPL (Nairobi 2002);
5. the final report of Ministerial Oversight Committee on the implementation of the African Connection.

Recalling

Decisions (a) and (b) of the resolution 07/CPL/01/2002 extending the mandate of the African Connection Centre for Strategic Planning up to the Extraordinary Session of Plenipotentiaries, Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, 2003.

Considering Further

1. that the mandate of the African Connection Centre for Strategic Planning has come to an end and
2. Ministerial Oversight Committee has made a final report to the Conference of Plenipotentiaries (CPL).
3. that substantial resources are required to maintain the activities of the Secretariat of the African Connection Centre for Strategic Planning.
4. that the bulk of the financial resources including operational expenses of the secretariat were contributed by donors

Congratulates

the African Connection Centre for Strategic Planning for the excellent work done during its existence.

Decides

1. To thank the Donors and all those who gave support to the programmes of activities of African Connection Centre for Strategic Planning.

2. To terminate the existence of the Secretariat of the African Connection Centre for Strategic Planning and move its work to the ATU General Secretariat.

Instructs

1. The Administrative Council to establish an Executive Committee with representatives from each sub-region to take appropriate action to ensure smooth transfer of ongoing activities and programmes and sustain co-operation with development partners in fulfilling the vision of the African Connection project.
2. The Secretary General to ensure the smooth integration of ongoing ACCSP activities and programme into the appropriate Core Programme Co-ordination units.

5. **RESOLUTION 05/ES/CPL/01/2003 ON STRENGTHENING THE ROLE OF THE AFRICAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION IN THE NEW AFRICAN UNION**

The Conference of Plenipotentiaries (CPL), meeting at its first Extraordinary Session held in Abidjan, Cot D'Ivoire on 26-27 August 2003

Considering

1. Resolution 07/6S-CPL/98 of the Lusaka 1998 Conference of Plenipotentiaries of the Pan African Telecommunications Union (PATU) to restructure the Pan African Telecommunications Union into African Telecommunications Union (ATU);
2. the relevant provisions of the Constitutive Act of the African Union as provided for in its articles 14 and 15;
3. the relevant provision of the African Telecommunications Union Constitution in Article 3 stipulating the objectives of the Union;
4. the decision by the Conference of Plenipotentiaries (CPL) to convene an extraordinary session in 2003;
5. the report of Secretary-General on the implementation of Resolution 07/CPL/01/2002 of the first Extraordinary Session of CPL (Nairobi 2002);
6. Resolution 07/CPL/01/2002 on the activities of Ministerial Oversight Committee and
7. the final report of the Ministerial Oversight Committee.

Recalling

Decisions (a) and (b) of the resolution 07/CPL/01/2002 extending the mandate of the Ministerial Oversight Committee up to the Extraordinary Session of Plenipotentiaries, Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, 2003;

Decides

1. To request African Union to adopt the African Telecommunications Union as its specialised technical agency in the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) sector.
2. The Conference of Plenipotentiaries (CPL) Chairperson shall be in charge of the liaison with the Chairperson of the Commission on Communications of the Specialised Technical Committee on Transport, Communications and Tourism of African Union.

Instructs

1. The Secretary-General to extend the consultative processes and collaboration with other African regional and continental institutions dealing with ICTs taking into account convergence and other cross-cutting issues in the sector.
2. the Administrative Council to examine modalities for closer co-operation with other AU related organisations (PANA, PAPU, URTNA, etc) with a view to building synergies and rationalising their roles, responsibilities and financing of their operations.

3. Further the Administrative Council to establish an Executive Committee of Council with representation from each sub-region to progress this work on a timely basis.

Urges

Member States to support the work of all the organs of the African Telecommunications Union.

6. RESOLUTION 06/ES/CPL/01/2003 ON EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF ITU REGION D COUNCIL SEATS TO AFRICAN SUB-REGIONS

The Conference of Plenipotentiaries (CPL), meeting at its first Extraordinary Session held in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire on 26-27 August 2003,

Considering

1. that ATU uses the principle of equitable distribution of seats to its five sub-regions to allocate ATU Council seats;
2. that ITU uses the principle of equitable distribution of seats to its five administrative regions to allocate council seats;
3. that if ITU did not use the principle of equitable distribution, it would be more likely for the Africa Region to occupy far less seats in Council;
4. that Africa has five regions that are recognized by the African Union.

Recognizing

1. the sovereign rights of ATU Member States to present their own candidatures for the ITU Council seats;
2. the practice in use in other regions for sharing the ITU Council seats on voluntary basis and in the spirit of regional cooperation and unity.

3. Resolves

4. To distribute the ITU Region D Council seats equitably to the five African Sub-region.
5. To propose the share of seats for each sub-region as shown in the table below for filling in at the next ITU Plenipotentiary Conference in 2006:-

Sub-regions	No. Countries	Proposed equitable share of seats
North Africa	6	2
West Africa	15	4
Central Africa	11	2
East Africa	12	3
Southern Africa	9	2
Total	53	13

6. To adopt the following principles:
 - effective representation
 - equitable geographical representation
 - Rotation of representation

- capacity to meet demands of representation.

Instructs

- 1) The Secretary General to continue to study the best practices and approaches on the effective representation, equitable distribution of seats as applied within the United Nations and other relevant systems and report to the Conference of Plenipotentiaries 2006
- 2) the Administrative Council:
 - i. to develop an appropriate mechanism of sharing these seats among the sub-regions membership on consultative basis before the next Conference of Plenipotentiaries.
 - ii. to facilitate the application of this resolution through sub-regional consultations.

Urges

Member States:

- 1) to continue researching on mechanisms that will best determine the allocation of the seats in their respective sub-regions based on the principles in resolves (3) above.
- 2) to liaise with the Secretary General in these studies for equitable sub-regional representation at the ITU and other related international forums.

7. DECISION 01/ES/CPL/01/2003 ON ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL FOR THE PERIOD 2004-2006.

The Conference of Plenipotentiaries (CPL), meeting at its first Extraordinary Session held in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire on 26-27 August 2003,

Considering

1. that the Conference (Nairobi, 2002) decided to convene Extra-ordinary Conference of Plenipotentiaries in Abidjan in August 2003, to among other things elect Members of the Administrative Council,
2. that the elections have taken place based on sub-regional consensus,

Decides

to announce the results of the election of Members of the Administrative Council as follows:

#	Sub-region	Countries Elected
1	North Africa	Egypt
2		Tunisia
3	West Africa	Benin
4		Burkina Faso
5		Cote d'Ivoire
6		Ghana
7		Mali
8		Nigeria
9	Central Africa	Cameroon
10		Central Africa Republic
11		Burundi
12		Chad
13	East Africa	Ethiopia
14		Sudan
15		Tanzania
16		Uganda
17	Southern Africa	Lesotho
18		Malawi
19		Zimbabwe
20	Host Country	Kenya

8 DECISION 02/ES/CPL/01/2003 ON ELECTION OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL FOR THE PERIOD 2004-2006.

The Conference of Plenipotentiaries (CPL), meeting at its first Extraordinary Session held in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire on 26-27 August 2003,

Considering

1. that the Conference (Nairobi, 2002) decided to convene Extra-ordinary Conference of Plenipotentiaries in Abidjan in August 2003, to among other things elect Secretary General,
2. that the elections have taken place

Decides

to announce the results of the election of Mr. AKOSSI Akossi of Cote d'Ivoire for a term of three years starting January 2004.

9 DECISION 03/ES/CPL/01/2003 ON HOSTING OF THE 2ND CONFERENCE OF PLENIPOTENTIARIES (CPL-02) IN 2006.

The Conference of Plenipotentiaries (CPL), meeting at its first Extraordinary Session held in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire on 26-27 August 2003,

Considering

1. that the Conference (Nairobi, 2002) decided to convene in ordinary session in 2006;
2. that Clause 3 of Article 8 provides for the Conference to meet either at the headquarters of the Union or in a Member States in accordance with the provisions of the Convention;
3. That it is beneficial to hold ATU Conference of Plenipotentiaries ahead of ITU Plenipotentiary Conference as it affords Member States and Associate Members an opportunity to harmonise and approve common proposals for tabling at the later Conference (PP06).

Decides

that the 2nd Ordinary Session of the Conference of Plenipotentiaries (CPL/02/2006) shall be held in 2006 ahead of ITU Plenipotentiary Conference, 2006 either at the headquarters of the Union or in a Member State that will have formally expresses interest by December 2004 to host the same.

Annexes to Resolutions of ES/CPL/01/2003

Resolution No 01/4SE-CPL/99 on Arrears of Contribution

The PATU Conference of Plenipotentiaries meeting at its 4th Extraordinary Session in Cape Town, South Africa, 6-7 December 1999;

HAVING CONSIDERED the report of the Committee of Experts, which met in Cape Town, 2-3 December 1999;

COGNIZANT OF the report of the Restructuring Implementation Team (RIT);

CONSIDERING resolution No 09/6S-CPL/98 of the Lusaka Conference on Member States which have arrears of annual contributions to the budget of the Union;

BEARING IN MIND the financial constraints being faced by the Union and which led to only partial implementation of the program of activities and the inability to pay staff of the General Secretariat their full emoluments;

AWARE that Member States are keen to see that the Union is restructured so that it fully responds to their aspirations;

1. DECIDES

A. to lift immediately the temporary suspension of Member States which have not complied with Article 27 (1) of the Monrovia Convention (1990), provided that the concerned Member States pledge to the Conference to:

- pay 30% of the arrears of contributions due at 31st May 1999 by 31st May 2000 together with the current year's annual contribution;
- pay the remaining 70% in two installments before the 31st May 2001 and 31st May 2002 respectively together with the current year's contributions.

B. that Member States in arrears, which pay the 30% of their arrears, may appeal to the Administrative Council for reconsideration of the schedule of payments of the remaining 70% and in this case the Administrative Council will forward its conclusions to the next Ordinary Conference for approval.

2. **INSTRUCTS** the Secretary General to follow up this matter closely and accord it priority attention.

3. **FURTHER INSTRUCTS** the Administrative Council to maintain contacts with Member States and report to the next Conference of Plenipotentiaries.

4. **AFFIRMS** that the above decisions have been taken as exceptional measures in view of the imperative need of involving as many Member States as possible in the establishment of the new Union (ATU) and that they should not therefore constitute a precedent.

Annex 2**Resolution 01/CPL/01/2002 on Non- Payment of Annual Contributions (arrears).**

The Conference of Plenipotentiaries of the African Telecommunications Union (ATU), meeting in its first Ordinary Session, in Nairobi, from 28-30 August, 2002,

Considering the provisions of Resolution 01/4SE-CPL/99 on arrears of contributions ;

Having considered the report on the implementation of that resolution ;

Having further noted the concern shown and shared by Member States to address once and for all the issue of arrears of contributions, in order to strengthen the restructuring and smooth running of the African Telecommunications Union ;

Resolves

- d) to extend, up to the date of the next Extra-ordinary Conference of Plenipotentiaries scheduled in 2003 in Côte d'Ivoire, the enforcement of provisions 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Resolution 01/4SE-CPL/99 on the different arrangements provided to Member States owing arrears of contributions for clearing their obligations to the Union ;
- e) that the Member States concerned communicate to the Secretary General a schedule of payment of their arrears in accordance with the period between 1st September, 2002 and the opening day of the next Extra-ordinary Conference of Plenipotentiaries scheduled in 2003 in Côte d'Ivoire, including their contributions for financial year 2002-2003 ;
- f) that the sanctions provided for in the Union's Constitution be applied immediately from the Second Ordinary Session of the Conference of Plenipotentiaries scheduled in 2006.

Asserts that the above mentioned decision was made as one last exceptional measure aimed at ensuring a more collective inclusion of member States in the new African Telecommunications Union and will never set a precedent again.

Resolution 07/CPL/01/2002 on the activity of the Ministerial Oversight Committee (MOC) and the African Connection Centre for Strategic Planning and the Strengthening of ATU's role in the new African Union (AU)

The Conference of Plenipotentiaries of the African Telecommunications Union (ATU), meeting in its first Ordinary Session, in Nairobi, from 28-30 August, 2002,

Considering the Resolution n° 07/6S-CPL/98 on the implementation of the Strategic Plan – the African Connection;

Considering the final implementation report of the African Connection by the MOC;

Considering the relevant provisions of the constitutive Act of the African Union (AU) especially in its Article 33.

Considering the relevant provision of the ATU Constitution in Art. 3 setting the objectives of the Union;

Considering the inception of the ATU and the process of establishing structures and bodies by the MOC;

Considering the decision of the Conference of Plenipotentiaries to convene an extraordinary session in 2003;

Decides

- a) to extend the mandates of the Ministerial Oversight Committee, by a period of 12 months up to the next extraordinary Plenipotentiary Conference, scheduled for September 2003 in Côte d'Ivoire;
- b) to extend the mandate of the African Connection Centre for the Strategic Planning (ACCSP), by 12 months up to the next extraordinary Session of the Conference, scheduled for September 2003 in Côte d'Ivoire;
- c) to assign the following tasks to the Ministerial Oversight Committee for the next twelve months:
 - v. to examine the structure and the functions of the AU Specialised Technical Committee with regard to transports, communications and tourism, and propose to the AU Executive Council the establishment of a sub-structure of that committee, made up of Ministers in charge of ICT, in accordance with Articles 14 & 15 of the AU Constitutive Act;

- vi. to examine the structure and the functions of the AU Commission, in order to ensure that the ICT is properly considered and make proposals that the Conference will submit to the AU Executive Council, in accordance with Art. 15 of the AU Constitutive Act;
 - vii. To examine the functions, powers, composition and organisation of the AU Economic, Social and Cultural Council, in order to ensure that ICT is sufficiently considered and make proposals that the Conference will submit to the AU Executive Council, in accordance with Art. 15 of the AU Constitutive Act;
 - viii. To hold a special session of the MOC in March 2003 at the ATU Headquarters, in order to examine the progress report and make proposals to the extraordinary session of the Conference, scheduled for September 2003, on recommendations to be submitted to the Executive Council of the African Union.
- d) That Member States undertake to ratify the ATU Constitution and Convention within the next twelve months, and pay, as a matter of urgency, their contributions for the budget year 2002-2003, in order to enable the Secretariat to put in place its structure, in accordance with the Constitution and Convention, and the required resources, including human resources.
 - e) That the extraordinary session of the Conference examines the implementation and the results of the programmes referred to in this resolution, and decide on new guidelines to be adopted by ATU.

Instructs the Secretary General

- a) to urge Member States to ratify the Constitution and the Convention, which must enter into force before the Extraordinary session of the Conference in 2003;
- b) to take all necessary steps to invite member States to pay diligently their contributions for the 2002-2003 budget year, including the arrears;
- c) to convene the MOC meeting scheduled for March 2003 at the ATU Headquarters, or in any member State, which will have expressed the wish to host it;
- d) to publish various job vacancies in member States, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and Convention;

- e) to submit to the next Extraordinary session of the Conference, a progress report in compliance with the objectives, which have been referred to in this resolution.

5.3 Resolution, Decisions and Recommendation of AC/05/2004

Resolution No. 01/AC/05/2004 on the theme of the African Telecommunications Day

The Administrative Council, meeting at its fifth ordinary session, held in Nairobi, Kenya on 21-23 July 2004,

Having deliberated Doc AC/05/D07 on the Commemoration of the African Telecommunications Day (ATD);

Aware of the significance of the Day and the need to publicize themes on ICT which is globally recognized as an important catalyst for enhancing Africa's social and economic development;

Noting the benefits that accrue from the acknowledgement by stakeholders of challenges and opportunities of a widely accepted theme to mark ATD Day;

Decides to adopt the theme "WIRELESS ACCESS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT" to commemorate ATD 2004.

Requests the Secretary General to submit a report on the matter to the 6th Session of Council..

2. Decision 01/AC/05/2004 on the equitable and effective distribution of ITU Region "D" Council seats to African sub regions

The Administrative Council, meeting at its fifth ordinary session, held in Nairobi, Kenya on 21-23 July 2004,

Considering:-

- 1) that the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference will be held in the year 2006 to, amongst other things, elect members of the ITU Council for the period 2006-2010,
- 2) resolutions 08/CPL/01/2002 and 06/ES/CPL/01/2003 of the ATU Conferences of Plenipotentiaries, Nairobi 2002 and Abidjan 2003 respectively stipulating inter alia, the equitable and effective distribution of ITU Region "D" Council seats to African sub-regions through a process of consultation and consensus in nominating candidatures by countries within the same sub-regions.

Instructs the Secretary General to send Resolution 06/CPL/ES/2003 to sub-regional organizations which shall undertake to consult countries, Members of the ITU, in their respective sub-regions with the view to determining the candidatures for ITU Council elections in the year 2006 during the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference;

Requests the sub-regional organizations **to forward the results of the consultation to the ATU Secretary General by 28 February 2006;**

Further requests the Secretary General to report the results of the sub-regional consultations to the 2006 Ordinary Session of Council for necessary decisions and action.

Annex to Decision 01/AC/05/2004

**RESOLUTION 06/ES/CPL/01/2003 ON EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF ITU
REGION D COUNCIL SEATS TO AFRICAN SUB-REGIONS**

The Conference of Plenipotentiaries (CPL), meeting at its first Extraordinary Session held in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire on 26-27 August 2003,

Considering

5. that ATU uses the principle of equitable distribution of seats to its five sub-regions to allocate ATU Council seats;
6. that ITU uses the principle of equitable distribution of seats to its five administrative regions to allocate council seats;
7. that if ITU did not use the principle of equitable distribution, it would be more likely for the Africa Region to occupy far less seats in Council;
8. that Africa has five regions that are recognized by the African Union.

Recognizing

2. the sovereign rights of ATU Member States to present their own candidatures for the ITU Council seats;
3. the practice in use in other regions for sharing the ITU Council seats on voluntary basis and in the spirit of regional cooperation and unity.

Resolves

7. To distribute the ITU Region D Council seats equitably to the five African Sub-region.
8. To propose the share of seats for each sub-region as shown in the table below for filling in at the next ITU Plenipotentiary Conference in 2006:-

Sub-regions	No. Countries	Proposed equitable share of seats
North Africa	6	2
West Africa	15	4
Central Africa	11	2
East Africa	12	3
Southern Africa	9	2
Total	53	13

9. To adopt the following principles:
- effective representation
 - equitable geographical representation
 - Rotation of representation
 - capacity to meet demands of representation.

Instructs

- 1) The Secretary General to continue to study the best practices and approaches on the effective representation, equitable distribution of seats as applied within the United Nations and other relevant systems and report to the Conference of Plenipotentiaries 2006
- 2) the Administrative Council:
 - i. to develop an appropriate mechanism of sharing these seats among the sub-regions membership on consultative basis before the next Conference of Plenipotentiaries.
 - ii. to facilitate the application of this resolution through sub-regional consultations.

Urges

Member States:

- 1) to continue researching on mechanisms that will best determine the allocation of the seats in their respective sub-regions based on the principles in resolves (3) above.
- 2) to liaise with the Secretary General in these studies for equitable sub-regional representation at the ITU and other related international forums.

3. Decision No. 02/AC/05/2004 on the approval of the Work Programme and Budget for the Financial Year 2004/2005

The Administrative Council, meeting in its 5th ordinary session in Nairobi, Kenya from 21-23 July 2004;

Having examined the Draft Work Programme and Budget of the Union for the financial year 2004/2005 presented by the General Secretariat (Doc no AC/05/D);

Taking into account the objectives and strategies of the Strategic Plan 2002/2006 adopted by the Conference of Plenipotentiaries in August 2002;

Noting the activities in the Work Programme and Budget for the financial year 2004/2005;

Noting further that funding for the enhanced Work Programme F.Y. 2004/2005 will be using assessed contributions from Member States and Associate Members.

a) DECIDES to:

- i) **Approve** the Work Programme attached and Budget of the Union for the financial year 2004/2005 as follows:

• Staff emoluments	= \$ 566,496
• Contractual staff	= \$ 10,000
• Events/Official missions	= \$ 159,316
• Rental and maintenance	= \$ 16,750
• Communications	= \$ 48,461
• Miscellaneous supplies and services	= \$ 46,389
• Capital expenditure	= \$ 31,500
• Conferences and meetings	= \$ 20,000
Total	= \$ 898,852

By core activity programme:

• General Secretariat	=\$ 719,536
• Global Decision making	=\$ 87,836
• Regional markets integration	=\$ 20,880
• Infrastructure Investment Promotion	=\$ 22,400
• Institutional Capacity building	=\$ 12,000
• Member decision making	=\$ 36,200
Total	= \$ 898 852

- ii) **Instructs** the Secretary General to take appropriate measures to ensure the payment of arrears of salaries and allowances to staff and retirees and they should be given priority over other activities, in accordance with the following alternative programme:

Order of priority	Description of expenditure	Amount (US \$)
1.	Staff emoluments	427,557
2.	Operation of the Secretariat	130,000
2.	Partial liquidation of staff debts	264,000
4.	Activity Programmes	77,295
TOTAL BUDGET		898,852

b) **Decides further to**

1. adopt the assessment of contributions for the financial year 2004/2005 detailed in Annex attached herewith:
 2. adopt the annual contributory unit for 2004/2005 for Associate members based on the approved budget as follows:
 - 1 unit = \$ 8,998
 - ½ unit = \$ 4,496
 - ¼ unit = \$ 2,247
- c) **Urges** all Member States and Associate members to meet their financial obligations to the Union on a regular and timely basis and to actively support and enhance their total participation to the activities of the Union;
- d) **Further urges** Member States and Associate Members in arrears of payment of their contributions to do everything possible to liquidate their arrears while at the same time paying the current contribution (2004/2005)
- e) **Authorizes** the Chairman of the Administrative Council and Members of Council in their respective sub-region and the Secretary General to use their good offices to sensitize Member States on the implementation of this resolution.
- f) **Decides** that the Chairman of the Administrative Council, namely the Head of the Cameroon delegation, accompanied by the Secretary General, undertake missions to Libya, Gabon and Algeria to convince those countries to honor their obligations towards the Union. In addition, the Chairman and the Secretary General should visit South Africa to close the activities of the African Connection Center for Strategic Planning.

Annex to Decision No. 02/AC/05/2004 - Assessment of Contributions 2004 / 2005

1. Member States

(Based on AU Scale of Contribution adopted at ATU Conference of Plenipotentiaries 1999)

N°	Country	AU Scale	2004 – 2005
			Amount (US \$)
1	Algeria	7.31	60,940
2	Angola	1.91	15,922
3	Benin	0.81	6,752
4	Burkina Faso	0.81	6,752
5	Burundi	0.81	6,752
6	Central African Republic	0.81	6,752
7	Cameroon	2.99	24,926
8	Chad	0.81	6,752
9	Comoros	0.81	6,752
10	Congo-Brazzaville	1.06	8,837
11	D.R. Congo	3.16	26,343
12	Côte d'Ivoire	3.11	25,926
13	Djibouti	0.81	6,752
14	Egypt	7.31	60,940
15	Ethiopia	3.16	26,343
16	Gabon	1.40	11,671
17	Gambia	0.81	6,752
18	Ghana	3.76	31,345
19	Guinea-Conakry	1.04	8,670
20	Guinea-Bissau	0.81	6,752
21	Equatoriale Guinea	0.81	6,752
22	Kenya	3.05	25,426
23	Lesotho	0.81	6,752
24	Liberia	0.81	6,752
25	Libya	6.86	57,187
26	Madagascar	1.19	9,920
27	Malawi	0.96	8,003
28	Mali	0.82	6,836
29	Mauritania	0.81	6,752
30	Mauritius	1.06	8,837
31	Morocco	4.07	33,930
32	Niger	1.06	8,837
33	Nigeria	7.31	60,940
34	Sao Tomé & Príncipe	0.81	6,752
35	Senegal	1.11	9,253
36	Sierra Leone	0.81	6,752
37	Somalia	0.81	6,752
38	South Africa	7.31	60,940
39	Sudan	3.19	26,593
40	Swaziland	0.81	6,752
41	Tanzania	3.26	27,177
42	Togo	0.81	6,752
43	Tunisia	2.94	24,509
44	Uganda	1.41	11,754
45	Zambia	1.21	10,087
46	Zimbabwe	2.40	20,007

	Total	100.00	833,635
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2. Associate Members

N°	Associate Members	Unit	Amount (in US\$)
1.	Botswana Telecommunications Authority (BTA)	1	8,998
2.	INFOTEL Limited	¼	2,247
3.	Loteny Telecom S. A.	½	4,496
4.	Mauritius Telecom	½	4,496
5.	P. Q. Africa	¼	2,247
6.	Safaricom Limited	¼	2,247
7.	Sudan Telecom	¼	2,247
8.	Tanzania Telecom Co. Limited	1	8,998
9.	Telecom Egypt	1	8,998
10.	Telekom Kenya Ltd	¼	8,998
11.	Telecom Lesotho Ltd	¼	2,247
12.	Vodacom Limited	1	8,998
	TOTAL		65,217

N. B.: 1 Unit = 1 % of total budget.

ANNEX TO DECISION NO 02/AC/05/2004

Work Programme for the Financial Year 2004 / 2005

1. GLOBAL DECISION MAKING

N°	Events	Performance Indicator
	To participate in conferences – To coordinate and defend African Common Proposals (AFCPs):	
1.	<u>World Telecommunications Standardization Assembly (WTSA-04):</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) ITU/TSB African Region Preparatory Meeting for WTSA-04, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, 23-25 June, 2004; b) World Telecommunications Standardization Assembly (WTSA-04), 5-14 October, 2004 Florianopolis, Brazil. c) Organising the 2nd regional preparatory meeting to monitor the outcomes of WTSA-04 in order to finalize AFCPs and set up Study Group focal points for the period 2004-2008. 	<p>Information on draft AFCPs and co-ordinating their preparation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reviewing and adopting telecommunications standards and recommendations applicable to global and national services and networks; ▪ Coordinating the defense of AFCPs. <p>Structure of the Study Group and co-ordination mechanism are in place.</p>
2.	<u>World Summit on Information Society (WSIS):</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) African Region Preparatory Meeting for the 2nd Session of WSIS, Accra, Ghana, 2-4 February, 2005 b) 2nd PREPCOM of WSIS-05, Geneva, Switzerland, 17-22 February, 2005 c) Organising a forum on Internet governance in Africa, January 2005 d) Participating in the UN Task Force on Internet governance in connexion with WSIS and ensure follow-up. 	<p>Ensuring African coordinated and effective contribution</p> <p>Reviewing Internet governance-related issues in Africa:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How and why African decision-makers intend to step into Internet Governance ▪ AFCPs as input to the works of the UN Task Force on Internet governance in preparation for WSIS – Availability of host Administration ▪ Awareness briefs sent to Member States and other

N°	Events	Performance Indicator
		stakeholders
3.	<u>Regional Radiocommunication Conference (RRC-2006)</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Participating in the BR biannual seminar in Geneva on data format, 11-19 November, 2004 b) Organizing an information meeting and an all-Africa bi-lingual workshop in April 2005 in Senegal, in collaboration with ITU (BR/BDT) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reviewing initial data and their entry format.
4.	<u>Regional partners' meetings:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Participating in partners' peer capacity building events b) Building sustainable partnerships with regional and international organizations c) Participating in ICANN general meeting, Cape Town, South Africa, 1-5 December, 2004 	<p>Meetings of decision-making bodies and technical meetings organized by ITU, CEPT, CITELE, APT, ATCM, RCC, PAPU, RASCOM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Promoting and defending the inclusion of Africa's priority areas in partner's programmes and seeking their support to our positions ▪ Concluding MOUs with ETSI, ARSO, ICANN, UNIDO and ITSO ▪ Relevant recommendations are co-ordinated and developed ▪ Increasing Africa's level of participation in ICANN/GAC forums ▪ Increased contribution to Internet public policy/regulatory issues including ccTLD ▪ Better contribution and participation of Africa in programmes and Internet public policy/regulatory issues and discussions ▪ Preparing reports and briefs for the membership in respect of the Domain Name System (DNS) of the Internet.

2. REGIONAL MARKET INTEGRATION

N°	Events	Performance Indicator
1.	African Union meetings of the Standing Committee, Ministers and Heads of State and Government Summit, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 14 days, July 2004 and February 2005 (2 summits per year)	
2.	<p>Meetings of COMESA, SADC, ECOWAS, IGAD, CENSAD, CEMAC and ECCAS policy organs:</p> <p>a) Harmonization of regulatory frameworks in Africa;</p> <p>b) Interconnection in Africa</p> <p>c) Study on regulation in Africa.</p>	<p>Coordinating ICT policies, actions and programmes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Exchanging information and discussing topical issues ▪ Assessing ICT regulatory framework harmonization process in the 5 African regions and identifying the way forward for a continental harmonization ▪ Reviewing interconnection practices in Africa and identifying best practices ▪ Assessing regulatory practices in Africa and identifying best practices

3. **INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PROMOTION (IIP)**

N°	Events	Performance Indicator
	ATU participation in AU ICT activity programme for the period 2004-2007:	
1.	<p><u>NEPAD and e-Africa Commission Meetings:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Supporting the NEPAD short, medium and long term programme for 2004-2007; b) Supporting the activities of the e-Africa Commission; c) Participating, jointly with ITU, to the NEPAD preliminary assistance project on infrastructure, policy and regulatory coverage; d) High level review meeting on the project planned in late 2004 (date and venue to be set); e) Survey on infrastructure and network state, in accordance with the provisions of the above mentioned project. 	<p>Promoting the programme and participating in its implementation</p> <p>Promoting and participating in the implementation of the Commission's programmes and projects</p> <p>Preliminary surveys are carried out in all 5 African regions. A draft report is being prepared</p> <p>Infrastructure and regulatory report</p>
2.	<p><u>E-Post Africa Project:</u> The project seeks to install RASCOM terminals in every post office in Africa in order to bridge the digital divide(Resolution N° 02/ES/CPL/01/2003. Activity Programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Convening a kick-off roundtable meeting of Chief Executive Officers of ATU, PAPU, and RASCOM to agree the TOR for PMG, August 2004 b) Convening Postal, Telecoms and Regulators Chief Executive Officers roundtable conference that will establish policy, regulatory and commercial frameworks for the project. 	<p>Availability of resources with ATU, RASCOM and PAPU to implement this project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Establishment of the E-Post Africa Project Team.
3.	<p>AU Experts' meeting and ICT Ministers' Conference within the framework of the project on African Telecommunication Unified Numbering Area (AU Decision N° Ex.CL/Dec101(V)</p>	<p>ATU is member of the AU-established Inter-agency Coordination Committee for the project.</p>

4. INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING (ICB)

N°	Events	Performance Indicator
1.	Africa ICT Observatory	- Negotiating with AfDB and promoting the project with partners (Francophonie, EU, CTO, World Bank)

5. MEMBERSHIP DECISION MAKING

N°	Events	Performance Indicator
1.	Preparing and organizing official visits by the Secretary General to authorities in the following countries to sensitize them on ATU issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) South Africa b) Nigeria c) Gabon d) Libya 	Negotiation over the use of the assets of the African Connection Center for Strategic Planning Contact established and commitment announced – Report
2.	6 th Session of ATU Administrative Council, May 2005	Event held – AC Final Report

4. **Decision N° 03/AC/05/2004 on the smooth transfer of assets and intellectual properties of the African Connection centre for Strategic Planning (ACCSP) to ATU**

The Administrative Council meeting at its fifth ordinary session held in Nairobi, Kenya on 21-23 July 2004;

Considering Resolution 04/ES/CPL/01/2003 on the activities of the African Connection Centre for Strategic Planning, attached;

Aware of the closure of the African Connection Centre for Strategic Planning (ACCP) in October 2003

Having noted the meeting between the Chief Executive Officer of ACCSP and the Secretary General of ATU at the ATU General Secretariat in Nairobi in November 2003 to discuss the handover of assets and relevant issues;

Requests the Bureau of the Administrative Council to undertake a mission with the Secretary General to South Africa to ascertain the assets and intellectual properties left by the African Connection Centre for Strategic Planning (ACCSP) with the Development Bank of South Africa (DBSA) and report its findings to the 6th Ordinary Session of the Administrative Council for decision and action.

Annex to Decision No 03/AC/05/2004

RESOLUTION 04/ES/CPL/01/2003 ON THE ACTIVITIES OF AFRICAN CONNECTION CENTRE FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING

The Conference of Plenipotentiaries (CPL), meeting at its first Extraordinary Session held in Abidjan, Cote D'Ivoire on 26-27 August 2003,

Considering

6. the decision of the third meeting of the Ministerial Oversight Committee (MOC) held 3-4 March 2001, on the implementation of the African Connection Centre for Strategic Planning;
7. the decision by the Conference of Plenipotentiaries (CPL) to convene an extraordinary session in 2003;
8. Resolution 07/CPL/01/2002 on the activities of African Connection Centre for Strategic Planning (ACCSP);
9. the report of Secretary-General on the implementation of Resolution 07/CPL/01/2002 of the first Extraordinary Session of CPL (Nairobi 2002);
10. the final report of Ministerial Oversight Committee on the implementation of the African Connection.

Recalling

Decisions (a) and (b) of the resolution 07/CPL/01/2002 extending the mandate of the African Connection Centre for Strategic Planning up to the Extraordinary Session of Plenipotentiaries, Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, 2003.

Considering Further

5. that the mandate of the African Connection Centre for Strategic Planning has come to an end and
6. Ministerial Oversight Committee has made a final report to the Conference of Plenipotentiaries (CPL).
7. that substantial resources are required to maintain the activities of the Secretariat of the African Connection Centre for Strategic Planning.
8. that the bulk of the financial resources including operational expenses of the secretariat were contributed by donors

Congratulates

the African Connection Centre for Strategic Planning for the excellent work done during its existence.

Decides

3. To thank the Donors and all those who gave support to the programmes of activities of African Connection Centre for Strategic Planning.

4. To terminate the existence of the Secretariat of the African Connection Centre for Strategic Planning and move its work to the ATU General Secretariat.

Instructs

3. The Administrative Council to establish an Executive Committee with representatives from each sub-region to take appropriate action to ensure smooth transfer of ongoing activities and programmes and sustain co-operation with development partners in fulfilling the vision of the African Connection project.

The Secretary General to ensure the smooth integration of ongoing ACCSP activities and programme into the appropriate Core Programme Co-ordination units.

5. **Decision No. 04/AC/05/2004 on approval of the Report of the Secretary General to the 5th Ordinary Session of the Administrative Council (Doc. No. AC/05/D04)**

The Administrative Council, meeting in its 5th ordinary session in Nairobi, Kenya from 21-23 July 2004;

Noting Document No. AC/05/D04 on the Report of the Secretary General.

Considering the Annual Programme adopted by Council during the 4th Ordinary Session of Council.

Noting further the favourable observations made by Council in its deliberations on the report.

Decides to adopt the report of the Secretary General Doc No. AC/05/D04

Commends the Secretary General for the good presentation of the report.

6. Recommendation No. 01/AC/05/2004 on the Audited Accounts for the Financial Year 2002/2003

The Administrative Council, meeting in its 5th ordinary session in Nairobi, Kenya from 21-23 July 2004;

Having examined the Audited Accounts of the Union for the financial year 2002/2003 presented by the External Auditors' KPMG-KENYA;

Considering the provisions of the ATU Constitution and Convention (Cape Town, 1999);

Notes the adoption of the Audited Accounts of the Union for the financial year 2002/2003 by the Administrative council;

Recommends the accounts to the next Ordinary Session of the Conference of Plenipotentiaries for their consideration and approval;

Instructs the Secretary General to present the accounts to the next Ordinary Session of the Conference of Plenipotentiaries;