

RESOLUTION 13 (Rev. DOHA ,2006)

Resource mobilization and partnership for accelerating telecommunication development

The World Telecommunication Development Conference (Doha 2006),

recalling

- a) Resolution 13 of the World Telecommunication Development Conference (Valletta, 1998),
- b) the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)
 - Geneva Declaration of Principles
 - Geneva Plan of Action (GPA)
 - Tunis Commitment
 - Tunis Agenda for the Information Society (TAIS)

considering

- a) that the development of telecommunications in many developing countries, especially LDCs, suffers from a shortage of financial resources;
- b) that traditional methods of funding have not reduced the gap between developing and developed countries (LDCs),

noting

- a) that this conference reaffirmed in its Declaration and resolutions a commitment to enhance expansion and development of telecommunication services in developing countries and to harness capacity for the application of new and innovative services;
- b) the adoption and implementation of the Istanbul Action Plan, incorporating key chapters on global information infrastructure development and the Special Programme for least developed countries,

recognizing

- a) that in some countries the telecommunication sector does not get due priority in budget allocation;
- b) that the telecommunication sector offers a high rate of return on investment and these returns are obtained more rapidly than in other sectors, yet financing from financial institutions in the telecommunication sector is relatively low;
- c) that practical and quick approaches are required for mobilizing funds for the telecommunication sector;
- d) that partnership should be mutually beneficial to narrow the gap,

resolves

- 1 that the main players in the field of telecommunication should continue to act in a way that encourages investments and innovative partnership schemes and joint ventures should be explored for financing telecommunication development;

- 2 that administrations should continue to take the necessary steps for making the telecommunication sector more attractive for investment;
- 3 that there should be continuous dialogue among telecommunication operators and funding agencies for preparing commercially attractive projects;
- 4 that efforts should be made to reduce delays in the funding and implementation of project cycles,

requests the Secretary-General

1 to continue to take special measures and programmes for supporting and engaging partnerships, such as, but not limited to, the Agenda for the Connectivity of the Americas, New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD), UNITAR, Latin American Institute for Educational Communication (ILCE), etc.;

2 to work closely with the new coordination mechanism established in the UN family, with UN regional commissions such as, but not limited to, the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), and the UN ICT Task Force, specifically for the implementation and follow-up of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS),

invites ITU-D

1 to help Member States and their partners in implementing the WSIS outcome at the national level, for the areas listed in TAIS § 100;

2 to help the Member States, regional organizations and their partners in implementing the WSIS outcome in the areas listed in TAIS § 101 at the regional level; actions at the regional and sub-regional level are a way of facilitating and optimizing the resources needed for implementation at the national level (TAIS § 110);

3 to continue within its overall approach to ICT development, to develop and adapt thematic tools that echo the action lines of the GPA and the TAIS.