

## **PROPOSAL 24**

### **Resolution 34 (Rev. Minneapolis, 1998)**

#### **Assistance and support to Burundi, Liberia, Rwanda and Somalia for rebuilding their telecommunication networks**

**Submitted by the following Member States:**

**Germany (Federal Republic of), Belarus (Republic of), Czech Republic, Spain, Estonia (Republic of), Finland, Lithuania (Republic of), Norway, Slovak Republic, Switzerland (Confederation of) and Ukraine**

#### **Background**

At the moment, there are two Plenipotentiary resolutions dealing with assistance and support to Member States in special need: Resolution 34 (Rev. Minneapolis 1998) deals with assistance and support to Burundi, Liberia, Rwanda and Somalia for rebuilding their telecommunication networks, and Resolution 127 (Marrakesh, 2002) deals with assistance and support of the government of Afghanistan for rebuilding its telecommunication system.

Resolution 25 (Rev. Doha, 2006) Assistance to countries in special need: Afghanistan, Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Timor Leste, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Rwanda, Sierra-Leone, Somalia; Resolution 26 (Rev. Doha, 2006) Assistance to countries in special need: Afghanistan ; Resolution 51 (Doha, 2006) Provision of assistance and support to the Republic of Iraq to rebuild and re-equip its public telecommunication systems; and Resolution 57 (Doha, 2006) assistance to Somalia were adopted by the World Telecommunication Development Conference held in Doha.

It would be necessary to have a number of plenipotentiary resolutions in order to address all Member States concerned.

As a principle of good governance, and in order to avoid the multiplication of resolutions, it seems appropriate to amend Resolution 34 in a way to comprise all Member States that were identified to have special need for rebuilding their telecommunication networks.

#### **Proposal**

Amend Resolution 34 (Rev. Minneapolis, 1998) in order to reflect the resolutions adopted at the World Telecommunication Development Conference 2006 in Doha.

Consequently Resolution 127 (Marrakesh, 2002) can be suppressed.

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**ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT TO COUNTRIES IN SPECIAL NEED:  
AFGHANISTAN, BURUNDI, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO, TIMOR  
LESTE, ERITREA, ETHIOPIA, GUINEA GUINEA-BISSAU, IRAQ, LIBERIA,  
RWANDA, SIERRA LEONE AND SOMALIA FOR REBUILDING THEIR  
TELECOMMUNICATION NETWORKS**

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

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*recalling*

- a) the noble principles, purpose and objectives embodied in the Charter of the United Nations and in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;
- b) the efforts of the United Nations to promote sustainable development;
- c) the purposes of the Union as enshrined in Article 1 of its Constitution (Geneva, 1992),

*recognizing*

- a) that a reliable telecommunication network is indispensable for promoting the socio-economic development of countries, in particular those having suffered from natural disasters, domestic conflicts or war;
- b) that telecommunication facilities in Afghanistan, Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Timor Leste, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Iraq, Liberia, Rwanda, Sierra Leone and Somalia have been severely damaged due to natural disasters, domestic conflicts or wars ;
- c) that, under the present conditions and in the foreseeable future, these countries will not be able to bring their telecommunication systems up to an acceptable level without help from the international community, provided bilaterally or through international organizations,

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*noting*

- a) the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation, *inter alia*, of Resolution 34 (Rev. Minneapolis, 1998) of the Plenipotentiary Conference;
- b) the efforts deployed by the Secretary-General and the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) towards the implementation of Resolution 34,

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*noting further*

that the conditions of order and security sought by United Nations resolutions have been only partially achieved and hence Resolution 34 was only partially implemented,

*resolves*

that the special action initiated by the Secretary-General and the Director of BDT, with specialized assistance from the Radiocommunication Sector and the Telecommunication Standardization Sector, should be continued and extended in order to provide

appropriate assistance and support to countries that have suffered from natural disasters, domestic conflicts or wars, namely Afghanistan, Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Timor Leste, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Iraq, Liberia, Rwanda, Sierra Leone and Somalia in rebuilding their telecommunication networks, as and when the conditions of order and security sought by United Nations resolutions are met,

*calls upon Member States*

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

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*instructs the Council*

to allocate the necessary funds within available resources for the implementation of this resolution,

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*instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau*

1 to take all possible measures to mobilize additional resources for the implementation of the proposed activities;

2 to implement a programme of assistance for the least developed countries (LDCs) in which reconstruction and rehabilitation of telecommunication infrastructure is an integral part of the programme.

*instructs the Secretary-General*

1 to coordinate the activities carried out by the three ITU Sectors in accordance with resolves above, to ensure that the Union's action in favour of the countries in special need is as effective as possible, and to report on the matter to the Council;

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2 to update this list of countries, as needed and with the approval of the Council.

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RESOLUTION 127 (Marrakesh, 2002)

**ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT TO THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN  
FOR  
REBUILDING ITS TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEM**