



**Memorandum of Understanding  
between the  
European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations (CEPT)  
and the  
African Telecommunications Union (ATU)**

*Acknowledging*

- a) the purposes of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) stipulated in the Constitution of the Union (Article 1);
- b) the importance of promoting the use of advanced information and communication technologies and harmonising the actions of ITU Members in both regions, particularly in the field of radiocommunication, telecommunication standardization and telecommunication development matters,

*considering*

- a) Resolution 58 of the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference, Kyoto 1994, regarding strengthening of relations with Regional Telecommunication Organizations;
- b) the interrelationship of plans and programmes of the ITU activities and regional telecommunication organizations;
- c) that co-ordination meetings between representatives of regional telecommunication organizations in connection with ITU conferences and meetings would ensure better co-ordination and exchange of information based on their respective experiences;
- d) the role of regional telecommunication organizations in preparatory discussions designed to facilitate the work of ITU conferences and meetings;
- e) the benefits that may accrue to both the ATU and CEPT resulting from the co-operation between the two regional bodies in matters concerning general exchange of information, experience and documentation related to the development of telecommunications in both regions,

*convinced*

of the need for, and desirability of, greater co-operation between regional telecommunication organizations;

The parties to this Memorandum of Understanding hereby agree to co-operate with the purpose of:

**Article 1 Exchange of Information and Documentation**

The parties will work to increase exchange of information and documentation related to telecommunication matters.

**Article 2 Co-ordination of Positions**

The parties will co-ordinate, as far as possible, their positions on matters of common interest.

**Article 3 Relations with ITU**

The parties will co-operate together and with the ITU with the purpose of developing stronger relations between them and the ITU, and for further improvement of the functioning of the ITU.

**Article 4 Preparations for ITU Conferences and Meetings**

The parties will exchange views on preparations for ITU Conferences and meetings.

**Article 5 Development of Telecommunications**

The parties will co-operate as far as possible in matters relating to the development of telecommunications in both regions by exchanging experience and relevant documentation.

**Article 6 Confidentiality**

Nothing in this Memorandum of Understanding should be construed as requiring either of the parties to disclose confidential or restricted documents or other information.

**Article 7 Communications**

The parties will establish regular channels of communications by designating individual points of contact.

**Article 8 Areas of focus**

The parties will on a periodic basis seek to agree on areas of work of mutual particular interest which should receive focused attention.

**Article 9 Costs**

Each party will bear the full cost of discharging its own responsibilities arising from this Memorandum of Understanding.

Article 10      Review

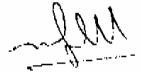
The parties will review on a biennial basis the results and of their co-operation under this Memorandum of Understanding. When appropriate the parties will consider the need for improvements in their co-operation and make suitable proposals for modifying the scope of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Article 11      Entry into force and Termination

This Memorandum of Understanding enters into force on the date set forth below, and may be terminated by either party upon three (3) months prior written notice to the other.

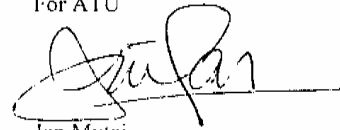
Signed in Istanbul on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2002  
in 2 duplicates in English, French and German,  
all texts having equal validity.

For CEPT



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