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**Memorandum of Understanding  
between the**

**European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations  
(CEPT)  
and the  
Arab Telecommunications Council of Ministers/ League of Arab States  
(ATCM)**

**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 telecommunication services 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;

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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 CEPT and ATCM resulting from the co-operation between the two regional bodies in matters concerning technical assistance as well as in 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 the 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.



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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 technical experience and to provide opportunities for the transfer of knowledge and skills with the view to facilitate human resource development .

Article 6 Review

The parties will review on an annual basis the results and consequences 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 .

Signed in Cairo on 11<sup>th</sup> February 1999  
in 2 duplicates in Arabic and English,  
all texts having equal validity.

For ATCM

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Note :

1. Official Documentation of the CEPT will be forwarded by the European Radiocommunications Office and the European Telecommunications Office to the Arab Telecommunications Council of the Ministers / League of Arab States (ATCM) at the following address:

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