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As Vice Chairman and Vice Chair person of the European Committee for Telecommunications Regulatory Affairs (ECTRA), we hereby confirm that this recommendation was approved in Bratislava on 24 March 2000 at the XXXIth ECTRA Plenary Meeting.

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The European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations,

CONSIDERING THAT

- a) consumer interests need to be protected
- b) users and callers of freephone numbers must be able to rely on the service concept
- c) the freephone service should continue to prosper
- d) a fee for the use of telecommunications terminal equipment is outside of the scope of this Recommendation
- e) Special arrangements between the subscriber (holder of the freephone number) and the service provider (network operator) concerning the availability of the service and/or blocking of calls from networks with high charges are outside of the scope of this Recommendation

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT

ITU-T Recommendation E. 152 "International freephone service" and Article 12 (Numbering) of EU Directive 97/33/EC of the European Parliament and the Council on Interconnection in telecommunications with regard to ensuring universal service and interoperability through application of the principles of Open Network Provision (ONP)

RECOMMENDS

That all CEPT Administrations take the necessary measures to ensure that the access, when available, to both national and international freephone services is always free of charge for the calling party.