

DRAFT**CONVENTION ON THE PROVISION OF
TELECOMMUNICATION RESOURCES
FOR DISASTER MITIGATION AND RELIEF OPERATIONS**

presented by the
United Nations Department of Humanitarian Affairs (DHA)



on behalf of the
Working Group on Emergency Telecommunications

WGET

Based on Resolution No. 7 of the First World Telecommunications Development Conference (Buenos Aires, 1994), endorsed by Resolution No. 36 the Plenipotentiary Conference of the ITU (Kyoto, 1994), and the Tampere Declaration of Experts on Disaster Communications (1991), as annexed to the above mentioned Resolution No. 7, the Working Group on Emergency Telecommunications (WGET) has the pleasure to present the attached draft for review by national administrations.

The WGET, consisting of all major partners in international humanitarian assistance, from the United Nations system, including the ITU, as well as international and national, governmental and non-governmental organizations, is convened by the United Nations Department of Humanitarian Affairs, which also maintains the WGET secretariat.

It is intended, to submit a later draft, reviewed in the light of comments received by the WGET secretariat at the address below before September 1996, to an intergovernmental conference for the adoption of the convention. Such a conference is tentatively scheduled for early 1997.

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