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Subject: **ITU Regional Seminar on IP Communications, Hammamet, Tunisia, 24-25 November 2008**

Dear Sir/Madam

On behalf of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), we would like to invite you to participate to the **ITU Regional Seminar on IP Communications**, to be held on 24 and 25 November 2008 in Hammamet, Tunisia. The seminar is being hosted by the Ministry of Communication Technologies in Tunisia.

At the start of the 21st century, a growing number of organizations use real-time communications, or synchronous conferencing -- chats, instant messaging, VoIP and video conferencing -- to hold online meetings with volunteers, to allow volunteers to interact with staff, clients, or each other, or to have live, online, real-time events, where volunteers listen or watch a featured speaker or guest. These forms of real-time, synchronous communications add a new dimension to the Internet and will affect Strategic IP-based Telecoms.

This seminar, hosted by the Ministry of Communication Technologies and organized in collaboration with the *Agence Tunisienne d'Internet (ATI)*, aims at identifying the main challenges faced by countries in the region in developing successful strategies on IP-based Telecommunications Networks, Services and Applications. The participants will exchange experiences and views and will analyse strategic issues, including:

- IP related services driving broadband penetration and Convergence (IP telephony, VoIP, IPTV)
- IP enabling technologies (WiMAX, NGN)
- Licensing WiMax, Mobility and mobile operators's core business, Next generation Network and QoS requirements for IP Services/Applications;
- IPv6.

The seminar will be conducted in English and French (with simultaneous interpretation).

The draft agenda is enclosed (Annex 1). The information note and the Hotel Reservation Form are available at the following website (www.itu.int/ITU-D/arb/ARO_2008_work/IP-Communications).

Seminar participation is open to ITU Member States, Sector Members, Associate Members, and other interested stakeholders, including representatives from regional and international organizations.

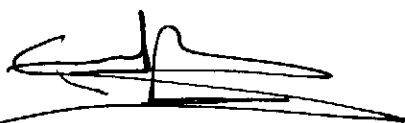
We are pleased to inform you that ITU will provide one full fellowship for each delegation duly authorized by the respective ITU Administrations in the least developed countries (LDCs) in the Arab Region, subject to available budget, for participating in this seminar. The number of delegates from a country is not limited; however, the country will bear all costs of additional delegates.

Ideally a country would send representatives reflecting the major functions in IP Communications referenced in the bulleted points above. Contributions to the seminar are solicited. Please send these to cybmail@itu.int with copy to miloud.ameziane@itu.int, **before 10 October 2008**.

The seminar pre-registration form (Annex 2) and fellowship request form (Annex 3) (if applicable), should be returned as soon as possible but **no later than 24 October 2008**. Countries requiring assistance to attend the seminar should contact Dr. Miloud Ameziane at the ITU Arab Regional Office in Cairo, Egypt, on telephone: +202 35 37 17 77, Fax: +202 35 37 18 88 or e-mail: miloud.ameziane@itu.int, with copy to cybmail@itu.int.

We look forward to your active participation and invaluable contribution.

Yours faithfully,



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Annexes:

- Draft Agenda (Annex 1).
- Pre-Registration Form (Annex 2).
- Fellowship Request Form (Annex 3).