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**Subject: Ministerial Forum: "Towards an ICT-Strengthened and Connected CLMV Sub-region"
Nha Trang, Viet Nam, 11-12 December 2009**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have the pleasure to inform you that the ITU is organizing the Sub-regional Telecommunication Ministerial Forum for Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Viet Nam (CLMV) on: "Towards and ICT-Strengthened and Connected CLMV Sub-region" on 11-12 December 2009, in Nha Trang, Vietnam. This Forum, which is kindly being hosted by the Ministry of Information and Communications of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, will focus on the key issues of accessibility, affordability and sustainability of telecommunications/ICT Services in the CLMV Sub-region. It has the following specific objectives:

1. to lay down enabling frameworks to facilitate the achievement of an ICT-strengthened and connected CLMV Sub-region;
2. to provide multiple stakeholders and partners with a platform to stimulate ICT investments in the CLMV Sub-region through various projects, initiatives and commitments.

The ITU would like to seek your partnership/collaboration for this important event. Your contribution could be done through investment commitments for infrastructure development, launch of initiatives and/or institutional support on development frameworks in the CLMV Sub-region, which would help meet the Forum's objectives.

The Ministerial Forum will be preceded by the Sub-regional Telecommunication Business Forum for CLMV, on 10 December 2009, where business leaders from CLMV countries will have the opportunity to discuss issues of common concern and make recommendations to be presented at the Ministerial Forum.

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To this end, we would welcome your expression of interest to join ITU in its endeavour to meet the goal of an ICT-strengthened and connected CLMV Sub-region.

Please find attached the Draft Agenda and Background Paper for your reference.

For additional information, please visit ITU website at: <http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/asp/CMS/Events/2009/CLMV/index.asp>.

I look forward to your participation in this important event.

Yours faithfully,

Original letter signed by:

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Annexes mentioned