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Subject: GSR 2009 - Informal Meeting for Regional Regulators Associations

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in an informal meeting for regional regulators associations to be held on 9 November, 2009 at the Habtoor Grand Hotel Convention Center in Beirut, Lebanon. As with past practice, this informal meeting is scheduled from 14h00 to 17h00, immediately prior to the annual Global Symposium of Regulators (GSR), which will be held on 10-12 November 2009 at the same venue.

This year's informal meeting for regional regulators is held at the request of and in collaboration with the Association of Communications and Telecommunications Regulators of the Portuguese Speaking Countries (ARCTEL-CPLP) and I am therefore pleased to inform you that Mr. David Gomes, Chairman of ARCTEL-CPLP has agreed to moderate the sessions.

Regulators no longer operate solely in their historical markets and within their geographical barriers, but must act and react at a global level. The aim of this informal meeting is, therefore, to bring regional regulators associations together to share experiences, discuss pressing issues and further intra-regional cooperation in order to find solutions and build bridges for better and more active cooperation between regions.

To this end, the discussion will focus on the role and path of regional regulation in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, considering convergence, regional integration, and future regulation. In addition, interested regional regulators associations will be given the opportunity to briefly present their latest initiatives in the second part of the meeting, for which a draft agenda is attached. It should be noted that, as this is an informal meeting, discussions will be conducted in English.

To confirm your participation, please first register for the GSR09 and then send an email or fax to the contacts mentioned above. You will find all information on the GSR09 website at: [www.itu.int/GSR09](http://www.itu.int/GSR09).

I hope that you will be able to participate and make a valuable contribution to this informal meeting for regional regulators associations.

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

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