

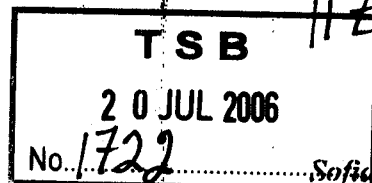


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Dear Mr. Zhao,

It is my great pleasure to congratulate you on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T). During these 50 years we have witnessed the sector's excellent work in making standards to the benefit of society that help people get easier access to telecommunications and information and communication technologies (ICTs).

Allow me to express my satisfaction with the traditionally good cooperation between the Republic of Bulgaria and the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector

ITU-T plays an important role not only for the global economic growth but also for social, educational and medical progress. ITU-T provides to everyone opportunities for the creation of conditions to derive maximum benefit from the implementation of new services and applications in order to accelerate overall development.

I would like to take the opportunity to assure you that the Republic of Bulgaria will continue contributing to the successful standards-setting that invariably keeps shaping the information and communications technologies and services in the world.

Sincerely Yours,

Plamen Vatchkov
Chairman