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| Subject: | **World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA-12)****Global Standards Symposium (GSS-12)** |

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to inform you that, following the kind invitation by the Government of the United Arab Emirates, the Council at its 2011 Session, in concurrence with the majority of the Member States of the Union (Resolution 1335), resolved that the forthcoming World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA-12) of the ITU be convened in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, for a duration of eight working days from 20 to 29 November 2012.

In accordance with Article 25 of the Convention of the International Telecommunication Union and Section 3 of the General Rules of Conferences, Assemblies and Meetings of the Union, I therefore have great pleasure in hereby inviting you to send representatives to WTSA-12.

I also invite you to the Global Standards Symposium which will be convened on 19 November 2012, also in Dubai. The World Conference on International Telecommunications (WCIT-12) will follow immediately after WTSA-12 and will be convened on 3-14 December 2012 in Dubai; a separate invitation will be sent in this respect.

In accordance with No. 476 of the ITU Convention, ITU-T Sector Members will not be charged separately for their attendance at WTSA-12.

Under separate cover you will shortly receive the relevant Circular of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau (TSB) containing information on the organization and arrangements of WTSA-12 and GSS-12.

Yours faithfully,

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