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Subject: **2nd ITU Green Standards Week
Paris, France, 17-21 September 2012**

Dear Sir/Madam,

1 The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) together with TechAmerica Europe is organizing the second Green Standards Week **from 17 to 21 September 2012 in Paris, France**, which will be hosted by Microsoft.

2 The Green Standards Week will be structured as follows:

- **17 September 2012: Forum on Greener Smarter Better Cities** jointly organized by ITU and the European Commission.
- **17 September 2012: Forum on Boosting Smart Grids through Energy Efficient ICT** organized by ITU.
- **18 September 2012: Forum on Greening the ICT Supply Chain** jointly organized by ITU, UNU and CEDARE.
- **18 September 2012: Forum on Mapping E-Waste to Address Future Challenges** jointly organized by ITU, UNU and CEDARE.
- **18-19 September 2012: Technology Focused Sessions.**
- **19 September 2012: High Level Segment on Greening the Economy through ICT Standards** jointly organized by ITU, TechAmerica Europe and Microsoft.
- **19 September 2012: Award Ceremony of the 2nd Green ICT Applications Challenge**, jointly organized by ITU and Telefonica.
- **20 September 2012: Forum on Environmental Sustainability for the ICT Sector** jointly organized by ITU and ETNO.

- **20 September 2012: Information and Training Session on ITU Methodologies for Environmental Impact Assessment of ICT** jointly organized by ITU and GeSI.
- **21 September 2012: Submarine Communications Networks For Climate Monitoring and Disaster Warning** jointly organized by ITU, UNESCO-IOC and WMO.

3 The main purpose is to move forward the climate agenda and raise awareness of the importance and opportunities of using ICTs to tackle environmental challenges.

4 The Green Standards Week will bring together leading specialists in the field, from top policy-makers to standards experts, engineers, designers, planners, government officials, regulators, and others.

5 Participation in the event is open to ITU Member States, Sector Members, Associates and Academia and to any individual or company from a Member State of ITU who wishes to contribute to the work.

6 Participation in the ITU Green Standards Week is free of charge but no fellowships will be granted. Discussions will be held in English only.

7 More information including a draft programme, practical information and registration details for the 2nd ITU Green Standards Week is available on the ITU website at: <http://itu.int/itu-t/climatechange/gsw/201209>. We encourage participants to kindly confirm their participation no later than 15 August 2012.

8 Please note that citizens of some countries are required to obtain a visa in order to enter France and participants should take appropriate steps, well ahead of the meeting dates.

9 I look forward to your participation in the second ITU Green Standards Week and to your views on ITU's future strategy in responding to the global challenge of climate change.

Yours faithfully,

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