

**International Telecommunication Union 150th Anniversary Statement
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“I am pleased to convey my congratulations on the 150th anniversary of the ITU, an organization which is the principal organ of the United Nations on the ICT and telecom related matters. ITU which started modestly with 20 participating members now proudly stands firm with the support of 193 Member States in addition to Sector Members, Associates and Academia. The organization which was founded as International Telegraph Union have emerged as a multi-faceted specialized UN agency which facilitates in saving lives, assisting developing countries in their ICT projects, develops standards for ICT services and facilitates the management of scarce resources. As we mark the sesquicentennial of ITU, let us pledge to work even harder to further the vision and mission of the ITU and build a future where all members of the human family are connected and enjoy access to ICT services.”