



The Secretary-General

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Sir,

I learnt with sorrow the loss of life, injuries, human displacements, and the extensive damage to property and infrastructure resulting from today's 8.9 magnitude earthquake that has hit Japan triggering a tsunami. Please accept my heartfelt condolences.

I have asked my colleagues to remain on standby and to provide any assistance in the domain of emergency telecommunications that might be required in assisting the victims of this disaster and the authorities as they coordinate the delivery of logistics. ITU is ready to deploy communications equipment to the site of the disaster at no cost to the country in terms of transport and airtime expense. ITU could also provide support in terms of damage assessments and rehabilitation of telecommunications networks.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, belonging to Dr Hamadoun I. Touré, is positioned above his name.

Dr Hamadoun I. Touré