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All ITU Member States and
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Subject: Invitation to Americas Emergency Communications Workshop “From Preparedness to Regional Action” 25 May 2015, Cuzco, Peru

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to the **“Americas Emergency Telecommunications Workshop: From Preparedness to Regional Action”** that will be held in Cuzco Perú at the Convention Center, on 25 May 2015, on the eve of the CITEL PPC.I meeting which will take place from 26-29 May 2015 at the same venue.

The World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-14) held in Dubai, identified natural disasters as a major threat to socio-economic development and adopted emergency telecommunications as one of the regional initiatives for the Americas region. In light of this, the ITU and CITEL, at the kind invitation of the OSIPTEL-PERU are jointly organizing the workshop on the eve of the CITEL PPC.I meeting.

The workshop will focus on the experiences and lessons learned in recent disasters, including observations, opportunities and best practices, as well as the legal and regulatory environment required; Telecommunication/ICT Networks and Applications – from Preparedness to recovery, building redundancy and protecting communications systems in times of crisis, prioritizing the protection, restoration and use of telecommunications networks in emergency situations; and developing and implementing a National Emergency Communications Plan (NETP) including presentations of examples of disaster management plans that link communications to national disaster response priorities.

The expected outcome of the meeting will be a summary of the key findings, lessons learned, next steps as well as recommendations to ITU for ongoing and future development work.

All participants are kindly requested to pre-register online for the event at: <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/Americas/Pages/EVENTS/2015/0525-PE-Emergency.aspx> . Please visit the site for all the other important and relevant information necessary.

The workshop will be conducted in English and Spanish with simultaneous interpretation. The draft agenda is attached hereto as Annex 1.

I look forward to meeting you in Peru.

Yours faithfully,

Original signed

Brahima Sanou
Director

Annex: Draft agenda