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Subject: **Invitation to the Fifth World Telecommunication/ICT Policy Forum (WTPF-13) and the Strategic Dialogue in Geneva, Switzerland, from 13 to 16 May 2013**

Dear IEG members,

I would like to express my gratitude to all members of this expert group who have contributed their expertise and insights throughout the one-year preparatory process towards the World Telecommunication/ICT Policy Forum (WTPF-13). My Report to the WTPF-13 has greatly benefited from your rigorous review. I am confident that the six draft Opinions – covering a wide range of Internet-related global public policy issues of significant relevance in today's world – will serve as a good basis for fruitful high-level discussions at the WTPF-13.

I have the pleasure of inviting you as my special guests to attend the WTPF-13, which will be held from 14 to 16 May 2013 in the Centre International de Conférences Genève (CICG), next to ITU Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.

The purpose of this global policy forum is to provide a venue for exchanging views and information and thereby creating a shared vision among policy-makers worldwide on the issues arising from the fast-changing telecommunication/ICT environment. The forum does not produce prescriptive regulatory outcomes; however, it prepares reports and adopts non-binding opinions by consensus for consideration by ITU membership. The participants would include a broad range of government policy-makers, Internet players, telecom industry representatives, network operators and regulators. The detailed programme is available at <http://www.itu.int/en/wtpf-13>.

Strategic Dialogue

In accordance with past practice, a Strategic Dialogue will be held on the day before the opening of the WTPF-13, Monday, 13 May 2013, from 14.30-18.00 in the CICG. High-level speakers will address the theme of "Building our broadband foundations for the future". The detailed programme is available at <http://www.itu.int/go/wtpf-13/dialogue>.

Registration for the Forum

As an IEG expert, you are invited to confirm your attendance by contacting the WTPF-13 Registration Service via e-mail at sg-registration@itu.int. Experts who are ITU members are encouraged to register as soon as possible at the forum website: <http://www.itu.int/en/wtpf-13/Pages/participation.aspx>.

I look forward to welcoming you to the WTPF-13.

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

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