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To Administrations of Member States of ITU and Radiocommunication Sector Members

Subject: Eighteenth meeting of the Radiocommunication Advisory Group, Geneva, 8 – 10 June 2011

1 The eighteenth meeting of the Radiocommunication Advisory Group (RAG) is to be held at the ITU headquarters in Geneva from 8 -10 June 2011 inclusive. As stated in Article 11A of the ITU Convention, the RAG is open to representatives of administrations of Member States and representatives of Sector Members and to the Chairmen of the study groups and other groups. The principal duties of the RAG are, *inter alia*, to review priorities, programmes, operations, financial matters and strategies related to Radiocommunication Assemblies, study groups and the preparation of radiocommunication conferences, and any specific matters as directed by a conference of the Union, a Radiocommunication Assembly or the Council. The RAG recommends measures to foster cooperation and coordination with other standards bodies, with the Telecommunication Standardization Sector, the Telecommunication Development Sector and the General Secretariat.

2 The draft agenda of the meeting has been established in consultation with the Chairman of RAG, and is contained in **Annex 1**.

3 I would like to take this opportunity to invite contributions related to the respective agenda items.

4 Contributions should be submitted to the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau (BR), in electronic form, at <u>brrag@itu.int</u>, which will accelerate their availability through the web. Contributions should be received by BR <u>no later than 8 April 2011</u>, with a view to providing the documents in six languages. Contributions received by the Director after that date will be published in the original language only. A copy of each contribution should also be sent to the RAG Chairman and Vice-Chairmen at the addresses given in Annex 2.

5 The RAG meeting will open at 1000 hours on 8 June 2011 in Room B (2nd Basement, ITU Tower Building) and registration will begin at 0830 hours on 8 June 2011 in the entrance of the Montbrillant building. The RAG meeting will complete its work at 1700 hours on 10 June 2011.

6 The cost of travel and accommodation in Geneva for participants is the responsibility of the administration/organization concerned. A number of hotels in Geneva and the surrounding area have agreed to offer preferential rates to delegates participating in ITU conferences and meetings. Information on the list of these hotels, as well as on the procedure to follow for the reservation of hotels, is available from the ITU website (see <u>http://www.itu.int/travel/index.html</u>). Bookings must be made by delegates in their own name, without going through a travel agent or airline company. Bookings should be sent by post or fax <u>directly to the hotel</u> using the form attached (**Annex 3**).

7 It is intended that delegate registration for the RAG will be carried out exclusively online. For the seventeenth meeting, RAG-10, each Member State/Sector Member was requested to designate a Focal Point to be responsible for the handling of all registration requests belonging to his/her administration/organization. The list of DFPs designated for that meeting (2010) will be used for the eighteenth meeting of the RAG. The username and ID number to access the online registration will be sent electronically on Tuesday, 5 April 2011. Online registration will commence on Wednesday, 27 April 2011. Annex 4 is to be completed **only** if a Member State or Sector Member wishes to modify the Focal Point currently indicated on the webpage for RAG-11.

8 Visa requirements

We would like to remind delegates and participants that citizens of some countries are required to obtain a visa in order to enter and spend time in Switzerland. **The visa must be requested at least four (4) weeks prior to the opening of the meetings** and obtained from the office (embassy or consulate) representing Switzerland in the respective country of origin. In cases where there is no such office in the country, the visa should be obtained from the office that is closest to the country of departure. If problems are encountered, the Union can, at the official request of the administration or entity being represented, approach the competent Swiss authorities in order to facilitate the delivery of the visa, however, this procedure will require four weeks as mentioned above. Any such request must be accompanied by the approved registration form related to the ITU conference or meeting in question.

For further information see http://www.itu.int/ITU-R/go/delegate-reg-info/en.

Visa requests

For Delegates/Participants who have made their registration request on-line via their respective Member State/Sector Member DFP, the process for requesting visa support has been simplified. **If ITU Headquarters assistance is required**, the request for support in obtaining a visa may be made by the DFP at the time of completion of the registration request for the individual concerned. On the bottom of the registration form, the DFP will find several questions which must be completed fully and accurately. The required information is as follows:

Date of birth Passport number

Passport issuance and expiry dates

The visa support procedure will subsequently follow automatically. The Delegate/Participant will be notified via the Confirmation of Registration form sent to his/her e-mail address that the visa support request has been received and is being processed.

9 The Bureau remains at your disposal for any questions concerning this Administrative Circular (contact person in the Radiocommunication Bureau: Mr Fabio Leite, telephone: +41 22 730 5940, e-mail: <u>fabio.leite@itu.int</u>).

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Annexes: 4

Distribution:

- Administrations of Member States of the ITU
- Radiocommunication Sector Members
- Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Radiocommunication Study Groups and the Special Committee on Regulatory/ Procedural Matters
- Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the Radiocommunication Advisory Group
- Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the Conference Preparatory Meeting
- Members of the Radio Regulations Board
- Secretary-General of the ITU, Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau, Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau

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ANNEX 1

Draft agenda for the eighteenth meeting of the Radiocommunication Advisory Group

Geneva, 8 -10 June 2010

- 1 Opening remarks
- 2 Approval of the agenda
- 3 Council issues
- 4 Results of PP-10
- 5 Study Group activities:
 - 5.1 Working methods of the ITU-R Study Groups
- 6 RA-12 preparation
- 7 WRC-12 preparation
- 8 Draft operational plan for 2012-2015
- 9 Date of next meeting
- 10 Any other business

J.B. YAO KOUAKOU Chairman, Radiocommunication Advisory Group

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ANNEX 2

Name and address of the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the Radiocommunication Advisory Group

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ANNEX 3

This confirmation form should be sent directly to the hotel of your choice



INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION



Confirmation of the reservation made on to hotel				
	at ITU preferential tariff			
	single/double room	from	time of arrival	to
Name:				
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ANNEX 4

Eighteenth meeting of the Radiocommunication Advisory Group (RAG) 8 -10 June 2010

REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

Registration for RAG-11 will be carried out exclusively *on-line* at the RAG <u>web page</u> by selecting <u>On-line delegate registration</u>.

All current Designated Focal Point (DFP) information is available on the **ITU-R Delegate Registration and Information** webpage at:

http://www.itu.int/ITU-R/go/delegate-reg-info/en

Please complete the following form *only* in the case where the name of the DFP should be modified from the one indicated on the current list. The actual on-line registration system will be available as from 27 April 2011.

Member State: <i>or</i> Sector Member:		
	Designated Focal Poin	t:
First name	Initial	Last name
	Telephone	
	e-mail address	

For submission of the above form, or for any additional information, please contact the RAG11 Secretariat by e-mail (<u>ituragregistrations@itu.int</u>) or by fax (+41 22 730 6600).