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From: Multiregional TransitTelecom (MTT), Moscow, Russian Federation

To: Secretary-General of ITU

Our Ref.: 04-08/2702

Your Ref.: DM-08/1002

Subject: Proposals concerning the first draft of the report of the Secretary-General on WTPF

Dear Sir,

Further to your letter Ref.: DM-08/1002 of 30 March 2008 containing additional information on the fourth World Telecommunication Policy Forum (WTPF) and calling for comments on the first draft of the report of the Secretary-General, I have the honour of submitting the following comments.

As the results of the three previous WTPFs will be extremely important at the fourth Forum, it would be useful to receive information concerning the actual realization of the decisions taken at the first three WTPFs. We consider that an individual section of the draft report of the Secretary-General should be devoted to this.

In the discussion of matters related to the regulation of international telecommunications under the conditions prevailing with liberalization of the telecommunication services market, it would be useful to analyse the role and place of other international organizations in this process, including WTO, and to examine the possibility of bringing all these matters together in a single section of the report (in the first draft, regulatory matters are discussed in two sections).

We consider that that part of the section of the report that deals with review of the International Telecommunication Regulations (ITRs) should be further developed to strengthen the argument for maintaining the ITRs as a separate, treaty-level document, with the material on new technologies either included in the main body of the text or annexed thereto.

We also propose that the Informal Expert Group should include representatives both of ITU Member States and of ITU Sector Members.

Yours faithfully,

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