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Subject **ITU Regional Seminar on Costs and Tariffs and Meeting of the Study Group 3
Regional Group for Asia and Oceania (SG3RG-AO)
26-28 April 2010, Beijing, China (People's Republic of)**

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are pleased to invite you to participate in the ITU Regional Seminar on Costs and Tariffs, organized by the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) in coordination with the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau (TSB) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in collaboration with the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology of China. This seminar will take place at *Beijing North Star Continental Grand Hotel*, from 26 to 27 April 2010, Beijing, China.

The Regional Meeting of the Study Group 3 Regional Group for Asia and Oceania (SG3RG-AO) (former TAS Group) will follow the seminar at the beginning of the afternoon on 27 April 2010 at 1400 hours. The seminar and the SG3RG-AO meeting will be conducted in English.

In response to the request of Members, the agenda of the seminar includes topics related to cost modeling issues in the region, mobile termination rates regulation regimes, WiMAX implementation and pricing information. In order to support the works of the AO Regional Group, an overview will be presented on International Internet Connectivity (IIC) and International Telecommunication Regulations (ITRs). Discussion sessions will be conducted to promote dialogue and exchange of experiences among participants.

Participants are requested to submit in advance an update of their telecommunication sector scenario including insights into regulatory and pricing policy aspects with special focus on the cost modeling strategies applied in their countries, in order to present it during the seminar. This should be sent by e-mail at carmen.prado@itu.int or by fax at +41 22 730 6210 by **5 April 2010**.

In order to build on work in progress and optimize transfer of knowledge, we strongly recommend that, where possible, administrations designate their representative to the Regional Group for Asia and Oceania (SG3RG-AO) (former TAS Group) to attend this seminar or register an official who has the expertise and responsibility for matters of costs and tariffs.

Information regarding these events as well as logistical information (hotel accommodation, currency, weather, contact person in China, etc.), hotel registration form, and visa support form, may be found at: <http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/finance/>. It is important to note that participants should enquire in advance whether they need a visa for China and apply to the Consulate or Embassy of China in their respective country. A visa support form is available on the above-mentioned website. In particular, I would point out that you should announce your participation using **Annex B** (with a copy to the TSB) by **1 April 2010**.

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We are pleased to inform you that ITU will provide a limited number of partial fellowships (i.e., accommodation and a daily allowance to cover meals and incidental expenses) to facilitate participation from Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and countries with low income per capita. An application must be authorized by the relevant Administration of the ITU Member State and be limited to only one person per country. If you wish to apply for a fellowship, please inform the TSB Secretariat no later than 26 March 2010, by E-Mail to tsbsg3@itu.int or by Fax at +41 22 730 5853.

I look forward with great anticipation to your participation in this event.

Yours faithfully,

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Sami Al Basheer Al Morshid
Director

Annex A: Preliminary Agenda
Annex B: Registration Form



Annex A
**Regional Seminar on Costs and Tariffs and Meeting of
the Member Countries of the Regional Group for Asia
and Oceania (SG3RG-AO)**

26-28 April 2010, Beijing, China

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Monday, 26 April 2010	
09.00 – 09.30	Delegates Registration
09.30 – 10.00	Opening Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome and introduction Opening remarks on behalf of ITU Seminar Chairman nomination
10.00 – 11.00	Cost modeling in Asia and Oceania <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Costing methodologies used in the region Results from the High Level Training on Cost Modeling for Asia and Oceania
11.00 – 11.15	Coffee Break
11.15 – 12.15	What does a regulator require from a robust and transparent cost accounting model? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The purpose of regulatory cost accounts and models Key features that must be taken into account Ground rules for developing a cost model from the point of view of the regulator Experience from different countries
12.15 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 14.30	Costing experiences from countries in the region
14.30 – 15.15	Mobile Termination Rates – global overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of current MTR regulation regimes in different regions of the world Symmetric versus asymmetric regulation
15.15 – 16.00	Mobile Termination and Mobile Roaming – works in the framework of ITU-T Study Group 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of charging and accounting/settlement mechanisms for international telecommunications services Issues relevant for Asia and Oceania
16.00 – 16.15	Coffee Break
16.15 – 17.00	WiMax Implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Frequency fee Regulation issues Pricing Open access as a business opportunity Experience from different countries

Tuesday, 27 April 2010	
9.00 – 10.00	International Internet Connectivity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internet traffic flow measurement • Traffic flow multi-factors • Issues relevant for Asia and Oceania
10.45 – 11.00	Coffee Break
11.00 – 11.45	International Telecommunication Regulations (ITRs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the ITRs • Issues relevant for Asia and Oceania
11.45 – 12.00	Concluding remarks by the Chairman and closing of the Seminar
12.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 17.00	Meeting of the Study Group 3 Regional Group for Asia and Oceania (SG3RG-AO)

Annex B

 工业和信息化部电信研究院 China Academy of Telecommunication Research of MIIT	ITU Regional Seminar on Costs and Tariffs and Meeting of the Study Group 3 Regional Group for Asia and Oceania (SG3RG-AO) 26-28 April 2010, Beijing, China	
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REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete a separate form for **each delegate** and return by **1 April 2010** to:

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With a copy to TSB - Fax: +41 22 730 5853 (Email: tsbsg3@itu.int)

I participate in the following (please tick as appropriate):

Seminar		SG3RG-AO Meeting	
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