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## Subject: ITU Forum on Conformance and Interoperability Testing in CIS and Europe Regions, Moscow (Russia), 9-11 November 2011

Dear Sir / Madam,

I have the pleasure to inform you that the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), in collaboration with Russian Federation Communication Administration and Federal State Unitary Enterprise «Central Science Research Telecommunication Institute» (FSUE ZNIIS), is organizing the **ITU Forum on Conformance and Interoperability Testing in CIS and Europe Regions**, which will take place in **Moscow (Russia), from 9 to 11 November 2011**.

The Forum will cover various conformity and interoperability aspects including tasks and priorities to be fulfilled for interoperability realization, efforts to be taken in the international standardization field for better interoperability between various providers/manufacturers, accreditation of laboratories, Agreements on mutual recognition of quality certificates and the testing experience as for system and network solutions, services and parameters of network functioning for ensuring the required quality of service (QoS). Many leading international experts will be invited to speak at the Forum

Discussions will be held in Russian and English. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

Please note that there is no participation fee for this Forum. Travel arrangements and accommodation should be made and borne by the participating entity. However, a full fellowship, covering the cost of travel, accommodation and miscellaneous expenses in Moscow, will be granted to one participant per eligible country (low-income countries) at the request of the administrations. The last date for fellowship application is **21 October 2011**.

The draft program as well as the registration form are attached (Annexes 1 and 2). More information including updated program, registration and hotel booking forms, fellowships request form, visa support and participants' information is available on the ITU website at: <a href="http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/tech/events/index.html">http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/tech/events/index.html</a>.

Participants are invited to download and print the documents needed for the event. We encourage the participants to kindly confirm their participation by **28 October 2011** at the latest.

For further information, or should you require any clarification, please contact the Seminar Coordinator Ms. Olga Ivanova, JSC «Expotelecom», Tel/Fax: (+7495) 692-1316, e-mail: <u>ivanova@expo-telecom.ru</u>. You can also contact the ITU Area Office in Moscow.

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

Brahima Sanou Director

## Attachments:

- 1. Draft program
- 2. Registration form