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Subject: ICT Development Index (IDI) methodology - Document "Version 2"

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to provide you with further information regarding the ongoing development of the ICT Development Index (IDI) and the upcoming joint virtual meeting of the Expert Group on Telecommunication/ICT Indicators (EGTI) and the Expert Group on ICT Household Indicators (EGH) on the IDI to be held on 13-15 June 2023.

Following the consultation with Member States (see <u>circular letter</u> of 21 April 2023), a revised version of the IDI methodology, now referred to as 'Version 2', has been prepared. This updated version incorporates the valuable feedback received from ITU Member States. You can access the 'Version 2' document <u>here</u>. A compilation of the comments received and responses is appended to the document and is also available on the IDI Forum.

As an outcome of the consultation, several aspects of the methodology require further discussion and clarification due to differing perspectives among ITU Member States. These outstanding issues will be addressed during the meeting, in accordance with Resolution 131. The agenda for the meeting has been posted on the meeting's page and is available here.

I am also pleased to announce that Mr Bernard Banda, Director of Economic Regulation and Consumer Protection at Zambia Information and Communications Technology Authority (ZICTA) and current EGTI Chair, will be presiding over the meeting. To register for the event, please use the link on this <u>page</u> or refer to my <u>circular letter</u> dated 21 March 2023.

Following the meeting, the methodology ('Version 3') will be updated and submitted to ITU Member States for approval. Please expect a separate communication regarding this consultation in due course.

I would like to express my gratitude for your support and commitment to this process.

Yours faithfully,

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