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Subject: Change of dates and place of the 2014 World Telecommunication Development Conference

Dear Councillors,

At its 2012 session, the Council, with the concurrence of the majority of the Member States, resolved to convene the 2014 World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-14) in Sharm el-Sheikh from 31 March to 11 April 2014 at the kind invitation of the Government of Egypt.

Over the recent months, the Secretary-General has been in regular contact with the Egyptian authorities. Despite best efforts and excellent coordination, taking into account the current priorities of the Government of Egypt towards rebuilding a strong economic and stable political situation for the Country and its people, and in light of the recently adopted Road Map by the New Government of Egypt, they have considered in the interest of the Host Country and the ITU, that it would be appropriate to seek an alternative venue outside of Egypt for WTDC-14.

I am pleased to inform you that the Secretary-General has received an official invitation from the Government of the United Arab Emirates to hold WTDC-14 in the city of Dubai, on approximately the same dates as those adopted by Council at its 2012 session, i.e. from 30 March to 10 April 2014.

Therefore, I invite the Council Member States to confirm, in writing, their agreement, preferably by E-mail (membership@itu.int) or to fax number +41 22 730 6675 by **Friday 17 January 2014** at the latest, with :

- 1) the **change of place** from Sharm el-Sheikh (Egypt) to Dubai (UAE) for the 2014 World Telecommunication Development Conference;
- 2) the **change of date** from 31 March-11 April 2014 to **30 March to 10 April 2014** for the 2014 World Telecommunication Development Conference.

The decision of the Council on this matter will then be subject to the concurrence of the majority of the Member States of ITU (as per number 46 of the Convention).

With regard to the holding of the WSIS+10 High-Level Event, the Secretary-General is continuing his discussions with the Government of Egypt in the hope that they will be able to organize the event at a later date.

Yours faithfully,

(signed)

Marius Cătălin Marinescu,
Chairman of ITU Council 2013