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Member States of the ITU

Subject: **Publication of Request for Expression of Interest for auditing the accounts of the Union**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Reference is made to Resolution 94 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) whereby the Plenipotentiary Conference instructed the Council to appoint at its 2019 session a new external auditor for a term of four years.

At its April 2018 meeting, the Council appointed the individuals recommended by the six regional telecommunication organizations to serve as members of an Appraisal Committee (Document C18/67 and C18/121). With the support of the ITU Secretariat, the Appraisal Committee initiated its work on the tender process for identifying a Supreme Audit Institution (SAI) of an ITU Member State that best meets the criteria set out in a Request for Proposal (RfP) for auditing the accounts of the Union.

At its 2019 meeting, the Council decided to cancel the tendering process launched in December 2018 for an ITU External Auditor and to restart the selection process for an ITU External Auditor using the same methodology, as appropriate. Also, it was decided to extend the mandate of the Italian Supreme Audit Institution, Corte dei Conti, current External Auditor, for an additional period of two years for auditing its 2020 and 2021 financial statements.

I invite you to inform your SAI that a Request of Expression of Interest (REOI) been published under the *General Documentation* heading of the ITU Council web page (<https://www.itu.int/en/council/Pages/documents.aspx>). Detailed instructions and specific timelines have been outlined in the REOI. Final deadline for submission of Expression of Interest is fixed on 30 January 2020.

I should like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for supporting the selection process.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Houlin Zhao', is positioned above the printed name and title.

Houlin Zhao
Secretary-General