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To Member States of ITU

Subject: **Change of dates of WTSA-20**

Dear Madam/Sir,

Further to the consultation of Council Member States carried out by letter [DM-20/1021](#) of 27 November 2020 relating to the outcomes of discussions of the second virtual consultation of councillors and the results as conveyed in [DM-20/1022](#), I am pleased to inform you that the Council Member States have supported rescheduling the next WTSA from 1 to 9 March 2022, preceded by the Global Standards Symposium (GSS) on 28 February 2022 by adopting the revised Decision 608 in [Annex 2](#).

Pursuant to No. 46 of the ITU Convention, all Member States of ITU are thus invited to inform the Secretary-General of their concurrence with the change of dates of WTSA-20 as described above, by using the [new online tool](#)^{*}, or using the template in **Annex 1** by e-mail to memberstates@itu.int, **not later than 1 February 2021**. The secretariat remains at your disposal if needed.

If your country has already responded to the first consultation sent via DM-20/2021 to Council Member States, **your reply to the first consultation will also be considered as valid** with regard to this consultation of all Member States, **unless otherwise notified by the Councilor or the Administration Focal Point in writing by e-mail to memberstates@itu.int not later than 1 February 2021**, also using the format in [Annex 1](#).

I look forward to receiving your reply.

Yours faithfully,

(signed)

Houlin Zhao
Secretary-General

Annexes: 2

[Annex 1](#) – Consultation on Change of dates of WTSA-20

[Annex 2](#) – Decision 608 (C19, last amended 2020): Convening of the next World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA-20)

^{*} **New online tool:** Each Member State wishing to use the online tool is invited to provide, via memberstates@itu.int, the **name and email address of one (1) focal point** who will be entitled to respond. An email with a unique ID and password will be issued by ITU to the identified focal point so to allow him/her to complete the consultation. Please note that the online tool is in English only.

ANNEX 1

Consultation on:

Change of dates of WTSA-20

Name of the ITU Member State:

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Subject	Reference document No.	Proposal	Yes	No	Abstention
Change of dates of WTSA-20	C20/72(Rev.1)	Approve the change of dates of WTSA-20 to 1-9 March 2022 preceded by GSS on 28 February 2022 by indicating agreement with the modified Decision 608 in Annex 2.			

Focal points are kindly invited to send the reply via the [new online tool](#), or alternatively by e-mail to memberstates@itu.int not later than 1 February 2021.

ANNEX 2

Reference: [C20/72\(Rev.1\)](#)

DECISION 608 (C19, LAST AMENDED C20)

Convening of the next World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA-20)

The ITU Council,

noting

- a) that WTSA-20 was scheduled to be held in the last quarter of 2020 in accordance with Resolution 77 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) (Scheduling and Duration of future conferences, forums, assemblies and Council sessions of the Union (2019-2023));
- b) Council [Decision 608](#) adopted at the 2019 Session of Council which first decided on the convening of the next WTSA in Hyderabad, India, from 16 to 27 November 2020;
- c) that, further to the first virtual consultation of councillors, Council Decision 608 was modified and approved by correspondence to reschedule the next WTSA in Hyderabad, India, from 23 February to 5 March 2021, subject to the restoration of normal work and travel conditions in India and in other Member States,

noting further

- a) that due to uncertainty created by COVID pandemic, several meetings continued to be postponed or converted into virtual mode due to international travel restrictions;
- b) due to outbreak of COVID-19 in several countries, it may take many more months before the situation stabilizes and life becomes normal;
- c) that several countries have banned international travels and the movement of persons across different countries is still restricted and limited travel only is allowed; and
- d) that in view of the COVID-19 pandemic resulting on restrictions on work and travel, the administration of India proposed to reschedule the next WTSA from 1 March to 9 March 2022 subject to the restoration of normal work and travel conditions in India and in other Member States,

decides

that, subject to the concurrence of the majority of the Member States of the Union, the next World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA-20) will take place in Hyderabad, India, from 1 March to 9 March 2022 preceded by the Global Standards Symposium on 28 February 2022 and subject to the restoration of normal work and travel conditions in India and in other Member States,

instructs the Secretary-General

to carry out a consultation with all Member States on the exact dates of WTSA-20.
