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| Note by the Secretary-General |
| Letter from the Government of THE RUSSIAN fEDERATION concerning THE POSTPONeMENT OF WTDC-21 AND OTHER MAJOR ITU EVENTS |

I have the honour to transmit to the Member States of the Council a letter from the **Government of the Russian Federation**.

 Houlin ZHAO
 Secretary-General

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| SummaryThe Secretary-General has received a letter from the Government of the Russian Federation concerning the postponement of the World Telecommunication Development Conference 2021 (WTDC-21) and other major ITU events.Action requiredThe Council is invited to **consider** this document. |

DEPUTY MINISTER
OF DIGITAL DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNICATIONS AND MASS MEDIA
OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

 Moscow, 4 May 2021

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| From: | Deputy Minister of Digital Development, Communications and Mass Media of the Russian Federation |
| To:Copy to: | Mr Houlin Zhao, Secretary-General, ITUDr Elsayed Elsayed Azzouz, Chairman of the ITU Council |
| Our ref.: | BCh-P16-070-16203 |

Dear Mr Secretary-General,

Having examined letter DM-21/1010 of 15 April 2021 from the ITU General Secretariat concerning the postponement of the World Telecommunication Development Conference until 2022, we wish to communicate the following.

Given that major ITU events such as the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly and a plenipotentiary conference have already been scheduled for 2022, we consider it advisable to discuss in greater detail the organization of the work of the ITU for the coming year at the forthcoming virtual consultation of councillors.

We take this opportunity to express the assurances of our highest consideration.

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Bella Cherkesova

Deputy Minister

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