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To:

– ITU Member States

– ITU Sector Members, Associates,
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Subject: Follow up to the ITU Council Resolution 1408 on “Assistance and support to Ukraine for rebuilding their telecommunication sector” and invitation to engage in its implementation

Dear Sir/Madam,

At its last meeting, held from 9 to 19 March 2022, the ITU Council adopted the [Resolution 1408](#) on “**Assistance and support to Ukraine for rebuilding their telecommunication sector**”. It is my pleasure to inform you that, as an immediate response to this resolution, a number of actions have been undertaken so far, including:

- A Special TaskForce on Resolution 1408 was established at the level of the General Secretariat to coordinate intersectoral response to any issues related to the implementation of the Resolution;
- Regular coordination with the Administration of Ukraine was introduced, aiming to identify the particular needs of the Country, and to prepare the proposals for effective technical assistance;
- Coordinating the methodology on telecommunication and broadcasting infrastructure assessments, establishing its resilience and taking note of the damage;
- Preliminary assessment of financial needs necessary for the implementation of the Resolution and appropriate internal mechanisms enabling swift implementation of the Resolution were reviewed;
- A Special Fund in Trust dedicated to the implementation of the Resolution 1408 was established.

The current level of damages of the telecommunication and broadcasting infrastructure leaves several people and stakeholders out of the reach to the benefits offered by the digital technologies in Ukraine. This moment calls for global cooperation and support. Therefore, with the aim of ensuring swift implementation of the Resolution 1408 I would like to invite all Member States and other stakeholder to engage with ITU, to consider the following options:

- Provide a financial contribution to the Special Fund in Trust, enabling scale-up of the implementation of the Resolution 1408;

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- Submit a pledge/commitment to the [ITU Partner 2 Connect Digital Coalition](#), using the online system, specifically indicating relevancy of the pledge (focusing on one of four areas Access, Adoption, Value Creation, Acceleration) to the Resolution 1408;
- Contribute to the upcoming [Partner 2 Connect Digital Development Roundtables](#), taking place from 7-9 June 2022 in Rwanda, Kigali, in particular, a special session dedicated to the implementation of the Resolution 1408, to be held the 9th June 2022, 11:45 – 12:15 (GMT+2), offering stakeholders an opportunity to announce their pledges in support of the implementation of the Council Resolutuion.

The ITU Office for Europe (eurregion@itu.int) remains at your disposal, should you need any additional information or further guidance.

I look forward to receiving your positive response.

Yours faithfully,

(Original signed)

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