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To the Administrations of the Member States of the Union

Subject: Invitation to the World Telecommunication Development Conference 2025 (WTDC-25),

17 to 28 November 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to inform you that, following the kind invitation by the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the approval by Council with the concurrence of a majority of the Member States of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) (see <u>CL-24/49</u>), the forthcoming World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-25) will be convened in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan, from 17 to 28 November 2025.

In accordance with Article 25 of the Convention of the International Telecommunication Union and Section 3 of the General Rules of Conferences, Assemblies and Meetings of the Union, I therefore have the pleasure **to invite your Administration** to send a delegation to participate in WTDC-25.

World Telecommunication Development Conferences (WTDCs) are convened in the period between two Plenipotentiary Conferences to consider topics, projects and programmes relevant to telecommunication development. WTDCs set the strategies and objectives for the development of telecommunication/ICT, providing direction and guidance to the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D).

Member States are informed that this invitation is also being sent to ITU-D Sector Members, to ITU Academia, as well as to all concerned organizations, institutions, and entities in conformity with Article 25 of the ITU Convention and Resolution 99 (Rev. Dubai, 2018).

A circular letter from the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) containing information on the organization and arrangements of WTDC-25 will be sent in due course. Further information on WTDC-25 will also be available at https://www.itu.int/itu-d/meetings/wtdc25/

In line with ITU gender equality and mainstreaming policy as well as Resolution 198 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) on empowerment of youth through telecommunication/ICTs, I would also like to take the opportunity to encourage you to include women and young people in your delegation.

I very much look forward to your participation and contributions to ensure that WTDC-25 is a solution-oriented conference that that makes a difference on the ground through digital.

Yours faithfully,

(signed)

Doreen Bogdan-Martin Secretary-General