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Subject: Invitation to join the ITU160 Member Committee

Dear Madam/Sir,

Further to my circular letter CL-24/48 of 5 September 2024 inviting all ITU membership to contribute to ITU's 160th Anniversary (ITU160) commemorations, I am pleased to invite you to join the ITU160 Member Committee.

Between 1 January and 31 December 2025, the programmatic objectives of the ITU160 commemorations are to:

- 1 showcase how technology matters to people's lives and has historically advanced social good globally and in your country or organization;
- 2 celebrate 160 years of innovation and multilateralism with ITU through global, regional, and in-country key milestones;
- 3 mobilize collective efforts towards a digital future that is universal and sustainable; and
- 4 promote gender equality in digital transformation which is the theme of World Telecommunication and Information Society Day, 17 May 2025; 2025 will also mark the 30th anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women and adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (Beijing+30).

Regarding the ITU160 Member Committee, you are kindly invited to join by registering here. The first meeting of the Committee is scheduled to take place virtually on 25 November 2024, from 1300 to 1400 hours (Geneva time). Further meetings will take place every two months; the exact dates and times will be communicated closer to the dates.

The ITU160 Member Committee members are invited to:

- be a champion and mark ITU160 in their country, region, or organization;
- inspire ITU members and stakeholders to mark ITU160 in their country, region, or organization;
- help mobilize public and private actors and leaders for ITU160-related initiatives;
- share visions and strategies towards a positive digital future for all with the ITU160 Secretariat (e.g. for the ITU160 website, ITU News blogs).

You will find the webcast archive of the 9 October 2024 member briefing on ITU160 here and the PowerPoint presentation here). Updates on the commemorations will be published here.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact the secretariat at itu160@itu.int.

I look forward to your active participation in celebrating the 160th year of ITU's founding.

Yours faithfully,

(signed)

Doreen Bogdan-Martin Secretary-General