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To:

- Member States of ITU
- ITU Sector Members
- Academia
- Associates
- Resolution 99 (State of Palestine)

Subject: Support to the implementation of Council Resolution 1424 - Establishment of the Special Trust Fund in Support of Palestine

Dear Sir/Madam,

Following the discussion at the ITU Council-25, I am pleased to inform you that a Special Trust Fund in Support of Palestine has been established to facilitate an effective and coordinated ITU response for the implementation of Resolution 1424 on Assistance and support to Palestine for rebuilding their telecommunication sector.

In line with the mandate of the Resolution, the Fund aims to support Palestine by:

- Monitoring and reporting on the specific needs of Palestine in the field of telecommunications, and developing proposals for technical assistance;
- Assessing the impact of the ongoing conflict on ITU programmes and activities in the region, and delivering a comprehensive report on findings;
- Mobilizing financial and human resources necessary for implementing proposed actions, including technical assistance for the restoration and increased resilience of infrastructure; and
- Delivering capacity development in digital skills, cybersecurity, digital governance, and regulatory frameworks.

To ensure effective coordination and oversight, a Task Force led by the Deputy Secretary-General established following the 2024 Council Session has been tasked with guiding the implementation of these efforts, maintaining accountability, and serving as a liaison with donors and stakeholders.

The Fund will be administered in accordance with ITU's financial regulations, ensuring the highest standards of transparency and accountability. Contributions will be duly acknowledged and regularly reported to the ITU Council through updates and annual reports.

In this regard, I invite all Member States, Sector Members, Associates, Academia, and other stakeholders to consider the following avenues of support:

1. Financial Contributions

Transfers can be made to the following account:

o Bank: UBS Switzerland AG, Geneva

Account Name: Union internationale des télécommunications

o Bank clearing: 0240

Account Number in CHF: 0240-FP100357.6

IBAN in CHF: CH98 0024 0240 FP10 0357 6

SWIFT/BIC: UBSWCHZH80A

o Currency: CHF

To further enhance support for the implementation of Resolution 1424, the ITU would like to remind its membership of additional mechanisms available to facilitate contributions toward this effort:

2. Pledges and Commitments via Partner2Connect

Submit pledges through the ITU Partner 2 Connect (P2C) Digital Coalition, using the online platform, specifically indicating relevancy of the pledge and using the tag "ITU Support for Palestine"

3. In-Kind Contributions

These may include ICT equipment, software, expertise, or training services. Kindly provide a detailed description, estimated value, delivery method, and a point of contact to liaise with. Such submissions are most welcome to be sent to memberstates@itu.int.

The Fund will receive contributions on a rolling basis. For inclusion in the first reporting cycle, **contributions** and pledges should be submitted by 15 October 2025.

The ITU General Secretariat and the Regional Office for the Arab States remains at your disposal for any clarification or assistance required regarding contributions or the implementation of this initiative.

We look forward to your valuable support to ensure the successful implementation of Council Resolution 1424 and look forward to receiving your positive response.

Yours faithfully,

(signed)

Doreen Bogdan-Martin Secretary-General