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To Member States of ITU

Subject: **Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-26)**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the Council of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), through its [Decision 636 \(C23\)](#), in consultation and in concurrence with the majority of the Member States (see [Circular letter CL-23/53](#)), decided that the forthcoming Plenipotentiary Conference of ITU will take place in Doha, Qatar, for a period of three weeks **from Monday, 9 November, to Friday, 27 November 2026** at the **Doha Exhibition and Conference Center**.

Following the invitation from the Government of Qatar to send a delegation to the Conference, I am pleased to share with you important information for the preparation of the Conference.

Composition of delegations

To facilitate the preparation of the Conference, you are kindly requested to indicate the estimated number of onsite participants of your delegation, as well as the expected Head of Delegation at sg-registration@itu.int, preferably **by 31 May 2026**.

In line with PP Resolutions 70 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) and 198 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022), I would like to invite you to support and encourage the participation of women and young people in your delegation.

Proposals for the work of the Conference

Member States are strongly encouraged to use the [Conference Proposals Interface \(CPI\)](#) to prepare and submit proposals to PP-26. It will facilitate and optimize the treatment of the contributions by the secretariat and accelerate their publication into the six languages of the Union.

CPI, as well as guidelines on how to use the system and to prepare proposals, is available on the [PP-26 website](#) with a TIES access. In case of difficulties or questions, the documents control service can be contacted via ppcontributions@itu.int.

In order to ensure timely publication of and consideration by all Member States, please note the following deadlines while preparing the proposals:

- Proposals from Member States to amend the Constitution and Convention of ITU shall reach the Secretary-General no later than eight months prior to the opening date fixed for the Conference, i.e. **by 9 March 2026**. The Secretary-General shall, as soon as possible, but not

later than six months prior to the opening date, publish any such proposals for the information of all Member States (see Nos 224 and 225 of the Constitution and Nos 519 and 520 of the Convention).

- In accordance with No. 40 of the General Rules of conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union (hereinafter referred to as “General Rules”), other proposals for the work of the Conference should be submitted to the secretariat as soon as possible, and **not later than 9 July 2026**.
- In line with Resolution 165 (Rev. Dubai, 2018), the firm deadline for all contributions, with the exception of the deadlines outlined in Sections 8 and 17 of the General Rules, is no later than 21 calendar days before the opening of the Conference, i.e. **19 October 2026**.

Documentation

PP-26 documents will be made available on the [PP-26 website](#) as per the [ITU information/document access policy](#).

The Plenipotentiary Conference will be conducted in a paperless manner. **No paper copies of documents, including provisional Final Acts**, will be provided.

Elections

The Plenipotentiary Conference will elect the Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General, the Directors of the Bureaux of the three Sectors (Radiocommunication Bureau (BR), Telecommunication Standardization Bureau (TSB), and Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT)), as well as the members of the Radio Regulations Board (RRB).

I should be grateful if you would inform me in writing whether your country wishes to nominate one (or more) candidates for these posts, in which case I would request that you send me the name, curriculum vitae and vision statement (in Word format), and a photo (JPEG, square format, head shot) of such candidate(s) (see Nos 62 and 63 of the Constitution) to ppelections@itu.int. It is recommended that the CV and the vision statement together not exceed five pages. These will be issued as documents of the Plenipotentiary Conference. In line with Council Resolution 1187 and PP Resolution 70 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022), Member States are encouraged to put forward for elected positions woman candidates.

The Plenipotentiary Conference will also elect the Member States that will constitute the next ITU Council. You are hereby invited to inform me in writing whether your country wishes to present its candidature for a seat on the Council (see No. 61 of the Constitution).

In accordance with No. 170 of the General Rules, **all such candidatures must reach the Secretary-General not later than 2359 hours (Geneva time) on Monday, 12 October 2026**.

For detailed information on elections and election procedures, please refer to Article 2 of the Convention and Chapter III of the General Rules. Ethical guidelines regarding campaigning activities as endorsed by Council 2025 are also available on the [PP-26 website](#).

All candidatures will be published on the PP-26 website and campaign material can be hosted there as well. Campaign brochures in PDF format (no heavier than 10MB) and links to campaign videos should be sent to ppelections@itu.int. In line with ITU's and the Host Country's effort to green the conference, you are kindly encouraged to avoid printing campaign materials.

Exercise of rights and credentials for the Conference

In order to be able to exercise their sovereign rights in full at the Plenipotentiary Conference, Member States must ensure that they have maintained the right to vote in accordance with Nos 169 and 210 of the Constitution and that the delegations representing them at the Conference are duly accredited in accordance with Article 31 of the Convention. Further information on the submission of credentials for PP-26 will be sent to Member States in early 2026.

Registration and visa support

Registration for the Plenipotentiary Conference will begin in late June 2026 and will be carried out exclusively online at the [PP-26 website](#). Provision of information through the online registration system does not exempt Member States from the need to submit an original credentials document (see [Exercise of rights section above](#)).

Upon confirmation of registration, visa requests must be done exclusively via the Host Country's **Hayya Platform**. Further information will be provided on the [PP-26 website](#) in due course.

VVIP and VIP participation

Further correspondence will be sent to Member States regarding the special arrangements, courtesies and facilities to be extended to attending Heads of States and Government as well as Ministerial-level delegates.

Policy statements

As for previous Plenipotentiary Conferences, time will be allocated to policy statements on the first days of the Conference. Further guidelines will be sent in due course to Member States on how to prepare the statement and request a slot online.

Social events

The ITU Protocol Service maintains and monitors a social events calendar with the purpose to register and facilitate information to Member States and other participants wishing to hold a social event during PP-26. Organizers of social events are strongly advised to liaise with the ITU Protocol Service at protocol.service@itu.int before proceeding with final arrangements, to assist in scheduling and avoiding, as much as possible, conflicting or competing events.

As a matter of practice, there is no distribution of invitations. The daily calendar will be displayed on screens in the conference centre and posted on the [PP-26 website](#).

Inter-regional preparation for the Conference

The Council has agreed that the inter-regional preparatory process should continue to be strengthened by holding hybrid inter-regional preparatory meetings. Four meetings are foreseen as follows:

- 1st meeting during the CWG cluster in January 2026 (12-23 January) in Geneva, Switzerland
- 2nd meeting during the 2026 session of the Council (28 April – 8 May) in Geneva, Switzerland
- 3rd meeting during the 2026 World Telecommunication/ICT Policy Forum (WTPF-26, 8-11 June) in Nassau, Bahamas
- 4th meeting after the deadline for submission of candidatures (12 October) in Saudi Arabia.

Details on the exact dates, times, and formats of these meetings will be communicated in due course.

A calendar of regional preparatory meetings with information provided by the regional groups will be maintained on the [PP-26 website](#).

Practical information

Additional practical information will be made available on the [PP-26 website](#) as well as on the [Host Country website](#), which will also contain information on special rates for hotels and flights.

I look forward to welcoming you in Doha next year.

Yours faithfully,

(signed)

Doreen Bogdan-Martin
Secretary-General