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Note by the Chair of the 2026 Council

LETTER FROM THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ALGERIA ON BEHALF OF THE AFRICAN GROUP

I have the honour to transmit to the Member States of the Council a letter submitted by the **People's Democratic Republic of Algeria** on behalf of the African Group.

Bosun TIJANI
Chair, 2026 Council

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Geneva, August 24. 2026

Subject: Convening of the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-26) in Doha, State of Qatar, 9-27 November 2026

Excellency,

I have the honour to address you, in my capacity as Chair of the Africa Group of Ambassadors in Geneva, in respect to the forthcoming International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-26) in Doha, State of Qatar, from 9 to 27 November 2026.

Ahead of the convening of the Extraordinary Session of the ITU Council on preparations for the Plenipotentiary Conference, to be held on 25 August 2026 at ITU Headquarters, the Africa Group reiterates its full support and confidence in the State of Qatar's capacity to host successfully the forthcoming International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-26) in Doha, from 9 to 27 November 2026.

The Africa Group attaches importance to the successful organization and delivery of the conference and expresses its full confidence in the State of Qatar's capacity as the host country.

In this regard, we wish to underline the following:

- The decision to hold the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-26) in Doha was taken through the established procedures of the Union, pursuant to Resolution 77 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) and Decision 636 (C23). Maintaining the arrangements already approved by the Union would provide the necessary certainty, continuity and predictability for Member States and delegations in their preparations for the Conference.
- The selection of Doha reflects the confidence placed by the international community and ITU Member States in the State of Qatar's organizational, logistical and technical capabilities, as well as its extensive experience in hosting major international conferences and events.
- Preparations in Qatar for PP-26 are already at an advanced stage across the main operational workstreams, including venue planning, production, logistics, transportation, accommodation coordination, security, protocol, registration and

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delegate services. Pausing or cancelling preparations at this stage would have direct financial implications for the Host Country.

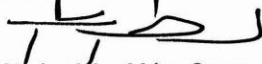
- The State of Qatar has also undertaken comprehensive preparations that include security, emergency response and business continuity arrangements, in coordination with the relevant national authorities and participating entities. Particular attention is being given to risk mitigation, cybersecurity, medical preparedness, transportation and the safety and security of participants, delegates and staff.
- The regional security situation continues to be closely monitored by the competent authorities. Based on the assessments and arrangements currently in place, no security considerations have been identified that would preclude the safe and orderly convening of PP-26 in Doha. The relevant authorities remain prepared to review and adjust precautionary measures as necessary in light of any developments.
- Despite the challenging global environment, the State of Qatar is ranked as the most peaceful and secure country in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region in 2026, according to the Global Peace Index.
- Furthermore, according to a recent report published by the United Nations Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS), there are no security risks in Qatar at the moment.
- International air connectivity to and from Doha remains well established, supported by extensive regional and global flight networks and appropriate air-traffic management and safety arrangements. Qatar also possesses substantial experience in maintaining international connectivity and managing large-scale passenger movements during periods of heightened regional uncertainty.

In view of the above, the Africa Group considers that the existing preparatory arrangements for the convening of PP-26 in Doha should be maintained. We believe that any consideration of the location of the Conference venue should be guided by objective, up-to-date technical and security assessments, as well as by the decisions already adopted by the competent organs of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

We would appreciate the above be duly considered during the Extraordinary Session of the ITU Council on 25 August 2026 and look forward to a fruitful PP-26 in Doha.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration and esteem.

H.E. Mr. Idris LATRECHE



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