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To Member States of ITU Council

Subject: **Convening of an Extraordinary session of the Council on preparations for the 2026 plenipotentiary conference.**

Dear Councillor,

Further to the discussions during the third plenary meeting of the ITU Council in April 2026, the secretariat has been closely monitoring and assessing security developments in the region, in close cooperation with the Host Country and the United Nations Department of Safety and Security. The secretariat committed to undertaking a review of the situation four months before the Conference.

In light of the foregoing, and at the request of the Secretary-General following questions raised with her by a number of Member States, I wish to convene an extraordinary session of the **Council on Tuesday, 25 August at ITU Headquarters from 1200 to 1500 hours.**

In the interest of ensuring that all Council Member States are informed on an equal footing, the session will provide an opportunity for the Council to review the latest developments in the context of the ongoing preparations of the forthcoming Conference and to provide such guidance or take such decisions as the Council may consider appropriate.

A preliminary draft agenda of the extraordinary session is attached in [Annex 1](#).

Practical information on registration, documentation, travel, and hotel accommodation can be found in [Annex 2](#).

I look forward to welcoming you in Geneva.

Yours faithfully,

(signed)

H.E Bosun Tijani
Chair of the ITU Council 2026

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ANNEX 1

Preliminary draft agenda of the Extraordinary session of the Council 2026

Agenda item	Title	Document C26-EXT/XX
1	Preparation for the 2026 Plenipotentiary Conference	-
2	Other business	-

ANNEX 2

Practical information

Registration

Registration for the extraordinary session of the Council will be carried out **exclusively online** at the following webpage: <https://council.itu.int/2026/en/participation>

Information related to badge collection will be made available in the e-confirmation of registration as well as on the Council website.

Documentation

In accordance with Annex 2 to Decision 5 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, paragraph 10, and in order to reduce cost of documentation, Council documents will be made available **exclusively online** on the website at <https://council.itu.int/2026/en/documents/>

As per the [ITU information/document access policy](#), Council input documents will be publicly accessible, unless otherwise requested by the submitter(s) of the document.

Travel, subsistence and insurance expenses

In accordance with No. 57 of the Convention of the ITU, “the travelling, subsistence and insurance expenses incurred by the representative of each Member State of the Council belonging to the category of developing countries, the list of which is established by the UNDP, in that capacity at Council sessions, shall be borne by the Union”. Councillors may wish to contact the ITU travel section for more information at travel@itu.int

Hotel accommodation

Reductions on hotel prices in Geneva have been obtained for delegates participating in ITU meetings. The list of the hotels concerned along with a reservation form **to be sent directly to the hotel** can be found at <https://www.itu.int/net4/travel/index.aspx>
