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To Member States of ITU

Subject: **Outcome of the Extraordinary session of the Council on preparations for the 2026 Plenipotentiary Conference**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the ITU Council, at its extraordinary session on 25 August 2026, considered the arrangements for the 2026 Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-26) as per Document [C26-EXT/2](#) and decided to maintain Doha, Qatar, as the venue of the Conference, to be held from 9 to 27 November 2026. Accordingly, the secretariat was further instructed to continue the preparations for the Conference as planned.

The Council further:

- agreed to authorize the Secretary-General in close and immediate coordination with Council Member States to cancel the Conference in Qatar, should she determine that, due to developing circumstances, the Conference can no longer be conducted in a safe, secure and effective manner in Doha, including in circumstances where relevant United Nations security guidance would prevent the travel or deployment of UN personnel to the region;
- requested the secretariat and Qatar to finalize and sign the Host Country Agreement (HCA) by 10 September 2026, which should include provisions allowing the Secretary-General to cancel the Conference without cost or liability to the ITU, if she determines that, due to developing circumstances, the Conference can no longer be conducted in a safe, secure and effective manner in Doha;
- agreed to maintain a contingency plan (CICG, Geneva);
- approved the use of the ITU reserve account to cover the CICG cancellation fees up to CHF 1 003 950.00; and
- agreed that, if the Conference is cancelled in Doha, PP will be convened in Geneva from 11 to 29 January 2027, subject to the support of the majority of ITU Member States through a two-week consultation, which will be conducted if and when the contingency measure is triggered.

The secretariat has taken careful note of the concerns expressed by some Member States regarding safety and security and the inclusive and effective participation of the ITU membership. The secretariat will seek to reflect those concerns, together with the guidance provided by the Council, in its ongoing negotiations with the Government of Qatar towards the finalization of the Host Country Agreement.

ITU and the Government of Qatar remain fully committed to working closely together to ensure that PP-26 is a safe, secure, inclusive and effective Conference, enabling all Member States to engage fully in the work of the Union. Comprehensive safety and security measures will be implemented, covering the Conference venue, accommodation, transportation, and the movement and protection of participants.

These arrangements will be continuously reviewed and adapted as necessary in light of developing circumstances, with the shared objective of providing all delegates with a secure environment in which they can participate fully and without impediment in the work of the Conference.

With these arrangements in place, the secretariat and the Government of Qatar will continue with our close cooperation in the coming months to advance all aspects of the preparations for PP-26. Further details on registration and organizational arrangements, including for ministerial participation, will be shared in the coming week. We would encourage all countries to participate at the highest levels.

I greatly appreciate the constructive engagement and continued support of Member States and look forward to welcoming representatives and their delegations from around the world to Doha for a successful Plenipotentiary Conference.

Yours faithfully,

(signed)

Doreen Bogdan-Martin
Secretary-General