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| **Telecommunication Standardization Bureau** | | ITU logo |
|  | | Geneva, 15 October 2014 |
| Ref: | **TSB Collective letter 4/16** | - To Administrations of Member States of the Union;  - To ITU‑T Sector Members;  - To ITU‑T Associates participating in the work of Study Group 16 and  - To ITU‑T Academia |
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| Subject: | **Meeting of Study Group 16; Geneva, 9-20 February 2015** | |

Dear Sir/Madam,

It is my pleasure to invite you to attend Study Group 16 (*Multimedia* *coding, systems and applications*) meeting, which is to meet at ITU headquarters, Geneva, from 9 to 20 February 2015 inclusive.

Several other meetings will be collocated during the period, in particular ITU-T SG9 (tentative), JCT‑VC, JCT-3V, JCA-IPTV, IPTV-GSI, ISO/IEC JTC1 SC29 WG1 (JPEG) and WG11 (MPEG). It should be noted that registration for each of these events will be separate from that of Study Group 16.

I should like to inform you that the meeting will open at 0930 hours on the first day. Participant registration will begin at 0830 hours at the Montbrillant entrance. Detailed information concerning the meeting rooms will be displayed on screens at the entrances to ITU headquarters. Additional information about the meeting is set forth in **Annex A**.

The draft **agenda** of the meeting, as prepared by the Chairman of Study Group 16, is set out in **Annex B**. The draft **timetable**, as prepared by the Chairman of Study Group 16, is set out in **Annex C.**

I wish you a productive and enjoyable meeting.

Yours faithfully,

Malcolm Johnson  
Director of the Telecommunication  
Standardization Bureau

**Annexes**: 3

**ANNEX A**(to TSB Collective letter 4/16)

**MAKING CONTRIBUTIONS**

**DEADLINES FOR CONTRIBUTIONS:** The deadline for contributions is 12 (twelve) calendar days before the meeting. Such contributions will be published on the Study Group 16 website and must therefore be received by TSB **not later than 27 January 2015**. Contributions received at least **two** months before the start of the meeting may be translated, if requested. Should any difficulties arise in the submission process, please contact the study group secretariat at [tsbsg16@itu.int](mailto:tsbsg16@itu.int).

**DIRECT POSTING/DOCUMENT SUBMISSION:** A direct posting system for contributions is available on-line. The direct posting system allows ITU‑T members to reserve contribution numbers and to upload/revise contributions directly to the ITU‑T web server.  Further information and guidelines for the direct posting system are available at the following address: <http://itu.int/net/ITU-T/ddp/>.

**TEMPLATES:** Please use the provided set of templates to prepare your meeting documents. The templates are accessible from each ITU‑T study group web page, under “Delegate resources” (<http://itu.int/ITU-T/studygroups/templates>). The name, fax and telephone numbers and e-mail address of the person to be contacted about the contribution should be indicated on the cover page of all documents.

**LOCATION OF MEETING DOCUMENTS:** As usual, documents will be available from the ITU-T SG16 web page (<http://itu.int/ITU-T/go/sg16>) or alternatively from the IFA for ITU-T SG16 (<http://ifa.itu.int/t/2013/sg16>).

**WORK METHODS AND FACILITIES**

**INTERPRETATION** will be available upon request for the opening and closing plenary of the meeting. For sessions that are scheduled to be held with interpretation, please note that interpretation only will be provided if a Member State so requests by checking the corresponding box on the registration form, or by sending a written request to TSB, **at least one month before the first day of the meeting**. It is imperative that this deadline be respected in order for TSB to make the necessary arrangements for interpretation.

**WIRELESS LAN** facilities are available for use by delegates in all ITU meeting rooms and in the CICG (Geneva International Conference Centre) building. Detailed information is available on the ITU‑T website (<http://itu.int/ITU-T/edh/faqs-support.html>).

**E-LOCKERS** are available on the ground floor of the Montbrillant building. Your ITU RFID badge opens and closes the e-locker. Your e-locker is available only for the period of the meeting you are attending, so please ensure that you empty the locker before 23:59 on the last day of the meeting.

**PAPERLESS MEETING:** This Study Group 16 meeting will be paperless.

**LOAN LAPTOPS:** The ITU Service Desk ([servicedesk@itu.int](mailto:servicedesk@itu.int)) has available a limited number of laptops on a first-come, first-serve basis, for those who do not have one.

**PRINTERS:** Printers are available in the cyber café on the second basement level of the Tower building, on the ground floor of the Montbrillant building and near the major meeting rooms, for delegates who wish to print documents.

**E-PRINTING:** In addition to the "traditional" print method using printer queues that need to be installed on the user's computer or device, printing documents via e-mail ("e-print") is now possible. The procedure is simply to attach the documents to be printed to an email, which is sent to the desired printer email address (in the form **printername@eprint.itu.int**). No driver installation is required. For more details, please see <http://itu.int/ITU-T/go/e-print>.

**ACCESSIBILITY ACCOMMODATIONS:** Real-time captioning and/or sign-language interpretation may be provided on demand to those needing them for the sessions where accessibility matters will be discussed (Q26/16), subject to availability of interpreters and funding. These accessibility accommodations **must be requested at least two months before the beginning date of the meeting**, namely **09 December 2014**.

**REGISTRATION, NEW DELEGATES and FELLOWSHIPS**

**REGISTRATION:** To enable TSB to make the necessary arrangements, please send by letter, fax (+41 22 730 5853) or e-mail ([tsbreg@itu.int](mailto:tsbreg@itu.int)) **not later than 9 January 2015**, the list of people who will be representing your Administration, Sector Member, Associate, Academic Institution, regional and/or international organization or other entity. Administrations are requested also to indicate the name of their head of delegation (and deputy head, if applicable).

Please note that **pre-registration** of participants to ITU-T meetings is carried out ***online*** at the ITU‑T SG16 web page.

**NEW DELEGATES** are invited to attend a **MENTORING PROGRAMME**, including a welcome briefing upon registration, guided visit of ITU headquarters and orientation session on ITU‑T. If you would like to participate, please contact: [ITU‑Tmembership@itu.int](mailto:ITUTmembership@itu.int).

**FELLOWSHIPS:** Due to budgetary constraints only one partial fellowship per administration will be awarded, subject to available funding, to facilitate participation from Least Developed or Low Income Developing Countries (<http://itu.int/en/ITU-T/info/Pages/resources.aspx>). An application for a fellowship must be authorized by the relevant Administration of the ITU Member State. Fellowship requests (please use enclosed **Form 1)**, must be returned to ITU not later than **15 December 2014.** Please note that the decision criteria to grant a fellowship include: the available TSB budget; contributions by the applicant to the meeting; equitable distribution among countries and regions, and gender balance.

**VISITING GENEVA: HOTELS AND VISAS**

Please note that updated visitor information is available at: <http://itu.int/en/delegates-corner>.

**HOTELS:** For your convenience, a hotel reservation form is enclosed (**Form 2**). A list of hotels can be found at <http://itu.int/travel/>.

**VISAS:** Please remember that citizens of some countries are required to obtain a visa in order to enter and spend time in Switzerland. **The visa must be requested at least four (4) weeks before the date of beginning of the meeting** and obtained from the office (embassy or consulate) representing Switzerland in your country or, if there is no such office in your country, from the one that is closest to the country of departure. If problems are encountered, the Union can, at the official request of the administration or entity you represent, approach the competent Swiss authorities in order to facilitate delivery of the visa but only within the period mentioned of **four** weeks. Any such request must specify the name and functions, date of birth, number, dates of issue and expiry of passport of the individual(s) for whom the visa(s) is/are requested[[1]](#footnote-1) and be accompanied by a copy of the notification of confirmation of registration approved for the ITU-T meeting in question, and must be sent to TSB by fax (+41 22 730 5853) or e-mail ([tsbreg@itu.int](mailto:tsbreg@itu.int)) bearing the words **“visa request”**.

**KEY DEADLINES (before meeting)**

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| Two months | 2014-12-09 | - submit contributions for which translation is requested  - request for accessibility accommodations |
| Eight weeks\* | 2014-12-15 | - fellowship requests |
| Four weeks | 2015-01-12 | - requests for visa support letters |
| One month | 2015-01-09 | - requests for interpretation at closing plenary  - pre-registration |
| 12 calendar days | 2015-01-27 | - final deadline for contributions |

\* Exceptional early deadline due to the year-end closure of ITU.

**FORM 1 – FELLOWSHIP REQUEST**(to TSB Collective letter 4/16)

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|  | **ITU-T Study Group 16 meeting**  **Geneva, Switzerland, 9-20 February 2015** | | | | | |  | |
| **Please return to:** | | **ITU**  **Geneva (Switzerland)** | | **E-mail: [bdtfellowships@itu.int](mailto:bdtfellowships@itu.int)**  **Tel: +41 22 730 5227**  **Fax: +41 22 730 5778** | | | |
| **Request for one partial fellowships to be submitted before 15 December 2014** | | | | | | | |
|  | | | Participation of women is encouraged | | |  | |
| Registration Confirmation I.D. No: …………………………………………………………………………… (Note: It is imperative for fellowship holders to pre-register via the online registration form at: <http://itu.int/ITU-T/go/sg16>)  Country**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  Name of the Administration or Organization**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  Mr / Ms  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**(family name) **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**(given name)  Title: **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** | | | | | | | |
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| Please select your preference  (which ITU will do its best to accommodate) | | | | | | | |
| **□ Economy class air ticket (duty station / Geneva / duty station)**  **□ Daily subsistence allowance intended to cover accommodation, meals & misc. expenses** | | | | | | | |
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| **Signature of fellowship candidate:** | | | | | **Date:** | | |
| TO VALIDATE FELLOWSHIP REQUEST, NAME, TITLE AND SIGNATURE OF CERTIFYING OFFICIAL DESIGNATING PARTICIPANT MUST BE COMPLETED BELOW WITH OFFICIAL STAMP.  N.B. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT FELLOWS BE PRESENT FROM THE FIRST DAY TO THE END OF THE MEETING. | | | | | | | |
| **Signature:** | | | | | **Date:** | | |

**FORM 2 – HOTELS**

(to TSB Collective letter 4/16)

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| *This confirmation form* ***should be sent directly*** *to the hotel**of your choice* |

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|  | **INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION** |  |

**TELECOMMUNICATION STANDARDIZATION SECTOR**

SG/WP meeting *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Geneva

Confirmation of the reservation made on (date) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

with (hotel) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**at the ITU preferential tariff**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ single/double room(s)

arriving on (date) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at (time) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ departing on (date) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**GENEVA TRANSPORT CARD :** Hotels and residences in the canton of Geneva now provide a free "Geneva Transport Card" valid for the duration of the stay. This card will give you free access to Geneva public transport, including buses, trams, boats and trains as far as Versoix and the airport.

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Credit card to guarantee this reservation: AX/VISA/DINERS/EC (or other) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**ANNEX B**(to TSB Collective letter 4/16)

**Draft agenda for the ITU-T Study Group 16 meeting   
(Geneva, 9-20 February 2015)**

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|  | Opening of meeting, meeting agenda and documentation |
|  | Approval of previous SG16 and WP meeting reports (COM 16-R10 to R13) |
|  | Status of texts consented, agreed, deleted and current list of Implementors guides |
|  | Feedback and status reports on interim activities |
|  | Collaboration matters (*inter alia* ITU-T SG 9, IETF, IEC TC100, ISO/IEC JTC1/SC 31/WG 6 and SC 29/WGs 1 & 11, CITS) |
|  | Workshops of interest to SG16 |
|  | Promotion activities |
|  | Objectives for this meeting |
|  | SG16 organization |
|  | Guidelines for the meeting of Working Parties and Plenary Question |
|  | IPR roll call |
|  | Review and approval of meeting results |
|  | Future work |
|  | Update of SG16 work programme |
|  | Date and place of the next meeting of SG16 |
|  | Miscellaneous |
|  | Closing of the meeting |

**ANNEX C**(to TSB Collective letter 4/16)

**Draft agenda for the ITU-T Study Group 16 meeting   
(Geneva, 9-20 February 2015)**

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**Notes:**

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|  | "P" stands for plenary. |
|  | Question allocated to the Plenary will have sessions as needed during the meeting. |
|  | The Joint Collaborative Team on Video coding (JCT-VC) and the Joint Collaborative Team on 3D Video coding (JCT-3V) are tentatively planned to start their meetings on 12 Feb. 2014. See [http://itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/com16/video/‌Pages/jctvc.aspx](http://itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/com16/video/Pages/jctvc.aspx) and <http://itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/com16/video/Pages/jct3v.aspx> for final dates and other details, including the detailed schedule. Delegates should note that ISO/IEC JTC1 SC29/WG11 (MPEG) will meet from 16 to 20 February 2015. Ad hoc group meetings for MPEG are expected over the weekend in the middle of the ITU-T SG16 meeting. |

*For schedule updates, please see:* <http://itu.int/ITU-T/go/sg16>.

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1. A model for such a request is found at <http://itu.int/en/ITU-T/info/Documents/Visa-support-letter_MODEL.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)