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Please note that submitted information will be presented during the RDF-AMS P2C Roundtables and it will also be reflected on the pledging platform of the Partner 2 Connect Digital Coalition.

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TITLE: ZTE's pledge in Americas

DESCRIPTION OF ACTION: [Provide a brief description up to 500 words]

The continuous evolution of information and communication technologies has brought us the enormous uplift to our daily life. As of today, we keep pushing network performance to the extreme, in order to better meet the digital transformation demands of various industries, such as, to help build smart cities, to improve the governance efficiency, in particular to boost the global economies which have been hard hit by the continuous global crisis, through innovative digitalization approaches aiming for recovery and high-standard development targets. In the meantime, there are still 2.9 billion people in the world who are not connected and are left behind on enjoying the benefits brought by the Internet. In least developed countries/landlocked developing countries/small island developing states, connectivity problems still exist such as low penetration of connected devices, unaffordable data charges, low quality telecommunication infrastructure, high cost of network construction and maintenance, and lack of professional experts.

We can learn from our successful experience that digitalization is one of the most effective ways to achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, in particular, poverty alleviation. As the world-leading information and communication infrastructure provider, ZTE adheres to the business philosophy of "simplicity prevails, agility makes success", and is committed to becoming a road builder of the digital economy. We lead by example in the sustainable development related topics such as low carbon and environmental protection, and actively contribute to the global community to fulfill the social responsibility together with our suppliers, customers and partners.

As the representative of ZTE Corporation, I would like to restate that, during WTDC-22, ZTE have already pledged to build \$400 million worth of ICT network infrastructure annually for LDC/LLDC/SIDS countries by 2025. As of today, ZTE have already accomplished \$200 Million worth of ICT devices and network infrastructure in Americas. ZTE shall continue to fulfil our commitment of connecting the unconnected, in order to bring digital empowerment to people in need, and to accelerate the bridging of the digital divide for the Americas.



COUNTRIES in FOCUS: [Name countries to be impacted by this action]

Antiguan and Barbudan Creole, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Dominicana, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Kiribati, Paraguay, Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago

YEARS of IMPLEMENTATION: [Tick the relevant boxes or delete the irrelevant items]
☒ 2023

☒ 2024

☒ 2025
RELEVANT ITU REGIONAL INITIATIVE: [Tick the relevant boxes or delete the irrelevant items]
☒ AMS1: Infrastructure deployment (DEPLOYMENT OF MODERN, RESILIENT, SECURE AND SUSTAINABLE TELECOMMUNICATION/INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE)

☐ AMS2: Digital Inclusion and skills development (ENHANCEMENT AND EXPANSION OF DIGITAL-LITERACY, DIGITAL-SKILLS AND DIGITAL-INCLUSION PROGRAMMES, ESPECIALLY AMONG VULNERABLE POPULATIONS)

☐ AMS3: Digital transformation and innovation ecosystems (EFFECTIVE SUPPORT FOR DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION AND INNOVATION ECOSYSTEMS THROUGH SCALABLE, FUNDED AND SUSTAINABLE CONNECTIVITY PROJECTS)

☐ AMS4: Enabling Policy and Regulatory environments (DEVELOPMENT OF ENABLING POLICY AND REGULATORY ENVIRONMENTS TO CONNECT THE UNCONNECTED THROUGH ACCESSIBLE AND AFFORDABLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS/INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES)

Please find more information on the ITU Regional Initiatives 2023-2025, as defined by WTDC-22,

<https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/Americas/Pages/RI-projects-2023-2025.aspx>

RELATED ITU-D PRIORITIES AS DEFINED BY THE ITU WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE 2022
☒ Affordable connectivity

☐ Digital Transformation

☐ Enabling policy and regulatory environment

☐ Resource mobilization and international cooperation

☒ Inclusive and secure telecommunications/ICTs for sustainable development

Please find more information on the ITU-D Priorities, as defined by WTDC-22, [here](#).

RELATED ITU PRIORITIES AS DEFINED BY ITU PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE 2022

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- ☐ Spectrum use for space and terrestrial services
 - ☐ International telecommunication numbering resources
 - ☒ Inclusive and secure telecommunication/ICT infrastructure and services
 - ☐ Digital applications
 - ☐ Enabling environment

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