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To: Arab Administrations of ITU Member States, Regulators, ITU-D Sector Members, Associates, Academia and Regional and International Organizations concerned

Subject: ITU-AICTO Regional Workshop on "Policy Advocacy on Data Privacy & CyberSecurity"
Tunis – Tunisia, 5-6 December 2016

Dear Sir/Madam,

As part of the implementation of the Operational Plan 2016 for the Arab Regional Office of the International Telecommunication Union, we are pleased to invite you to participate in the **ITU-AICTO Regional Workshop on "Policy Advocacy on Data Privacy & Security"**, to be organized in collaboration with the Arab Information and Communication Technology Organization (AICTO) at the kind host of ElGazala Technopark. The workshop will be held in **Tunis-Tunisia, 5 and 6 December 2016**.

The traditional discussion on the balance between individual liberties and security remains actual. As cyberspace is borderless, this balance requires decisions on common policies, security strategies and coherent legal frameworks at the regional level, as well as possibly actions to achieve a coordinated and coherent implementation of these.

The workshop aims at providing a view on the challenges and objectives of cloud services privacy, data privacy and cybersecurity, as well as discuss possible options for regional actions and their expected impacts.

The workshop will provide a platform for different stakeholder groups – policy makers, senior security officers, the private sector, International Organizations and others – to Share the latest issues and best practices regarding the legislations and regulations in place to address the issues related to data privacy, and to encourage the formulation of a coordinated framework at the national and regional level.

The Workshop will be conducted in Arabic with simultaneous interpretation into English and French. Please note that all the information related to the Workshop such as **draft Agenda, Fellowship Form, Information Note, Online Registration link** and the **Hotel Reservation Form** will be available on the ITU website (Click Here).

We encourage you to participate and to register in this event through the link mentioned above. Please note the deadline for registration is **1 December 2016.**

In order to facilitate the participation of delegates from the Arab Least Developed Countries (LDCs) in this event, there will be a limited number of **Full Fellowships** to cover the travel expenses and accommodation of one delegate from each Arab LDCs. The interested countries should fill in the Fellowship Request Form, which is available on the workshop's website mentioned above and return it to ITU no later than **15 November 2016**.
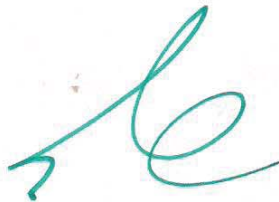
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Looking forward to your active participation and fruitful contribution in this important event.

Yours faithfully,

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