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To:
Communications Administrations; regulators;
ITU Sector Members and Associates of the CIS
and Georgia; Regional organizations of CIS

**Subject: ITU Regional Workshop for CIS and Georgia on Mobile Number Portability,
Conformance and Interoperability Moscow, Russian Federation, 22-24 March 2016**

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), I am pleased to invite you to the Regional Workshop for CIS on **ITU Regional Workshop for CIS and Georgia on Mobile Number Portability, Conformance and Interoperability Moscow, Russian Federation**, which will be held in **Moscow, Russian Federation, from 22 to 24 March 2016**. The Workshop is organized by the Telecommunication Development Bureau in cooperation with Ministry of Telecom and Mass Communications the Russian Federation and with support of Federal State Unitary Enterprise Central Science Research Telecommunication Institute (ZNIIS).

This Workshop is addressed to representatives of ministries, regulators, research and development organizations, telecommunication operators, universities and other interested stakeholders of the ITU Member States, Sector Members and Associates from the CIS and Georgia.

The Workshop is aimed at sharing practical experience in the field of testing (including remote testing) of equipment, new technologies, and services. In particular, the workshop will cover the issues, such as:

- *Mobile number portability standardization;*
- *Experience of operation of the Number Portability Data Base in Russia and European Countries;*
- *Areas of ITU Activities in the field of conformance and interoperability;*
- *Infrastructure of the virtual laboratory for remote testing of equipment, new technologies and services.*

The agenda of the workshop foresees an excursion over ZNIIS Technopark.

Draft agenda of the workshop is available in Annex 1 (attached hereto).

The Workshop will be conducted in Russian.

The Workshop will be paperless. All materials of the Workshop, including presentations, will be available on the ITU site: https://staging.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/CIS/Pages/EVENTS/2016/03_Moscow/03_Moscow.aspx

Please note that there is no participation fee for this event. However, all expenses related to the travel, accommodation and insurance of the participants should be covered by your Administration/Organizations.

If you wish to participate in the Workshop, you are requested to kindly fill out the Registration Form attached (Annex 2) and send it to the contacts indicated in the form **by 7 March 2016**.

To encourage the participation of low-income developing countries and subject to the availability of funds, the ITU will grant one full or two partial fellowships per eligible country of the CIS Region. An application for a fellowship must be authorized by the relevant Administration. Those intending to apply for a fellowship are required to complete the fellowship form (Annex 4) and send it to the ITU Fellowships Service by email: bdtfellowships@itu.int or by fax: +41 22 730 57 78 no later than **1 March 2016**.

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Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

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Director

Annexes:

1. Draft Agenda
2. Registration Form
3. Practical Information
4. Fellowship Request Form
5. Visa Support Form