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Subject:ITU Forum "Smart Sustainable Cities: social, economic and governance perspectives",
15-17 February 2022, Minsk, Republic of Belarus

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the **Forum " Smart Sustainable Cities: social, economic and governance perspectives",** which is organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) jointly with OJSC "Giprosvjaz" and with the support of the Ministry of Communication and Informatization of the Republic of Belarus. The Forum will be held in **Minsk, Republic of Belarus, from 15 to 17 February 2022.** The Forum will be collocated with the meeting of the Regional Group of the ITU-T Study Group 20 for Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Transcaucasia taking place the same dates. The venue for both events will be International switching center of SUE "Beltelecom", located at the address: 55, Zakharova St., Minsk.

The Forum is addressed to representatives of ministries, regulators, municipalities, telecom operators, universities and general education institutions, telecommunication equipment manufacturers, research and development institutes, software developers and other interested stakeholders. The Forum will discuss organizational and technical aspects of smart sustainable cities.

The Forum will be held in hybrid format (physical + online) in Russian. All materials are available at the event website: <u>https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/CIS/Pages/EVENTS/2022/Minsk-SSC.aspx</u>.

Participants are invited to fill in registration form, which is also available at the event website, and choose format of participation. Remote participation link will be sent by email to all registered participants.

Should you have any questions or need clarifications concerning the venue, accommodation, visa etc., please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Yauheni Salauyou, Researcher, ICT Department, OJSC "Giprosvjaz" (email: <u>solovyov@giprosvjaz.by</u>, tel.: +375 17 293 81 38). For any other questions concerning this Forum please contact Mr. Farid Nakhli, Programme Coordinator, ITU Regional Office for CIS Region (e-mail: <u>farid.nakhli@itu.int</u>; phone: +7 495 926 60 72).

I look forward to active participation from your Administration/Organization/Company.

Yours faithfully,

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