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- ITU-T and ITU-D Sector Members;
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- The Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of ITU-D and ITU-T Study Groups;
- The Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau

Subject: ITU Forum on “Towards 5G Enabled Gigabit Society” (Athens, Greece, 11-12 October 2018)

Dear Sir/Madam,

1 We are pleased to inform you that the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), in collaboration with the Ministry for Digital Policy, Telecommunications and Media of Greece is organizing the **ITU Forum on “Towards 5G Enabled Gigabit Society”** to be held from 11 to 12 October 2018 in Athens, Greece.

2 This Forum is planned in the context of the European Regional Initiative on Broadband Infrastructure, Broadcasting and Spectrum Management approved by WTDC-17 that works towards facilitating high-speed connectivity with resilient and synergistic infrastructure development, deployment and sharing, whilst ensuring a trusted and quality user experience. It will focus on opportunities related to 5G and challenges to be addressed in infrastructure roll-out, spectrum management and broadcasting. While referring to the vision of turning Europe into a Gigabit Society by 2025, this forum will discuss, in particular:

- National policies and strategies for 5G
- Regulatory frameworks fostering 5G implementation
- Future networks and 5G: fixed and mobile
- Spectrum issues related to 5G
- New business paradigms by the network operators
- 5G for smart cities
- 5G for connected and automated vehicles
- 5G innovation ecosystem

Outcomes of this Forum will contribute to the works of ITU on 5G, including those undertaken by Study Groups of Radiocommunication, Standardization and Development Sectors.

3 Participation in the Forum is open to ITU Member States, Sector Members, Associates and Academic Institutions and to any individual from a country that is a member of ITU who wishes to contribute to the work. This includes individuals who are also members of international, regional and national organizations. Participation in the Forum is free of charge, however no fellowships will be granted. All expenses concerning travel, accommodation and insurance of experts should be covered by your Administration / Organization / Company.

4 Please note that this Forum will be conducted in English and will be paperless. Documents related to the event, including the agenda, the registration form, and practical information for participants are posted on the ITU website at https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/Europe/Pages/Events/2018/5GForum/Towards_5G_Enabled_Gigabit_Society.aspx. This website will be regularly updated as new or modified information becomes available. Participants are requested to check periodically for new updates.

5 Wireless LAN facilities will be available at the venue of the event.

6 Registration is mandatory for all participants planning to attend the Forum. You are invited to complete the online registration form <https://www.itu.int/net4/ITU-D/CDS/meetings/registration/index.asp> no later than **5 October 2018. Please note that pre-registration of participants for this meeting is mandatory and will be carried out exclusively online.**

7 Participants requiring an entry visa to Greece should contact their nearest Greece Embassy or Consulate well in advance. Information on visa requirements can be found in the practical information for participants.

8 Mr. Jaroslaw Ponder, Head of the ITU Office for Europe (e-mail: EURregion@itu.int, phone: +41 22 730 5467); Ms. Nadia Katsanou, Senior Advisor to the Secretary General of Telecommunications and Post, Ministry of Digital Policy, Telecommunications and Media (e-mail: n.katsanou@yme.gov.gr, phone: +30 210 6508090); and Ms. Sophia Papathanasopoulou, Head, National Broadband Planning Department, Ministry of Digital Policy, Telecommunications and Media (e-mail: s.papathanasop@yme.gov.gr, phone: +30 210 6508008) are at your disposal should you require any further information.

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

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