*We express our gratitude to ITU for given opportunity to all stakeholders to provide input on the working documents of the draft Strategic Plan and Draft Financial Plan for the Union for 2016-2019.*

*The considerable recognition given to the work of ITU over the last years for development implementation of actions and projects that use ICTs for the economic and social empowerment of women and girls:*

* *Celebration World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD-2012) on the theme “Women and Girls in ICT”*
* *Celebration Girls in ICT International Day, since 2010 (Resolution 70)*
* *Women’s Digital Literacy Campaign,*
* *Girls in ICT Portal, Global Network Women in ICT WITNET, contribution in WICTAD*
* [*Sharing Best practices in using ICTs for the empowerment of women and girls, e​*](http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/sis/newslog/CategoryView%2Ccategory%2CGender.aspx)*tc*

***Recalling***

 *WSIS Declaration of Principles (Para 12): “We affirm that development of ICTs provides enormous opportunities for women, who should be an integral part of, and* ***key actors****, in the Information Society. We are committed to ensuring that the Information Society enables women's empowerment and their full participation on the basis on equality* ***in all spheres of society and in all decision-making processes****. To this end, we should mainstream a gender equality perspective and use ICTs as a tool to that end. “,*

 ***we propose***

*following inputs on the working documents of the draft Strategic Plan and Draft Financial Plan for the Union for 2016-2019 /* ***ITU Strategic Goals*** */* ***Goal 2 Inclusiveness****:*

* *Assist members in development* ***ICT national policies, strategies and plans******with gender component,*** *through sharing best practices and collecting, disseminating sex-disaggregated ICT statistics and measurement. Foster gender component inclusion into the ICT national programs in* ***planning, budgeting,******financial resource allocation and implementation*** *processes.*

*Assist in particularly:*

* 1. *development of* ***Guidelines*** *for building national E-Strategy policies with gender component and implementation it,*
	2. *integration of gender, national ICT and* ***broadband policies****,*
	3. *development of Benchmarking for monitoring progress of* ***implementation targets*** *at national level,*
	4. *improvement* ***sex-disaggregated ICT statistics and measurement,***
	5. *development of* ***unified format*** *for annual results and annual progress reports* ***at national level.***

*Sincerely,*

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