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| **Telecommunication StandardizationBureau** |  |
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 Geneva, 15 September 2011

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| Ref: | **TSB Collective letter 4/3** |  |
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| Subject: | **Meeting of Study Group 3Geneva, 16-20 January 2012** |

Dear Sir/Madam,

1 In accordance with the schedule of ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector meetings for 2012 (<http://www.itu.int/events/upcomingevents.asp?sector=ITU-T>), I should like to inform you that Study Group 3 (*Tariff and accounting principles including related telecommunication economic and policy issues*) is to meet at ITU headquarters, Geneva, from 16 to 20 January 2012, inclusive.

The meeting will open at 0930 hours on the first day. Participant registration will begin at 0830 hours at the Montbrillant entrance. Detailed information concerning the meeting rooms will be displayed on screens at the entrances to ITU headquarters.

2 Immediately after the meeting, on 23 and 24 January 2012, a Workshop on Apportionment of revenues in providing international telecommunications services (including international Internet connectivity and the possible application of the concept of network externalities) will take place, pursuant to a decision taken at the last Plenipotentiary Conference (Committee 5). For further information on this workshop, please see [TSB Circular 222](http://www.itu.int/md/T09-TSB-CIR-0222/en).

3 An interpretation service will be provided for the meeting in accordance with the relevant provisions in force.

4 The draft agendas for the Study Group and its working parties, as prepared by the Chairman, are set out in **Annexes 1 to 4** hereto.

5 The draft timetable, as prepared by the Chairman and his Management Team, is set out in **Annex 5** hereto.

6 TSAG, at its February 2011 meeting, agreed that the trial of a deadline of 12 (twelve) calendar days for submitting contributions to TSB meetings would continue. Such contributions will be published on the Study Group 3 website and must therefore be received by TSB **not later than 3 January 2012.** Contributions received at least two months before the start of the meeting may be translated, if required, according to the provisions in force.

Participants are encouraged to submit contributions using the web-based submission form available on the Study Group 3 homepage, or by electronic mail to the following address: tsbsg3@itu.int. Detailed instructions can be found on the ITU-T website.

We would strongly encourage you to use the set of templates that has been created to harmonize the appearance of ITU-T documents while making their production easier and hence more efficient. The templates are accessible from each ITU-T study group web page, under “Delegate resources” (<http://www.itu.int/ITU-T/studygroups/templates/index.html>).

With a view to settling any questions that might arise concerning contributions, the name, fax and telephone numbers and e-mail address of the person to be contacted should be indicated on contributions. Accordingly, please include those details on the cover page of all documents.

8 To enable TSB to make the necessary arrangements concerning the documentation for, and organization of, the meeting, I should be grateful if you would send me, by letter, fax (+41 22 730 5853) or e-mail (tsbreg@itu.int), as soon as possible but **not later than 16 December 2011**, the list of people who will be representing your Administration, Sector Member, Associate, Academic Institution, regional and/or international organization or other entity. Administrations are requested also to indicate the name of their head of delegation (and deputy head, if applicable).

**9 Please note that pre-registration of participants to ITU-T meetings is carried out *online* at the ITU-T website (**[**http://www.itu.int/ITU-T/studygroups/com03/index.asp**](http://www.itu.int/ITU-T/studygroups/com03/index.asp)**).**

Printers are available in the cyber café of the 2nd basement of the Tower building and 2nd floor of Montbrillant building for delegates who wish to print documents. In addition, the Helpdesk Service (helpdesk@itu.int) has prepared a limited number of laptops for those who do not have one.

10 Participants actually present at the meeting and having requested paper copies in advance by means of the registration form will receive only those documents posted on the ITU-T website as from 3 days prior to the meeting **(*13 January 2012*)** and up to the end of the meeting.

With a view to rationalizing document distribution during meetings, working party members are reminded that they will receive only the documents which concern them. You are therefore requested to specify clearly, on the registration form, the various working parties you wish to attend.

11 For sessions that are scheduled to be held with interpretation, please note that interpretation will actually be provided only where Member States so request, by means of the registration form, or a special notice to TSB, and **at least one month before the start of the sessions in question**. It is imperative that this deadline be respected in order for TSB to make the necessary arrangements for interpretation.

12 We are pleased to inform you that a limited number of fellowships, which may be either full or partial, will be awarded based on available funding to facilitate participation from Least Developed or Low Income Developing Countries. An application must be authorized by the relevant Administration of the ITU Member State and be limited to only one person per country. The fellowship request form, enclosed as **Annex 7**, should be returned to ITU not later than **2 December 2011**. Please note that at WTSA-08, the Heads of Delegation committed that their candidate chairmen and vice-chairmen would be provided with the necessary resources to fulfill the duties of their office for the full four year term and that it was therefore recognized that the chairmen and vice-chairmen will not receive financial assistance from ITU.

13 Wireless LAN facilities are available for use by delegates in the ITU main conference room areas and in the CICG (Geneva International Conference Centre) building. Wired network access continues to be available in the ITU Montbrillant building. Detailed information is available on the ITU-T website (<http://www.itu.int/ITU-T/edh/faqs-support.html>).

14 For your convenience, a hotel confirmation form is enclosed as **Annex 6** (see <http://www.itu.int/travel/> for the list of hotels).

15 We would like to remind you that citizens of some countries are required to obtain a visa in order to enter and spend any time in Switzerland. **The visa must be requested at least four (4) weeks before the date of beginning of the meeting** and obtained from the office (embassy or consulate) representing Switzerland in your country or, if there is no such office in your country, from the one that is closest to the country of departure. If problems are encountered, the Union can, at the official request of the administration or entity you represent, approach the competent Swiss authorities in order to facilitate delivery of the visa but only within the period mentioned of four weeks. Any such request must specify the name and functions, date of birth, number, dates of issue and expiry of passport of the individual(s) for whom the visa(s) is/are requested and be accompanied by a copy of the notification of confirmation of registration approved for the ITU-T meeting in question, and must be sent to TSB by fax (+41 22 730 5853) or e-mail (tsbreg@itu.int) bearing the words **“visa request”**.

Yours faithfully,

Malcolm Johnson
Director of the Telecommunication
Standardization Bureau

**Annexes: 7**

ANNEX 1
(to TSB Collective letter 4/3)

***Meeting of ITU-T SG3
Geneva, 16 – 20 January 2012***

***Draft Agenda for the Study Group plenaries***

**1 Opening plenary meeting**

1.1 Opening of the meeting

1.2 Adoption of the agenda and other administrative issues

1.3 Results of SG3 work and follow-up actions (including preparations for WTSA and proposals regarding texts of Questions for the next Study Period)

1.4 Progress reports on the work of the regional groups

1.5 Results of other ITU meetings related to Study Group 3

 Results of the meetings of other study groups related to Study Group 3

1.6 Examination of documents available

1.7 Procedural notifications

**2 Closing plenary meeting**

2.1 Reports of the meetings of Working Parties, Questions, and ad hoc groups

2.2 Approval of Recommendations under TAP *(none for this meeting)*

2.3 Determination of Recommendations under TAP

2.4 Deletion or renumbering of Recommendations

2.5 Approval or deletion of Supplements

2.6 Liaison statements

2.7 Recommendation status and work plans

2.8 Dates of future meetings

2.9 Other business

2.10 Closure of the meeting

ANNEX 2
(to TSB Collective letter 4/3)

***Meeting of ITU-T SG3
Geneva, 16 – 20 January 2012***

***Draft Agenda for Working Party 1/3***

1 Opening of the meeting

2 Adoption of the agenda

3 Inventory of available documents

4 Review of Working Party 1/3 activities and approval of report of previous meeting

5 Examination of study items

5.1 Mobile Communications

5.2 “IP Telephony”

5.3 International Internet Connectivity, including IP peering and cost of provision of services

5.4 Traffic Flow Multifactors and Internet Traffic Flow Methodology

5.5 Next Generation Networks (NGN)

5.6 Accounting and settlement based on IP Data Records (IPDR)

5.7 Charging and accounting principles associated with enhanced signalling

5.8 Other charging, accounting, and economic issues arising out of use of next-generation networks and any future development

6 Liaison issues

7 Other business

8 Closure of the meeting

ANNEX 3
(to TSB Collective letter 4/3)

***Meeting of ITU-T SG3
Geneva, 16 – 20 January 2012***

***Draft Agenda for Working Party 2/3***

1 Opening of the meeting

2 Adoption of the agenda

3 Inventory of available documents

4 Review of Working Party 2/3 activities and approval of report of previous meeting

5 Examination of study items

5.1 Mobile Communications

5.2 Mobile Termination Rate

5.3 Fixed Termination Rate

5.4 Flat Rate for Mobile

5.5 Flat Rate for Fixed

5.6 Flat Rate for Fixed to Mobile and vice-versa

5.7 Accounting and Settlement Rates for Fixed

5.8 Alternative Accounting Procedures (e.g. changes in deadlines for settlements)

5.9 Mobile Roaming

5.10 Tariff Issues for Cross-Border Connectivity for Mobile

5.11 Tariff Issues for Short Message Service (SMS) and Multimedia Messaging Service (MMS)

5.12 Leased Line Tariff

5.13 Transit Traffic

5.14 Alternative Calling Procedures (e.g. call-back, re-file)

5.15 Guidelines Based on International and Regional Practices for Resolution of Disputes Regarding Charging (e.g duration, origin of traffic, etc.)

5.16 Accounting and Settlement Procedures, including their Evolution

6 Liaison issues

7 Other business

8 Closure of the meeting

ANNEX 4
(to TSB Collective letter 4/3)

***Meeting of ITU-T SG3
Geneva, 16 – 20 January 2012***

***Draft Agenda for Working Party 3/3***

1 Opening of the meeting

2 Adoption of the agenda

3 Inventory of available documents

4 Review of Working Party 3/3 activities and approval of report of previous meeting

5 Examination of study items

5.1 Policy and Economic Issues

5.2 Network Externalities

5.3 Universal Service Obligations

5.4 Impact of the Choice of Accounting Rate Currency

5.5 Impact of Convergence of Services

5.6 International Telecommunication Regulations

5.7 Revenue Protection Mechanisms

5.8 Misuse of Facilities and Services (see WTSA Resolution 20)

5.9 Financial Aspects of Network Security

6 Liaison issues

7 Other business

8 Closure of the meeting

ANNEX 5
(to TSB Collective letter 4/3)

***Meeting of ITU-T SG3
Geneva, 16 – 20 January 2012***

***Timetable***

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|  | **Monday16 January 2012** | **Tuesday17 January 2012** | **Wednesday18 January 2012** | **Thursday19 January 2012** | **Friday20 January 2012** |
|  | **am** | **pm** | **am** | **pm** | **am** | **pm** | **am** | **pm** | **am** | **pm** |
| *Plenary* | ---- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | ---- | ---- |
| *WP 1/3* |  | ---- |  |  | ---- |  |  |  |  |  |
| *WP 2/3* |  |  | ---- |  |  | ---- |  |  |  |  |
| *WP 3/3* |  |  |  | ---- |  |  | ---- |  |  |  |
| *Developing country issues* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | (1) |  |  |
| *Ad-hoc meetings* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | (2) |  |  |

----: Meetings scheduled

(1) Meeting will be scheduled as needed

(2) Ad-hoc meetings will be scheduled as needed

The Management Team will meet on Sunday, 15 January

On 23-24 January 2012, there will be a workshop on apportionment of revenues in providing international telecommunications services (including international Internet connectivity and the possible application of the concept of network externalities).

 ANNEX 6
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| *This confirmation form* ***should be sent direct*** *to the hotel**of your choice* |

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|  | **INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION** |  |

**TELECOMMUNICATION STANDARDIZATION SECTOR**

*SG/WP meeting ------------------------------------- from ------------------------- to ----------------------- in Geneva*

*Confirmation of the reservation made on (date) ------------------------- with (hotel) --------------------------------*

***at the ITU preferential tariff***

*------------ single/double room(s)*

*arriving on (date) --------------------------- at (time) ------------- departing on (date) -------------------------------*

***GENEVA TRANSPORT CARD :*** *Hotels and residences in the canton of Geneva now provide a free "Geneva Transport Card" valid for the duration of the stay. This card will give you free access to Geneva public transport, including buses, trams, boats and trains as far as Versoix and the airport.*

*Family name* -------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

*First name*  ------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

*Address*  ------------------------------------------------------------------------ *Tel: -------------------------------*

*----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------- Fax: -------------------------------*

*----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------- E-mail:* ------------------------------

*Credit card to guarantee this reservation*: AX/VISA/DINERS/EC (*or* *other) -----------------------------------*

*No.* -------------------------------------------------------- *valid until* -------------------------------------------------

*Date* ------------------------------------------------------ *Signature*  ---------------------------------------------------

ANNEX 7
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|  | **Meeting of ITU-T Study Group 3****Geneva, Switzerland, 16-20 January 2012** |  |
| **Please return to:** | **ITU/BDT** **Geneva (Switzerland)** | **E-mail :** **bdtfellowships@itu.int** **Tel: +41 22 730 5487**  **Fax: +41 22 730 5778** |
| **Request for a full/partial fellowship to be submitted before 2 December 2011** |
|  | Participation of women is encouraged |  |
| **Country: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_****Name of the Administration or Organization: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_****Mr. / Ms. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(family name) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(given name)****Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |
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| CONDITIONS **(Please select your preference in “condition” 2 below)** |
| 1. One full or **partial** fellowship per eligible country.
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| 1. For partial fellowship, ITU is requested to cover either one of the following:
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| □ **Economy class air ticket (duty station / Geneva / duty station).** |
| **□ Daily subsistence allowance intended to cover accommodation, meals & misc. expenses.**1. It is imperative that fellows be present from the first day to the end of the meeting.
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| **Signature of fellowship candidate:** | **Date:** |
| **TO VALIDATE FELLOWSHIP REQUEST, NAME, TITLE AND SIGNATURE OF CERTIFYING OFFICIAL DESIGNATING PARTICIPANT MUST BE COMPLETED BELOW WITH OFFICIAL STAMP.** |
| **Signature** | **Date** |