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| **Telecommunication StandardizationBureau** |  |
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 Geneva, 14 March 2013

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| Ref: | **TSB Collective letter 1/3** |  |
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* ITU-T Sector Members,
* ITU-T Associates participating in the work of Study Group 3 and
* ITU-T Academia
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| Subject: | **Meeting of Study Group 3Geneva, 27-31 May 2013** |

Dear Sir/Madam,

It is my pleasure to invite you to attend Study Group 3 (*Economic and policy issues*) which is to meet at ITU headquarters, Geneva, from 27 to 31 May 2013 inclusive. (See TSB Circular [230](http://www.itu.int/md/T09-TSB-CIR-0230/en) of 23 September 2011).

I should like to inform you that the meeting will open at 9:30 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. Additional information about the meeting is set forth in **Annex A**.

The draft **Agenda** of the meeting, as prepared by agreement with the Chairman of Study Group 3, (Mr Seiichi Tsugawa) is set out in **Annex B**. The draft **Timetable**, as prepared by agreement with the Chairman of Study Group 3, is set out in **Annex C.**

I wish you a productive and enjoyable meeting.

Yours faithfully,

Malcolm Johnson
Director of the Telecommunication
Standardization Bureau

Annexes: 3

**ANNEX A**

**MAKING CONTRIBUTIONS**

**DEADLINES FOR CONTRIBUTIONS:** The deadline for contributions is 12 (twelve) calendar days before the meeting. Such contributions will be published on the Study Group 3 website and must therefore be received by TSB **not later than 8 May 2013**. Contributions received at least **two** months before the start of the meeting may be translated, if requested (no later than 27 March 2013).

**DIRECT POSTING/DOCUMENT SUBMISSION:** A direct posting system for contributions is available on-line. The direct posting system allows ITU-T members to reserve contribution numbers and to upload/revise contributions directly to the ITU-T web server. Further information and guidelines for the new direct posting system are available at the following address: <http://itu.int/net/ITU-T/ddp/>.

**TEMPLATES:** Please use the provided set of templates to prepare your contribution. The templates are accessible from each ITU-T study group web page, under “Delegate resources” (<http://itu.int/ITU-T/studygroups/templates>). The name, fax and telephone numbers and e-mail address of the person to be contacted about the contribution should be indicated on the cover page of all documents.

**WORK METHODS AND FACILITIES**

**INTERPRETATION** will be available upon request for the opening and closing plenary of the meeting. For sessions that are scheduled to be held with interpretation, please note that interpretation only will be provided if a Member State so requests by checking the corresponding box on the registration form, or by sending a written request to TSB, **at least one month before the first day of the meeting** (no later than 27 April 2013). It is imperative that this deadline be respected in order for TSB to make the necessary arrangements for interpretation.

**PAPERLESS MEETINGS:** In agreement with its Chairman, Mr Seiichi Tsugawa, Study Group 3 will take further steps towards working in a fully electronic environment. The meeting will therefore be run paperless.

**WIRELESS LAN** facilities are available for use by delegates in all ITU meeting rooms and in the CICG (Geneva International Conference Centre) building. Detailed information is available on the ITU-T website (<http://itu.int/ITU-T/edh/faqs-support.html>).

**E-LOCKERS** are available on the ground floor of the Montbrillant building. Your ITU RFID badge opens and closes the e-locker. Your e-locker is available only for the period of the meeting you are attending, so please ensure that you empty the locker before 23:59 on the last day of the meeting.

**LOAN LAPTOPS:** The ITU Service Desk (servicedesk@itu.int) has available a limited number of laptops on a first-come, first-serve basis, for those who do not have one.

**PRINTERS:** Printers are available in the cyber café on the second basement level of the Tower building, on the ground floor of the Montbrillant building and near the major meeting rooms, for delegates who wish to print documents.

**E-PRINTING:** In addition to the "traditional" print method using printer queues that need to be installed on the user's computer or device, printing documents via e-mail ("e-print") is now possible. The procedure is simply to attach the documents to be printed to an email, that is sent to the desired printer email address (in the form printername@eprint.itu.int). No driver installation is required. For more details, please see <http://itu.int/ITU-T/go/e-print>.

**REGISTRATION, NEW DELEGATES and FELLOWSHIPS**

**REGISTRATION** To enable TSB to make the necessary arrangements, please send by letter, fax (+41 22 730 5853) or e-mail (tsbreg@itu.int) **not later than 27 April 2013**, 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).

**Please note that pre-registration of participants to ITU-T meetings is carried out *online* at the ITU-T website (**http://itu.int/ITU-T/studygroups/com**3).**

**NEW DELEGATES** are invited to attend a **MENTORING PROGRAMME**, including a welcome briefing upon registration, guided visit of ITU headquarters and orientation session on ITU-T. Please check the corresponding box on the registration form if you would like to participate.

**FELLOWSHIPS:** We are pleased to inform you that one full or two partial fellowships per administration will be awarded, subject to available funding, to facilitate participation from Least Developed or Low Income Developing Countries (<http://itu.int/en/ITU-T/info/Pages/resources.aspx>). An application for a fellowship must be authorized by the relevant Administration of the ITU Member State. Fellowship requests (please use enclosed **Form 1)**, must be returned to ITU not later than **16 April 2013.** Please note that the decision criteria to grant a fellowship include: the available TSB budget; contributions by the applicant to the meeting; equitable distribution among countries and regions; and gender balance.

**KEY DEADLINES (before meeting)**

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| Two months | 27 March 2013 | - submit contributions for which translation is requested |
| Six weeks | 16 April 2013 | - fellowship requests |
| One month | 27 April 2013 | - requests for interpretation at opening and/or closing plenary- requests for visas- registration |
| 12 Calendar days | 8 May 2013 | - final deadline for contributions |

**VISITING GENEVA: HOTELS AND VISAS**

**HOTELS:** For your convenience, a hotel reservation form is enclosed (Form 2). A list of hotels can be found at <http://itu.int/travel/>

**VISAS:** Please remember that citizens of some countries are required to obtain a visa in order to enter and spend 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”**.

**FORM 1 - FELLOWSHIP REQUEST**

(to TSB Collective letter 1/3)

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|  | **ITU-T Study Group 3 meeting****Geneva, Switzerland, 27 – 31 May 2013** |  |
| **Please return to:** | **ITU** **Geneva (Switzerland)** | **E-mail :** **bdtfellowships@itu.int** **Tel: +41 22 730 5227**  **Fax: +41 22 730 5778** |
| **Request for one full fellowship or two partial fellowships to be submitted before16 April 2013** |
| Submission of Contributions is encouraged | Participation of women is encouraged |  |
| Registration Confirmation I.D. No: ……………………………………………………………………………(Note: It is imperative for fellowship holders to pre-register via the online registration form at: <http://www.itu.int/ITU-T/studygroups/com3> **Country: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_****Name of the Administration or Organization: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_****Mr. / Ms. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(family name) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(given name)****Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |
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| **Please select your preference**  |
| 1. **□** One full fellowship     or **□** two partial fellowships (per eligible country).
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| 1. In case of two partial fellowships, choose 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.** |
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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.****N.B. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT FELLOWS BE PRESENT FROM THE FIRST DAY TO THE END OF THE MEETING.** |
| **Signature** | **Date** |

**FORM 2 - HOTELS**

(to TSB Collective letter 1/3)

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| *This confirmation form* ***should be sent directly*** *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 B**

(to TSB Collective letter 1/3)

**Meeting of Study Group 3
Geneva, 27 – 31 May 2013**

**Draft Agenda**

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|  | **Documents** |
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| **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  |  |
| 1.4 Progress reports on the work of the regional groups |  |
| 1.5 Results of other ITU meetings related to Study Group 3 |  |
| 1.6 Examination of documents available |  |
| 1.7 Procedural notifications |  |
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| **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 |  |
| 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 |  |

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**ANNEX C**(to TSB Collective letter 1/3)

**Meeting of Study Group 3
Geneva, 27-31 May 2013**

**Draft Timetable**

***Timetable***

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|  | **Monday27 May 2013** | **Tuesday28 May 2013** | **Wednesday29 May 2013** | **Thursday30 May 2013** | **Friday31 May 2013** |
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| *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 26 May 2013