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| Ref:Tel:Fax:Email:  | **TSB Circular 61**TSB Workshops/A.N.+41 22 730 5780+41 22 730 5853tsbworkshops@itu.int  | - To Administrations of Member States of the Union;- To ITU-T Sector Members;- To ITU-T Associates;- To ITU-T Academia**Copy:** - To the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of ITU-T Study Groups;- To the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau;- To the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau;- To the Head of the ITU Area Office for CIS Countries, Moscow;- To the Permanent Mission of Russia in Geneva |
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| **Subject:** | **ITU Workshop on “Counterfeit Products: Making ICTs a part of the solution” (Kyiv, Ukraine, 28-29 April 2014** ) |

Dear Sir/Madam,

1 I would like to inform you that the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is organizing a workshop on **“Counterfeit Products: Making ICTs a part of the solution”** from
28 to 29 April 2014. This event will be kindly hosted by the Ukrainian State Centre of Radio Frequencies (UCRF) in Kyiv, Ukraine with the support of the Ukraine Administration.

This workshop is organized pursuant to a decision of PP-10 Resolution 177 which instructs “*the Director of TSB, in close collaboration with the Director of BDT and BR, to assist Member States in addressing their concerns with respect to counterfeit equipment*”. ITU-T SG11 is studying counterfeit issues in ITU-T and it encourages exchange of information, experience and opinions about this topic according to the [SG11 Action plan](http://www.itu.int/md/T13-SG11-130225-TD-GEN-0070/en).

The workshop will open at 0930 hours. Participants’ registration will begin at 0830 hours.

2 Discussions will be held in English and Russian with simultaneous interpretation.

3 Participation is open to ITU Member States, Sector Members, Associates and Academic Institutions and to any individual from a country which 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. The workshop is free of charge.

4 Nowadays, counterfeit ICT product is recognized as a growing worldwide problem with high negative influence on all ICT players (vendors, governments, operators, customers). In order to

reduce negative impacts of counterfeit mobile devices, some countries have already launched their own systems in their market (e.g. Ukraine, India, Kenya, Turkey, etc.). It is observed that these practices with positive effect share some common approaches which might benefit other developing countries and other type of ICT products than mobile devices.

This workshop will investigate the scope, dimension of counterfeit ICT issue, share experience of current best practices, discuss whether a possible framework could be derived from the common approach and focus on how ITU as well as other International organizations could assist developing countries to combat counterfeit ICT products.

It will be attended by leading specialists in the field from International organizations, telecom experts, regulators, government officials, standards experts and other related stakeholders.

A draft program of the workshop will be available on the workshop website at: <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/C-I/Pages/Kyiv_WSHP_counterfeiting_Apr14.aspx>. Please do not hesitate to contact Mr Denis Andreev (denis.andreev@itu.int) if you need additional information about the event.

5 **Accommodation:** Detailed information on hotel accommodation, transfer, visa and health requirements will be available on the event website: <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/C-I/Pages/Kyiv_WSHP_counterfeiting_Apr14.aspx>.

6 **Fellowships:** Unfortunately, ITU will not be able to provide fellowships due to budget restrictions.

7 **Registration**: To enable the host to make the necessary arrangements concerning the organization of the workshop, please register via the online registration form available at <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/C-I/Pages/Kyiv_WSHP_counterfeiting_Apr14.aspx>, as soon as possible, but **not later than 10 April 2014**.

8 We would remind you that citizens of some countries are required to obtain a visa in order
to enter and spend any time in Ukraine. The visa must be requested and obtained from the Ukraine
Embassy in your country, or if there is no such office in your country, from the one that is closest
to the country of departure. Participants who require an invitation letter to facilitate their entry visa
are requested to address such request to: **Mr Dmytro Protsenko, Deputy Head of Radio
Frequency Assignments Directorate, UCRF (Tel: +380 44 4228155; Fax: +380 44 4228181; Email:** **protsenko@ucrf.gov.ua****).**

Yours faithfully,

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