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| Subject: | **Invitation to the third ITU test event, followed by a Roundtable, on compatibility of mobile phones and vehicle hands-free terminals (Bangkok, Thailand, 15‑16 November 2016)** |

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to invite you to participate in the [**third ITU test event**](http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/C-I/Pages/HFT-mobile-tests/test_event_3.aspx) on performance assessment of mobile phones as gateways to car hands-free systems according to Recommendations ITU-T [P.1100](http://www.itu.int/ITU-T/recommendations/rec.aspx?rec=12415) and ITU-T [P.1110](http://www.itu.int/ITU-T/recommendations/rec.aspx?rec=12416).

Many phone users and car owners are concerned about the connectivity and voice quality of mobile phones wirelessly connected with vehicle hands-free terminals (HFTs). At the request of the automotive industry, ITU has previously organized two test events on conformity assessment for mobile phones in accordance with Recommendations ITU-T [P.1100](http://www.itu.int/ITU-T/recommendations/rec.aspx?rec=12415) and ITU-T [P.1110](http://www.itu.int/ITU-T/recommendations/rec.aspx?rec=12416).

Mobile phones which successfully passed tests at the [first](http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/C-I/Pages/test_event_Feb14.aspx) and [second ITU test event](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/C-I/Pages/HFT-mobile-tests/test_event_2.aspx) (May 2014 and May 2016) are listed in a “[Whitelist](http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/C-I/Pages/HFT-mobile-tests/HFT_testing.aspx)” which has been used by automotive companies to recommend their customers use whitelisted phones in cars.

These events have drawn the attention of mobile phone vendors. For more background information such as issue description, common faults and result audio samples, please see the dedicated [web page](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/C-I/Pages/HFT-mobile-tests/HFT_testing.aspx).

The **third test event** is scheduled to take place in Bangkok, Thailand on **15 and 16 November 2016** during ITU Telecom World ([www.telecomworld.itu.int](http://www.telecomworld.itu.int)), which is the global platform for governments, corporations and small and medium enterprises (SMEs) working to accelerate ICT innovation for social and economic development.

In the **third test event**, tests will be run in accordance with chapter 12 of Recommendations ITU-T [P.1100](http://www.itu.int/ITU-T/recommendations/rec.aspx?rec=12415) and ITU-T [P.1110](http://www.itu.int/ITU-T/recommendations/rec.aspx?rec=12416) (narrowband and wideband hands-free communication in motor vehicles, respectively). Participation is open to car manufacturers, (HFT) system suppliers, mobile network operators and mobile phone vendors.

Participants should provide ITU with mobile phones to be tested in one of two ways: participants may ship the mobile phones to ITU in advance by **27 October 2016** at the latest, or participants may bring the mobile phones on-site on the first day of the event.

The test event will be followed by a **Roundtable** among the automotive and mobile phone industries to discuss future actions to improve connectivity and voice quality of mobile phones wirelessly connected with vehicle hands-free terminals, including a proposal to introduce a special logo which may appear on a HFT’s display in a car when a ‘whitelisted’ phone connects to it. The Participation in the Roundtable is free of charge and is open to participants of any one of these three ITU test events and/or on-demand testing and invited experts. The mobile vendors whose phones have been tested at these events may also participate in the Roundtable.

Participants of the test event and Roundtable will be registered with an Exhibition pass, granting access to the show floor for the duration of [ITU Telecom World](http://telecomworld.itu.int/), 14-17 November 2016.

The terms and conditions (including the participation fee) are available on the event’s [web page](http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/C-I/Pages/HFT-mobile-tests/test_event_3.aspx). A draft agenda for the third test event and the Roundtable is available in **Annex 1**.

I would appreciate if you could indicate your interest by sending a request to conformity@itu.int by **15 October 2016** at the latest.

Furthermore, I would like to mention that ITU offers [on-demand testing](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/C-I/Pages/HFT-mobile-tests/ODT.aspx), which is an additional opportunity for manufacturers, car industries and telecom providers to test devices in order to have them “whitelisted”. On-demand testing can be coordinated by ITU **at any time** in synchronization with the individual development cycle of a new phone model. If you are interested in on-demand testing, please contact conformity@itu.int.

Yours faithfully,

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Director of the Telecommunication
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**Annex: 1**

ANNEX 1
(to TSB Circular 240)

**Third ITU test event and Roundtable**

**Draft agenda**

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| **DAY 1: Tuesday, 15 November 2016** |
| **8:30-9:30** | **Registration of participants** |
| **9:30-9:40** | **Opening the test event and approval of the agenda** |
| **9:40-11:20** | **SLOT 1 Testing** |
| **11:20-13:00** | **SLOT 2 Testing** |
| **13:00-14:00** | **Lunch** |
| **14:00-15:40** | **SLOT 3 Testing** |
| **15:40-17:20** | **SLOT 4 Testing** |
| **17:20-17:40** | **Discussion of the testing results** |
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| **DAY 2: Wednesday, 16 November 2016** |
| **9:30-11:10** | **SLOT 5 Testing** |
| **11:10-12:50** | **SLOT 5 Testing** |
| **12:50-14:00** | **Lunch** |
| **14:00-17:00** | **ROUNDTABLE** |
| **17:00-17:30** | **Closing** |

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