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Subject: ITU/ICT Regional Seminar on Network Evolution to Next Generation Networks and Fixed Mobile Convergence, Moscow, Russian Federation, 27-30 April 2004

Dear Sir/Madam,

At the kind invitation of the Ministry for Communications and Informatization of the Russian Federation and in collaboration with the International Teletraffic Congress (ITC) and Regional Commonwealth in the Field of Communications (RCC), the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) is organizing an **ITU/ICT Seminar on Network Evolution to Next Generation Networks and Fixed Mobile Convergence** for Central Eastern European countries (CEE), Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) and Baltic States, which will take place in **Moscow, Russian Federation, from 27 to 30 April 2004.**

Today's technology savvy young person will soon be a key decision maker at home and at work. This "next generation user" is the target customer who will demand and expect multimedia services, security, personalization and mobility for enhanced productivity and user experience as normal. Next Generation Networks (NGNs) must meet the demands of these next generation users.

There are now more mobile users than fixed users. This increasing "demographic" shift requires an essential re-examination of the relationship between fixed and mobile networks. It also makes it very clear that mobility must be a core capability of the NGN.

The key objectives of this seminar are to provide an overview of convergence in its widest sense (Telecom/IT/Broadcast), then to focus on near term convergence topics including fixed and mobile, Telecom + IT. The seminar will include identification of directions and work topics for proceeding forward from near term convergence.

The Call for Presentations and the Draft Program of the seminar are herewith attached for your information and participation.

The seminar will be conducted in English with simultaneous interpretation into Russian. It is, however, preferable if participants would have an appropriate knowledge of English.

Your Administration / Regulator is invited to participate in this event. The ITU will offer partial fellowships limited to **one** participant per country on first arrived first served basis covering the cost of accommodation and miscellaneous expenses.

Please note that the cost of travel should be covered by your Administration / Regulator.

In this respect, should either your Administration or Regulator require a partial fellowship, you are requested to kindly fill in the attached Fellowship Nomination Form and return it to the ITU by fax (No. +41 22 730 57 78) **by Friday 9 April 2004 at the latest.**

You are requested to fill in and fax to us, by the above-mentioned date, the attached Registration Form for all participants.

Those participants requiring entry visa to the Russian Federation are requested to fill in the attached Visa Assistance Form and fax it to the Russian Administration **no later than Thursday 1 April 2004.** You will be able to apply for Russian entry visa to the Russian Consulate in your country as soon as you are informed by the host Administration about its readiness.

Other administrative details (hotel booking, venue of the seminar, etc) as well as the final Program of the seminar will be forwarded to you at a later stage and made available on the BDT website:

<http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/imt-2000/BDTActivities.html>

Please note that this seminar will be a paperless event and the CDs with presentations will be distributed at the registration desk in Moscow.. Nevertheless, if participants wish to have the presentations in paper they are encouraged to print them from the above-mentioned website of the seminar.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,

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Director