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Subject: ICT Development Index

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to inform you of the latest developments related to the ICT Development Index. As communicated earlier (Circular [BDT/DKH/IDA/057](#)), the Secretariat advanced a proposal for publishing the ICT Development Index in 2020. The proposal was presented to the Expert Groups on Telecom/ICT Indicators (EGTI) and on Household indicators (EGH) during a [meeting](#) on 14 September 2020 for their consideration. Since the meeting ended without a conclusion owing to a lack of time, a [follow-up meeting](#) was organized on 29 September 2020 to complete the discussion and reach a conclusion (Circular [BDT/DKH/IDA/060](#)). During this second meeting, no consensus on the proposal could be reached, with the meeting divided between members in support of and opposed to the proposal. Accordingly, there was no agreement that would enable publication of the IDI at this time.

We have submitted a report on these developments to the second virtual consultation of councillors in November 2020 for them to consider. The Secretariat remains available for further consultation, will continue to explore possible ways forward, and counts on your continued cooperation in collecting vital ICT data.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'DB' with a flourish.

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Director