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Subject: **End of Initial validation process: ITU-ESCAP Interactive Terrestrial (Optical Fibers and Microwaves) Transmission Maps and Disaster Connectivity Map Initiative for ASP Region**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Within the framework of the implementation of the ITU-ESCAP Project for the implementation of the [Interactive Terrestrial Transmission Maps](#) for ASP and further to the two Circular Letters, Request for Information ([RFI](#)) sent in January 2013 and [Validation Process](#) sent in March 2013), which were circulated in the Region, we are pleased to announce that ITU and ESCAP have collected substantial input from the concerned stakeholders, compiled the first version of the map, and implemented the validation process on the secure ITU TIES website.

Please note that the data collected for your network is coming from reliable publically available source and has been given a Validation Status of Green (see definition below). The map was officially launched in October 2013 and, unless we are advised otherwise, this information is therefore ready to be publicly disclosed.

Traffic Light	Description from where information was collected
	<p>Green Traffic Light: Information was sourced from an authentic, reliable publicly available source (such as a company website, annual report, presentation, or other publication), and has been deliberately put into the public domain by the network operator or administration (it is therefore not confidential). <i>The information is current and correct, and there is no reason why a public version could not be put into the public domain.</i></p>

The [validation process](#) of the collected data for your network will be closed at the end of November 2019 and therefore we kindly ask you to check the [data under TIES website](#) and provide further comments and feedback, if any, by the above mentioned deadline. After 30 November 2019, the **data of your network will be part of the Interactive Terrestrial (Optical Fibers and Microwaves) Transmission Maps to be disclosed in to the public domain on the ITU website.**

In addition, the Philippines will be a pilot country for the Disaster Connectivity Map initiative that the ITU is undertaking in partnership with the Emergency Telecom Cluster (ETC), and the data for PLDT that is included in the ITU Transmission Map will also be displayed in the Disaster Connectivity Map. The Disaster Connectivity Map initiative was presented at the [Global Forum on Emergency Telecommunications](#) (GET-19), which took place in March 2019 in Mauritius. The objective of this initiative is to build a partnership for the development of a (near) live map that during times of disasters can provide information on the type, level and quality of connectivity that is available on the ground. This map will help first responders, the government and others that are setting up connectivity following disasters to make decisions on where to deploy scarce human and financial resources (https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Emergency-Telecommunications/Documents/2019/GET_2019/Partnerships-for-Saving-Lives-Disaster-Connectivity-Map-Concept-Note.pdf).

With your help and collaboration ITU will continue working to make this worldwide transmission map as accurate and up-to-date as possible. I look forward to receiving your feedback.

Sincerely yours,



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