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To Administrations of Member States of ITU and Radiocommunication Sector Members

Subject: Seventeenth meeting of the Radiocommunication Advisory Group,
Geneva, 17-19 February 2010

1 The seventeenth meeting of the Radiocommunication Advisory Group (RAG) is to be held at the ITU headquarters in Geneva from 17-19 February 2010 inclusive. As stated in Article 11A of the ITU Convention, the RAG is open to representatives of administrations of Member States and representatives of Sector Members and to the Chairmen of the study groups and other groups. The principal duties of the RAG are, *inter alia*, to review priorities, programmes, operations, financial matters and strategies related to Radiocommunication Assemblies, study groups and the preparation of radiocommunication conferences, and any specific matters as directed by a conference of the Union, a Radiocommunication Assembly or the Council. The RAG recommends measures to foster cooperation and coordination with other standards bodies, with the Telecommunication Standardization Sector, the Telecommunication Development Sector and the General Secretariat.

2 The draft agenda of the meeting has been established in consultation with the Chairman of RAG, and is contained in **Annex 1**.

3 I would like to take this opportunity to invite contributions related to the respective agenda items.

4 Contributions should be submitted to the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau (BR), in electronic form, at brrag@itu.int, which will accelerate their availability through the web. Contributions should be received by BR ***no later than 15 December 2009***, with a view to providing the documents in six languages. Contributions received by the Director after that date will be published in the original language only. A copy of each contribution should also be sent to the RAG Chairman and Vice-Chairmen at the addresses given in **Annex 2**.

5 The RAG meeting will open at 1000 hours on 17 February 2010 in Room B (2nd Basement, ITU Tower Building) and registration will begin at 0830 hours on 17 February 2010 in the entrance of the Montbrillant building. The RAG meeting will complete its work at 1700 hours on 19 February 2010.

6 The cost of travel and accommodation in Geneva for participants is the responsibility of the administration/organization concerned. A number of hotels in Geneva and the surrounding area have agreed to offer preferential rates to delegates participating in ITU conferences and meetings. Information on the list of these hotels, as well as on the procedure to follow for the reservation of hotels, is available from the ITU website (see <http://www.itu.int/travel/index.html>). Bookings must be made by delegates in their own name, without going through a travel agent or airline company. Bookings should be sent by post or fax directly to the hotel using the form attached (**Annex 3**).

7 It is intended that delegate registration for the RAG will be carried out exclusively online. For the sixteenth meeting, RAG-09, each Member State/Sector Member was requested to designate a Focal Point to be responsible for the handling of all registration requests belonging to his/her administration/organization. The list of DFPs designated for that meeting (2009) will be used for the seventeenth meeting of the RAG. The username and ID number to access the online registration will be sent electronically on Friday, 13 November. Online registration will commence on 1 December. Annex 4 is to be completed **only** if a Member State or Sector Member wishes to modify the Focal Point currently indicated on the webpage for RAG-10.

8 Visa requirements

We would like to remind delegates and participants that citizens of some countries are required to obtain a visa in order to enter and spend time in Switzerland. **The visa must be requested at least three (3) weeks prior to the opening of the meetings** and obtained from the office (embassy or consulate) representing Switzerland in the respective country of origin. In cases where there is no such office in the country, the visa should be obtained from the office that is closest to the country of departure. If problems are encountered, the Union can, at the official request of the administration or entity being represented, approach the competent Swiss authorities in order to facilitate the delivery of the visa, however, this procedure will require three weeks as mentioned above. Any such request must be accompanied by the approved registration form related to the ITU conference or meeting in question.

For further information see <http://www.itu.int/ITU-R/go/delegate-reg-info/en>.

Visa requests

For Delegates/Participants who have made their registration request on-line via their respective Member State/Sector Member/Associate DFP, the process for requesting visa support has been simplified. **If ITU Headquarters assistance is required**, the request for support in obtaining a visa may be made by the DFP at the time of completion of the registration request for the individual concerned. On the bottom of the registration form, the DFP will find several questions which must be completed fully and accurately. The required information is as follows:

Date of birth

Passport number

Passport issuance and expiry dates

The visa support procedure will subsequently follow automatically. The Delegate/Participant will be notified via the Confirmation of Registration form sent to his/her e-mail address that the visa support request has been received and is being processed.

9 The Bureau remains at your disposal for any questions concerning this Administrative Circular (contact person in the Radiocommunication Bureau: Mr Fabio Leite, telephone: +41 22 730 5940, e-mail: fabio.leite@itu.int).

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- Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the Conference Preparatory Meeting
- Members of the Radio Regulations Board
- Secretary-General of the ITU, Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau, Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau

ANNEX 1

**Draft agenda for the seventeenth meeting of the
Radiocommunication Advisory Group**

Geneva, 17-19 February 2010

- 1 Opening remarks
- 2 Approval of the agenda
- 3 Decisions of Council-09
- 4 Preparations for PP-10
- 5 Study group activities:
 - 5.1 Working methods of the ITU-R study groups
- 6 WRC issues
 - 6.1 WRC-07 post-conference activities
 - 6.2 WRC-12 preparation
- 7 Draft operational plan for 2011-2014
- 8 Date of next meeting
- 9 Any other business

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ANNEX 2

**Name and address of the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the
Radiocommunication Advisory Group**

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ANNEX 3

This confirmation form should be sent directly to the hotel of your choice



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Confirmation of the reservation made on to hotel

at ITU preferential tariff

..... single/double room from time of arrival..... to

Name:

First name:

Address:

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Tel.: Fax:

Credit card to guarantee this reservation AX/VISA/DINERS/EC

other

No. validity

Date Signature

