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Subject: ITU/BDT Seminar "Readiness for emergency situations and liquidation of their consequences with use of telemedicine and e-Health", Moscow, Russia, 8 – 10 July 2009

Dear Sir/Madam,

At the kind invitation of the Russian Federation Communications Administration, the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is organizing a seminar on "**Readiness for emergency situations and liquidation of their consequences with use of telemedicine and e-Health**", which will take place in Moscow, Russia, from **8 to 10 July 2009**.

The significance of the seminar's subject is explained by the growing number and scope of emergency situations that have resulted in the loss of multiple lives. The use of modern information and communication technologies (ICTs) and ICT applications, such as telemedicine, during emergency situations provides an efficient means to improve disaster preparedness and to increase the efficacy of search-and-rescue operations, thus reducing human and economic losses.

This seminar will examine the current situation regarding the use of ICTs, telemedicine and e-health applications in emergency situations, providing participants the opportunity to exchange ideas on the ways in which these applications can be further developed.

Specialists and managers from national telecommunication administrations, regulators, the staff of scientific and research institutions in charge of e-health matters, telemedicine equipment developers and manufacturers, as well as representatives of other interested organizations in your countries are invited to participate in this seminar. The seminar will be conducted in Russian and English with simultaneous interpretation.

Your Administration/Company/Organization is invited to participate in and lecture at this event. Any presentations and contributions to the organization of the seminar will be highly appreciated and should be notified electronically, **no later than 20 June 2009**, to the attention of Mr. Orozobek Kaiykov, ITU Area Office in Moscow, e-mail: [orozobek.kaiykov@itu.int](mailto:orozobek.kaiykov@itu.int), and Mr. Mikhail Natenzon, Vice-Rapporteur of ITU-D Study Group 2 Question 14-2/2 on Telecommunications for e-Health, e-mail: [mnatenzo@space.ru](mailto:mnatenzo@space.ru).

Although there is no participation fee for this seminar, please note that all the expenses relating to the participation of your representatives at the seminar should be covered by your Administration/organization.

The participants are kindly requested to note the attached Information for Participants, as well as to fill in and fax or e-mail the attached relevant Forms (Registration and Hotel Reservation, Visa Support) to the individuals and by the deadlines specified on these Forms.

Should you have any questions regarding the organization of the seminar or need any further information, please contact the Seminar Coordinator, Mr. Nikolay Nevsky, International Projects Director from the Scientific and Production Association "National Telemedicine Agency", tel. +7 (495) 672-77-17, fax +7 (495) 672-74-88, e-mail: [nevski@tana.ru](mailto:nevski@tana.ru), and Mr. Andrei Untila, Programme Officer, ITU Area Office for CIS, tel: +7 495 926 60 70, fax.: +7 495 926 60 73, e-mail: [andrei.untila@itu.int](mailto:andrei.untila@itu.int).

Yours faithfully,

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Annexes:

1. Draft Agenda
2. Registration Form
3. Information for Participants
4. Hotel Reservation Form
5. Visa Support Form