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To:
- Administrations of ITU Member States
- Regulators
- ITU-D Sector Members
- Academia

Subject: **ITU Regional Workshop on Child Online Protection (COP) for the Europe Region:
            "Empowering the future digital citizens", 25-26 April 2016, Istanbul, Turkey**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have the pleasure to invite your Administration/Organization to the Regional Workshop on Child Online Protection (COP) for the Europe Region: "Empowering the future digital citizens", which will be held from 25 to 26 April 2016 in Istanbul, Turkey.

This Expert Workshop is organized by the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and hosted by the Information and Communication Technologies Authority of Turkey (ICTA).

The Workshop, organized within the framework of the ITU Regional Initiative for Europe on Building confidence and security in the use of telecommunications/ICTs, agreed by the World Telecommunication Development Conference 2014, should provide an opportunity for expert level dialogue between the stakeholders on strategies and policies related to the use of ICTs among children and young people in Europe.

It will cover in particular the existing legal frameworks and policy developments, the role of industry in promoting safety for children, as well as the importance of implementing national roadmaps to enhance child online safety.

Representatives of European Regulatory Agencies, Ministries, Operators of electronic communications, as well as representatives and experts of international organizations and institutions in charge of the regulation and development policy of electronic communications are invited to take part in the Workshop.

Please note that the meeting will be paperless. Documents related to the event, including Agenda, Registration Form, and Practical Information for Participants are posted at http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/Europe/Pages/Events/2016/COP/Child-Online-Protection.aspx

The workshop will be conducted in English.

Participants requiring an entry visa to Turkey should contact their nearest Embassy or Consulate of Turkey for assistance well in advance. Information on visa requirements can be found in the Practical information for Participants.

Mr Jaroslaw Ponder, Coordinator for Europe Region, ITU (telephone: +41 22 730 6065; e-mail: EURregion@itu.int) is at your disposal for any further information you might need.

We look forward to welcoming you in Istanbul.

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

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Annex 1:   Provisional Agenda

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Istanbul, Turkey

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Provisional Agenda
DRAFT PROGRAMME

25 April 2016

9:00 – 9:30   **Registration of participants**

9:30 – 10:00   **Opening Session**

10:00 – 10:45   **Presentation**

         Study on National Activities on Child Online Protection in Europe: findings and outcomes

10:45– 11:15   **Coffee Break**

11:15 – 12:45   **Setting the scene**

         Understanding the digital landscape: opportunities, risks and challenges faced by young children in the online environment

12:45 – 14:30   **Lunch Break**

14:30 – 16:00   **Policy and Legal Measures**

         This session will identify the existing legal frameworks and the need to include provisions that can address crimes related to children such as online harassment and child sexual abuse images. It will also explore the need for new regulations and possible models to be adopted

16:00 – 16:30   **Coffee Break**

16:30 – 18: 00   **Data Collection and Research: Challenges and Consequences**

         This session will highlight the important of research to understand how children use the Internet and how they are affected by the Internet as well as the prevalence of risk.

         It will also discuss how the existence of data on children's use of ICTs can enhance effectiveness of interventions to inform policies and programs

26 April 2016

09:00 – 10:30   **Role of Industry**

This session will discuss how business can promote safety for children using the Internet or any technologies or devices that can connect to it as well as enable responsible digital citizenship, learning and civic participation

10:30 – 11:00   **Coffee Break**

11: 00 – 12:30   **Education and Youth Participation**

This session aims to emphasize the importance of education and school curricula, and to empower young people with skills on how to behave safely online

12:30 – 13:30   **Lunch Break**

13:30 – 15:00   **Building Capacity and Ensuring Victim Re-Integration**

This session will emphasize the importance of improving technical skills and forensic tools for law enforcement officials to investigate and protect children from online crimes. It will also address the importance of ensuring child victim's recovery and integration

15:00 – 15:15   **Conclusions**

The way to move forward: actions and recommendations