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Subject: Postponement of the Second Inter-Regional Meeting (IRM-2) to prepare for the 2021 World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-21)

Dear Sir/Madam,

I refer to my [circular letter BDT/DDR/083](#) dated 13 April 2021 in which I invited you to participate in the Second Inter-Regional Meeting (IRM-2) to prepare for the 2021 World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-21), on 12-13 May 2021.

In view of the consultation currently under way with Member States of Council through [letter DM-21/1010](#) further to the letter received from the government of Ethiopia in which a postponement of WTDC-21 is proposed to 6-15 June 2022 due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, we have consulted with the Chairman of the Inter-Regional Meetings, Dr Ahmedin Mohammed and with the Chairwoman of the Telecommunication Development Advisory Group (TDAG), Ms Roxanne Webber, on the proposed timetable for the remaining IRMs.

In light of the above and in agreement with the Chairman a decision has been made to postpone the second IRM. The scheduling of the IRM-2 and IRM-3 can be determined by TDAG at its meeting on 24-28 May 2021, where the remaining conference preparations will be discussed, as well as the full schedule of meetings and dates that will lead up to the next WTDC.

I would like to encourage you to contribute and participate in the upcoming [TDAG meeting](#) and in the remaining IRMs, once rescheduled.

I take advantage of this occasion to point you towards the reports of the meetings that have already taken place in this preparatory process, which I trust you will find useful:

Regional Preparatory Meeting for Europe for WTDC-21	Chairman's report
Regional Preparatory Meeting for Asia and the Pacific for WTDC-21	Chairman's report
Joint ITU/ATU Regional Preparatory Meeting for Africa for WTDC-21	Chairman's report
Regional Preparatory Meeting for the CIS region for WTDC-21	Chairman's report
Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Arab States for WTDC-21	Chairman's report

Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Americas for WTDC-21	Chairman's report
First Inter-Regional Meeting to prepare for WTDC-21	Chairman's report

Please also be reminded that the **interim Conference Proposal Interface (CPI) for IRM** is now at your disposal from the [IRM landing page](#). Do not hesitate to use this tool to prepare your proposals.

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

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