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Development Bureau (BDT)**

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To:  
Administrations of ITU Member States  
ITU-D Sector Members and  
Regulators in Arab Region

**Subject: Appointment of Mr. Adel Darwish as ITU Regional Director for the Arab States**

Dear Sir/Madam,

It is my pleasure to inform you that the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) has appointed Mr. Adel Darwish as the Regional Director of the ITU Regional Office for the Arab States, based in Cairo, Egypt with effect from 21 June 2020.

Mr. Darwish has a wealth of professional experience in leadership and telecommunication within the industry both as an operator and a regulator in Bahrain and I am certain that his experience will enable him to carry out his duties in the most effective way. I am confident that his appointment will help to enhance and expand ITU's actions, reinforce cooperation, and enrich our common efforts to further improve the development of Telecommunications/ICT networks and services, ensuring that all inhabitants in the Region reap the benefits of Telecommunications/ICT services.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, telecommunications/ICT services have truly become an essential enabler in all aspects of our lives. Therefore, ITU launched the Global Network Resiliency Platform (REG4COVID) to support stakeholders to ensure resilient networks and telecoms services were available to the maximum extent possible. In relation to the Covid-19 crisis, should your country have any specific needs regarding telecommunications please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Darwish.

Mr. Darwish stands ready to assist and support and will take the earliest opportunity, considering the current situation, to visit your country to personally introduce himself. He can be reached via email at: [adel.darwish@itu.int](mailto:adel.darwish@itu.int) and phone number: +202 3537 1777.

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

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