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To ITU Member States

Subject: **Extension of consultation with Member States on possible improvements for the roll-out of the Plenipotentiary Conference**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Further to circular letter [CL-16/48](#), a compilation of the responses received from Member States was presented to the Council Working Group on Financial and Human Resources at its last meeting ([CWG-FHR 7/10](#)). Taking into consideration the importance of the subject, the Council Working Group requested to extend the consultation to give Member States additional time to submit feedback.

I would therefore like to renew my invitation to Member States to submit contributions and views on measures that would increase the efficiency of the Plenipotentiary Conference (PP), in particular:

- 1) strengthening regional and inter-regional preparations;
- 2) reaffirming the role of PP as the Union's highest policy-making body;
- 3) improving electoral processes;
- 4) utilizing up-to-date and integrated conference management tools to increase efficiency and improve the paper-smart practices of the conference; and
- 5) eliminating underutilized interpretation services

When preparing contributions, Member States are encouraged to take into consideration the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit submitted to the 2016 session of Council as contained in [Document C16/49](#), and more precisely paragraphs 28, 55, and 85, as well as Council documents [C16/4](#), [C16/100](#), [C16/120](#), and [CWG-FHR 7/10](#).

Contributions should be sent to [contributions@itu.int](mailto:contributions@itu.int) by **6 March 2017**. Based on this feedback, a document containing refined proposals on PP modernization will be submitted for review at the 2017 Council Session to be held from 15 to 25 May 2017.

Yours faithfully,

*(signed)*

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Secretary-General