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Subject: **World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA-20)**
(23 February to 5 March 2021)
Global Standards Symposium (GSS-20) (22 February 2021)

Dear Sir/Madam,

Further to DM letter [DM-19/1009](#) and circular letter [No. 20/40](#), and in view of the COVID-19 pandemic resulting on restrictions on work and travel, I am pleased to inform you that the next WTSA has been rescheduled in Hyderabad, India, from 23 February to 5 March 2021 after the Global Standards Symposium on 22 February 2021 subject to the restoration of normal work and travel conditions in India and in other Member States.

In accordance with Resolution 169 (Rev. Dubai, 2018), I therefore have great pleasure in hereby inviting your Organization to participate in a non-advisory capacity at WTSA-20. I also invite you to participate in a non-advisory capacity at GSS-20 which will be convened on 22 February 2021, also in Hyderabad, India.

Under separate cover you will soon receive the relevant Circular of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau (TSB) containing information on the organization and arrangements of WTSA-20 and GSS-20.

In line with ITU gender equality and mainstreaming policy and Resolution 198 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) on empowerment of youth through telecommunication/ICT, I would also like to take the opportunity to encourage you to include women and young people in your delegation. As part of my commitments to the [International Gender Champions](#), ITU [reports on the representation of women in all ITU meetings](#)

Yours faithfully,

(signed)

Houlin Zhao
Secretary-General