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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 circular letters [No. 19/53](#) and [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 Article 25 of the Convention of the International Telecommunication Union and Section 3 of the General Rules of Conferences, Assemblies and Meetings of the Union, I therefore have great pleasure in hereby inviting your Government to send a delegation to WTSA-20.

I also invite you to the Global Standards Symposium (GSS-20) which will be convened on 22 February 2021, also in Hyderabad, India. Member States are informed that this invitation is also being sent to Sector Members of the Telecommunication Standardization Sector, to ITU Academia, as well as to all concerned organizations, institutions and entities in conformity with Article 25 of the ITU Convention and Resolution 99 (Rev. Dubai, 2018).

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