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| PREPARATIONS FOR THE WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION STANDARDIZATION ASSEMBLY 2024 |

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| SummaryThis document informs the ITU Council of the invitation received from the Government of India to hold the next World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA-24) in India.Action requiredThe ITU Council is invited **to note** the invitation of the Government of India to hold WTSA-24 in India and **to transmit the invitation** to the Plenipotentiary Conference for decisionReferencesNo. 114 of the ITU Constitution; Nos. 23, 25, and 32 of the ITU Convention; C21/VCC-1 documents [DT/1](https://www.itu.int/md/S21-CL-210608-TD-GEN-0001/en), [C21/24](https://www.itu.int/md/S21-CL-C-0024/en), [C21/78](https://www.itu.int/md/S21-CL-C-0078/en) |

**1. Background**

1.1 No. 114 of the ITU Constitution stipulates that a World Telecommunication Standardization Conference (WTSA) shall be convened every four years; and Nos. 23 and 25 of the ITU Convention stipulate that a World Telecommunication Standardization Conference (WTSA) shall be convened within the period between two plenipotentiary conferences.

1.2 The World Telecommunication Standardization Conference (WTSA-20) was originally meant to be held in Hyderabad, India.

1.3 During the Virtual Consultation of Councillors in 2021, it was decided that if, by the end of August 2021, hosting WTSA-20 in Hyderabad would become risky due to the Covid-19 sanitary situation, then India would withdraw its offer to host WTSA-20 and could opt for hosting WTSA-2024 instead. WTSA-20 was finally held in Geneva from 1-9 March 2022.

1.4 On 28 February 2022, the ITU Secretary-General has received an invitation from the Government of India for the hosting of WTSA-24 in India. The dates and place shall be conveyed after finalizing the same in consultation with the ITU (see [Annex](#Annex1)).

**2. Proposal**

2.1 The ITU Council is invited to **note** the invitation of the Government of India to hold WTSA-24 in India and **transmit** the invitation to the next ITU Plenipotentiary Conference for decision.

***Annex: 1***

ANNEX **Invitation from the Government of India
to host WTSA-24**

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