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Subject: **World Telecommunications and Information Society Day 2022, 17 May 2022**  
**“Digital technologies for Older Persons and Healthy Ageing”**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to invite you to attend the World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD-22) ceremony to be held in Geneva on Tuesday, 17 May 2022, to mark the 157th anniversary of the establishment of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU). The event will take place from 13:00 to 14:30 (CEST) at ITU Headquarters in Popov room, with remote participation.

This year's theme, **“Digital technologies for Older Persons and Healthy Ageing”** will represent a unique opportunity for the ITU membership, partners, and other stakeholders to raise awareness of the important role of telecommunications/ICTs in supporting people to stay healthy, connected, and independent physically, emotionally, and financially - for a longer life and healthy ageing.

The ceremony will include a [high-level panel session](#) to reflect on how digital technologies and ICT-driven innovations are helping people build smarter cities, combat age-based discrimination at the workplace, ensure financial inclusion of older persons, and support millions of caregivers across the world.

**Registration for physical attendance** of the event is accessible through the following [link](#).

All delegates already in possession of an ITU event badge for a meeting held during the same period, as well as Permanent Mission staff having a pre-encoded UNOG badge, will be able to use their own valid badge to access ITU premises for the WTISD celebration. Other delegates, not yet registered to any ITU event held in Geneva and willing to participate physically need to register and those attending the event physically are requested to use the ITU Montbrillant Building entrance, 2 rue de Varembé, 1211 Geneva, where their ITU badges can be collected, upon presentation of a valid ID card or passport and a confirmation of registration.

**Registration for remote participation** is available through the following [link](#).

For further information, please check the [WTISD-22 website](#).

I look forward to celebrating World Telecommunication and Information Society Day 2022 together.

Yours faithfully,

*(signed)*

Houlin ZHAO  
Secretary-General