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|  | | | Geneva, 13 June 2016 | |
| Ref: | **TSB Collective letter 5/9** | | - To Administrations of Member States of the Union;  - To ITU‑T Sector Members;  - To ITU‑T SG 9 Associates; and  - To ITU Academia | |
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| Subject: | **Meeting of Study Group 9; Geneva, 29 August - 2 September 2016** | | | |

Dear Sir/Madam,

It is my pleasure to invite you to attend Study Group 9 (*Broadband cable and TV*) which is to meet at ITU headquarters, Geneva, from 29 August to 2 September 2016 inclusive.

I should like to inform you that the meeting will open at 0930 hours on the first day. Participant registration will begin at 0830 hours at the Montbrillant entrance. Detailed information concerning the meeting rooms will be displayed on screens at the entrances to ITU headquarters. Additional information about the meeting is set forth in **Annex A**.

The draft **Agenda** of the meeting and its draft **Timetable**, prepared in agreement with the Chairman of the Study Group (Mr Arthur Webster, USA) and its management team, are set out in **Annex B and C**, respectively.

I wish you a productive and enjoyable meeting.

Yours faithfully,

Chaesub Lee  
Director of the Telecommunication  
Standardization Bureau

**Annexes**: 3

**ANNEX A**

(to TSB Collective letter 5/9)

**MAKING CONTRIBUTIONS**

**DEADLINES FOR CONTRIBUTIONS:** The deadline for contributions is 12 (twelve) calendar days before the meeting. Such contributions will be published on the Study Group 9 website and must therefore be received by TSB **not later than 16 August 2016**. Contributions received at least **two** months before the start of the meeting may be translated, if requested.

**DIRECT POSTING/DOCUMENT SUBMISSION:** A direct posting system for contributions is available online. The direct posting system allows ITU‑T members to reserve contribution numbers and to upload/revise contributions directly to the ITU‑T web server. Further information and guidelines for the direct posting system are available at the following address: <http://itu.int/net/ITU-T/ddp/>.

**TEMPLATES:** Please use the provided set of templates to prepare your meeting documents. The templates are accessible from each ITU‑T study group web page, under “Delegate resources” (<http://itu.int/ITU-T/studygroups/templates>). The name, fax and telephone numbers and e-mail address of the person to be contacted about the contribution should be indicated on the cover page of all documents.

**WORK METHODS AND FACILITIES**

**INTERPRETATION** will be available upon request for the closing plenary of the meeting. For sessions that are scheduled to be held with interpretation, please note that interpretation will only be provided if a Member State so requests by checking the corresponding box on the registration form, or by sending a written request to TSB, **at least one month before the first day of the meeting**. It is imperative that this deadline be respected in order for TSB to make the necessary arrangements for interpretation.

**PAPERLESS MEETINGS:** The meeting will be run paperless.

**WIRELESS LAN** facilities are available for use by delegates in all ITU meeting rooms and in the CICG (Geneva International Conference Centre) building. Detailed information is available on the ITU‑T website (<http://itu.int/ITU-T/edh/faqs-support.html>).

**E-LOCKERS** are available on the ground floor of the Montbrillant building. Your ITU RFID badge opens and closes the e-locker. Your e-locker is available only for the period of the meeting you are attending, so please ensure that you empty the locker before 23:59 on the last day of the meeting.

**LOAN LAPTOPS:** The ITU Service Desk ([servicedesk@itu.int](mailto:servicedesk@itu.int)) has available a limited number of laptops on a first-come, first-serve basis, for those who do not have one.

**PRINTERS:** Printers are available in the cyber café on the second basement level of the Tower building, on the ground floor of the Montbrillant building and near the major meeting rooms, for delegates who wish to print documents.

**E-PRINTING:** In addition to the "traditional" print method using printer queues that need to be installed on the user's computer or device, printing documents via e-mail ("e-print") is now possible. The procedure is simply to attach the documents to be printed to an email that is sent to the desired printer email address (in the form [printername@eprint.itu.int](mailto:printername@eprint.itu.int)). No driver installation is required. For more details, please see <http://itu.int/ITU-T/go/e-print>.

**ACCESSIBILITY ACCOMMODATIONS:** Real-time captioning and/or sign-language interpretation may be provided on demand to those needing them for the sessions where accessibility matters will be discussed (Question 13/9), subject to availability of interpreters and funding. These accessibility accommodations **must be requested at least two months before the beginning date of the meeting**, namely **29 June** **2016.**

**REGISTRATION, NEW DELEGATES and FELLOWSHIPS**

**REGISTRATION:** To enable TSB to make the necessary arrangements, please send by letter, fax (+41 22 730 5853) or e-mail ([tsbreg@itu.int](mailto:tsbreg@itu.int)), **not later than 29 July** **2016**, the list of people who will be representing your Administration, Sector Member, Associate, Academic Institution, regional and/or international organization or other entity. Administrations are requested also to indicate the name of their head of delegation (and deputy head, if applicable).

**Please note that pre-registration of participants to ITU-T meetings is carried out *online* at the ITU‑T website (**[**http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/2013-2016/09**](http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/2013-2016/09)**).**

**NEW DELEGATES** are invited to attend a **MENTORING PROGRAMME**, including a welcome briefing upon registration, guided visit of ITU headquarters and orientation session on ITU‑T. If you would like to participate, please contact: ITU‑Tmembership@itu.int.

**FELLOWSHIPS:** We are pleased to inform you that two partial fellowships per administration will be awarded, subject to available funding, to facilitate participation from Least Developed or Low Income Developing Countries (<http://itu.int/en/ITU-T/info/Pages/resources.aspx>). Please further note that when two (2) partial fellowships are requested, at least one must be an economy class air ticket. An application for a fellowship must be authorized by the relevant Administration of the ITU Member State. Fellowship requests (please use enclosed **Form 1)**, must be returned to ITU not later than **18 July 2016** *(six weeks before the meeting)***.**Please note that the decision criteria to grant a fellowship include: the available TSB budget; contributions by the applicant to the meeting; equitable distribution among countries and regions, and gender balance.

**KEY DEADLINES (before meeting)**

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| Two months | 29 June 2016 | - submit contributions for which translation is requested  - request for accessibility accommodations |
| Six weeks | 18 July 2016 | - fellowship requests |
| Four weeks | 1 August 2016 | - requests for visa support letters |
| One month | 29 July 2016 | - requests for interpretation at closing plenary  - pre-registration |
| 12 calendar days | 16 August 2016 | - final deadline for contributions |

**VISITING GENEVA: HOTELS AND VISAS**

Please note that a new visitor information website is now available at: <http://itu.int/en/delegates-corner>.

**HOTELS:** For your convenience, a hotel reservation form is enclosed (**Form 2**). A list of hotels can be found at <http://itu.int/travel/>.

**VISAS:** Please remember that citizens of some countries are required to obtain a visa in order to enter and spend time in Switzerland. **The visa must be requested at least four (4) weeks before the date of beginning of the meeting** and obtained from the office (embassy or consulate) representing Switzerland in your country or, if there is no such office in your country, from the one that is closest to the country of departure. If problems are encountered, the Union can, at the official request of the administration or entity you represent, approach the competent Swiss authorities in order to facilitate delivery of the visa but only within the period mentioned of **four** weeks. Any such request must specify the name and functions, date of birth, number, dates of issue and expiry of passport of the individual(s) for whom the visa(s) is/are requested[[1]](#footnote-1) and be accompanied by a copy of the notification of confirmation of registration approved for the ITU-T meeting in question, and must be sent to TSB by fax (+41 22 730 5853) or e-mail ([tsbreg@itu.int](mailto:tsbreg@itu.int)) bearing the words **“visa request”**.

**FORM 1 - FELLOWSHIP REQUEST**

(to TSB Collective letter 5/9)

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|  | **ITU-T Study Group 9 meeting**  **Geneva, Switzerland, 29 August - 2 September 2016** | | | | | |  |
| **Please return to:** | | **ITU**  **Geneva (Switzerland)** | | **E-mail: [bdtfellowships@itu.int](mailto:bdtfellowships@itu.int)**  **Tel: +41 22 730 5227**  **Fax: +41 22 730 5778** | | | |
| **Request for one partial fellowship to be submitted before 18 July 2016** | | | | | | | |
|  | | | Participation of women is encouraged | | |  | |
| Registration Confirmation ID No: …………………………………………………………………………… (Note: It is imperative for fellowship holders to pre-register via the online registration form at: <http://www.itu.int/ITU-T/studygroups/09>)  Country**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  Name of the Administration or Organization**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  Mr / Ms  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (family name) **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (given name)  Title: **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** | | | | | | | |
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| Please select your preference  (which ITU will do its best to accommodate) | | | | | | | |
| **□ Economy class air ticket (duty station / Geneva / duty station)**  **□ Daily subsistence allowance intended to cover accommodation, meals & misc. expenses** | | | | | | | |
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| **Signature of fellowship candidate:** | | | | | **Date:** | | |
| TO VALIDATE FELLOWSHIP REQUEST, NAME, TITLE AND SIGNATURE OF CERTIFYING OFFICIAL DESIGNATING PARTICIPANT MUST BE COMPLETED BELOW WITH OFFICIAL STAMP.  N.B. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT FELLOWS BE PRESENT FROM THE FIRST DAY TO THE END OF THE MEETING. | | | | | | | |
| **Signature:** | | | | | **Date:** | | |

**FORM 2 - HOTELS**

(to TSB Collective letter 5/9)

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| *This confirmation form* ***should be sent directly*** *to the hotel**of your choice* |

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|  | **INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION** |  |

**TELECOMMUNICATION STANDARDIZATION SECTOR**

SG/WP meeting *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Geneva

Confirmation of the reservation made on (date) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**at the ITU preferential tariff**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ single/double room(s)

arriving on (date) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at (time) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ departing on (date) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**GENEVA TRANSPORT CARD:** Hotels and residences in the canton of Geneva now provide a free "Geneva Transport Card" valid for the duration of the stay. This card will give you free access to Geneva public transport, including buses, trams, boats and trains as far as Versoix and the airport.

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Credit card to guarantee this reservation: AX/VISA/DINERS/EC (or other) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**ANNEX B**

(to TSB Collective letter 5/9)

Draft Agenda

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|  | **Agenda items** |  |
|  | Opening of the meeting |  |
|  | Feedback on interim activities since last meeting |  |
|  | Rapporteurs, Associates and other roles |  |
|  | Contributions for opening Plenary |  |
|  | Rapporteur Group meeting in Geneva (15 -20 Oct, 2015) |  |
|  | Report from other Groups/Workshops |  |
|  | AOB for opening Plenary |  |
|  | Intellectual Property Rights inquiry |  |
|  | “Consent” on draft Recommendations [proposed for approval in accordance with Recommendation A.8] |  |
|  | Approval of Working Parties reports and Question meetings report |  |
|  | New/amended Questions (if any) |  |
|  | New appointment and change of appointment of Rapporteur(s), Associate Rapporteur(s), liaison officers |  |
|  | Update of SG9 Work Programme |  |
|  | Liaison Statements |  |
|  | Study Group Decision (on two draft Recommendations) |  |
|  | Date and place of the next SG9 meeting |  |
|  | Future Interim activities (Rapporteurs, WPs) |  |
|  | AOB |  |
|  | Closing |  |

*Note: Items 1 to 7 are at the opening Plenary (29 August 2016) and items 8 to 19 are expected at the closing Plenary (2 September 2016).*

**ANNEX C**

(to TSB Collective letter 5/9)

Draft Timetable 29 August - 2 September 2016

|  | **Monday 29  August** | | | | **Tuesday 30 August** | | | | **Wednesday 31 August** | | | | **Thursday 1  September** | | | | **Friday 2  September** | | | |
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| ***Sessions*** | ***1*** | ***2*** | ***3*** | ***4*** | ***1*** | ***2*** | ***3*** | ***4*** | ***1*** | ***2*** | ***3*** | ***4*** | ***1*** | ***2*** | ***3*** | ***4*** | ***1*** | ***2*** | ***3*** | ***4*** |
| **PLEN** | **X** | **1** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **2** | **X** | **X** | **X** |
| **WPs** |  | **1** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **X** | **X** |  |  |  |  |
| **Q1/9** |  |  | **3** |  | **3** | **3** |  |  |  |  | **X** |  | **3** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Q2/9** |  |  |  |  |  |  | **4** | **X** |  |  | **X** |  |  | **X** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Q3/9** |  |  | **X** |  |  |  | **X** | **X** |  |  | **X** | **X** | **X** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Q4/9** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Q5/9** |  |  |  | **X** |  |  | **X** | **X** | **X** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Q6/9** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Q7/9** |  |  | **3** | **X** | **3** | **3** |  |  | **X** | **X** |  |  | **3** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Q8/9** |  |  | **X** |  | **X** | **X** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **X** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Q9/9** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Q10/9** |  |  | **X** |  | **X** |  |  |  |  |  | **X** |  |  | **X** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Q11/9** |  |  |  |  |  | **X** |  |  |  |  | **X** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Q12/9** |  |  |  |  |  | **X** | **4** |  |  | **X** |  |  | **X** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Q13/9** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Newcomers** |  | **5 🡪** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**Session 1: 0930 – 1045; Session 2: 1115-1230; Session 3: 1430-1545; Session 4: 1615-1730;**

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| **PLEN** | Plenary sessions |
| **WPs** | Working Parties 1 and 2 Plenary sessions |
| **E** | Represents an evening session (starts at 1800) |
| **X** | Represents a meeting session |
| **@** | Remote participation is organized for all Sessions (Not for Plenaries). See for access details the webpage:  <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/events/Pages/emeetings.aspx> |
| **🡪** | Indicates a lunch/evening session |
| **1** | WP1/9 and WP2/9 Plenary sessions will be held sequentially and will follow SG9 Plenary |
| **2** | Closing Plenary starts at 9:00 |
| **3** | Joint session of Q1 and Q7/9 |
| **4** | Joint session of Q2 and Q12/9 |
| **5** | **A newcomers orientation** session will follow the WPs/9 opening plenary sessions (1230-1330) |

Note: Q4/9, Q6/9 and Q13/9 timetable and remote participation (@) will be added later.

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1. A model for such a request is found at <http://itu.int/en/ITU-T/info/Documents/Visa-support-letter_MODEL.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)