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| Subject: | **Joint ITU-NGMN Alliance Workshop on “Open Source and Standards for 5G”  (Bellevue/Seattle), Washington State, USA, 1 November 2017** | | | |

Dear Sir/Madam,

1 Following the success of last year’s event, it is my pleasure to invite you to the second joint ITU-NGMN Alliance workshop on "**Open Source and Standards for 5G**".This one-day eventwill take place on 1 November 2017 in Bellevue (Seattle), Washington State, USA at the City Center Plaza, 555 110th Ave NE. The event is kindly hosted by Microsoft.

2 The event is co-organized by the International Telecommunication Union and the NGMN Alliance and will be held in conjunction with the meeting of the TSB Director’s Ad Hoc Group on Intellectual Property Rights that will take place at the same venue from 2 to 3 November 2017.

3 This event will bring together key representatives of a wide range of industries, standards bodies, open source communities and academia. The discussions will focus on how Standards Defining Organizations and Open Source Software Communities can best capitalize upon each other’s deliverables for building a consistent/coherent 5G ecosystem, taking into consideration their very diverse ways of addressing and licensing Intellectual Property Rights, mainly patent rights and copyrights.

4 Additional details about the format and content of the event, including the location of the venue and hotel accommodation facilities, will be made available on the event’s website: http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/Workshops-and-Seminars/itu-ngmn/Pages/20170111.aspx. This website will be regularly updated as new or modified information becomes available. Participants are kindly requested to check periodically for new updates.

5 To enable ITU to make the necessary arrangements concerning the organization of the event, I should be grateful if you would register via the online form available at [www.itu.int/reg/tmisc/3000981](http://www.itu.int/reg/tmisc/3000981) as soon as possible.

6 I would remind you that citizens of some countries are required to obtain a visa in order to enter and spend any time in the United States of America. The visa must be obtained from the office (embassy or consulate) representing the United States in your country or, if there is no such office in your country, from the one that is closest to the country of departure. Please be aware that visa approval might take time so kindly send your application as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

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