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| Subject: | **ITU Workshop on global approaches on combating counterfeiting and stolen ICT devices (Geneva, Switzerland, 23 July 2018)** | | | |

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please be informed that a **Workshop on global approaches on combating counterfeiting and stolen ICT devices (Geneva, 23 July 2018)** will focus on concerns raised by ITU Member States during Council-18 on tampering with unique telecommunication device identifiers used in ICT devices such as IMEI. In this regard, the relevant subjects are supposed to be discussed at the Workshop:

* tampering and duplication of IMEI identifiers used in mobile devices;
* key challenges faced by telecom operators, regulators and ICT vendors producing genuine end-devices, in using existing identifiers of ICT devices, including issues related to cloning, tampering and duplication of identifiers;
* identification systems, which are currently used for combating counterfeiting and stolen ICT devices, and discuss the importance of reliable unique ICT device identifiers for such tasks;
* identification systems, which guarantee that existing identifiers could be securely stored on devices and rendered tamper-proof, and implement means of detecting clones and differentiating them from genuine devices;
* action plan on developing possible technical solutions to address the problem of duplication/tampering/cloning of unique ICT device identifiers to be used for combating counterfeiting and stolen ICT devices.

All information pertaining to the workshop can be found on the [webpage](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/Workshops-and-Seminars/20180723/Pages/default.aspx).

I wish you a productive and enjoyable meeting.

Yours faithfully,

*(signed)*

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