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| Subject: | **ITU Workshop on “Fintech Security”****Geneva, Switzerland, 26 August 2019** |

Dear Sir/Madam,

1 I would like to inform you that the International Telecommunication Union is organizing a **Workshop on Fintech Security** which will take place on 26 August 2019 at ITU headquarters, in Geneva, Switzerland.

The workshop will take place one day before the next ITU-T Study Group 17 meeting to be held from 27 August to 5 September 2019 at the same venue.

More details about the ITU-T SG17 meeting are available from ITU-T SG17 homepage at: <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/2017-2020/17/Pages/default.aspx>.

Participant registration for the workshop will begin at 0830 hours at the Montbrillant entrance on the day of the event. Detailed information concerning the meeting room will be displayed on screens at the entrances to ITU headquarters.

2 This workshop will be held in English only.

3 Participation in the workshop is open to ITU Member States, Sector Members, Associates and Academic Institutions and to any individual from a country that is a member of ITU who wishes to contribute to the work. This includes individuals who are also members of international, regional and national organizations. Participation in the workshop is free of charge but no fellowships will be granted for the workshop.

4 The objectives of the workshop include:

* identifying security and privacy threats and risks for Fintech services and applications;
* sharing best current practices on how to address security and privacy challenges;
* investigating requirements on security and privacy controls for Fintech services and applications;
* investigating the impact of decentralized frameworks (e.g. blockchain/distributed ledger technology) on data ownership and consent management for Fintech services and applications;
* discussing policy implications for Fintech services and applications;
* sharing ongoing activities among relevant groups or organizations and industries; and
* identifying ways forward for SG17 to undertake in the future, including potential new work items.

5 Information relating to the workshop, including the draft programme, will be available on the event’s website at the following address: <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/Workshops-and-Seminars/20190826/Pages/default.aspx>. This website will be updated regularly as new or modified information becomes available. Participants are requested to check periodically for new updates.

6 Wireless LAN facilities are available for use by delegates in the main ITU conference room areas. Detailed information is available on the ITU-T website (<http://www.itu.int/ITU-T/edh/faqs-support.html>).

7 A number of Geneva hotels offer preferential rates for delegates attending ITU meetings, and provide a card giving free access to Geneva’s public transport system. A list of participating hotels, and guidance on how to claim discounts, can be found at: <http://itu.int/travel/>.

8 To enable TSB to make the necessary arrangements concerning the organization of the workshop, I should be grateful if you would register via the online form **available on the website page** as soon as possible, but **no later than 19 August 2019.** **Please note that pre-registration of participants for workshops is mandatory and carried out exclusively *online*. This workshop is free of charge and open to all.**

9 I would remind you that citizens of some countries are required to obtain a visa in order to enter and spend any time in Switzerland. **The visa must be requested at least four (4) weeks before the date of beginning of the workshop** 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 by **ITU Member States, Sector Members, Associates or Academic Institutions**, and at the official request made by them to TSB, the Union can 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 should be made by checking the corresponding box on the registration form no later than four weeks before the event. Enquiries should be sent to the ITU Travel Section (travel@itu.int), bearing the words “**visa support**”.

Yours faithfully,

*(signed)*

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Director of the Telecommunication
Standardization Bureau