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**The 5<sup>th</sup> ITU Symposium on “ICTs , The Environment and Climate Change”  
Smart Village Convention Center, Cairo, Egypt, 2- 3 November 2010**

Dear Sir/Madam,

1 ITU is organizing the *Fifth Symposium on ICTs, The Environment and Climate Change*, in cooperation with and under the auspices of Ministry of Communications and Information Technology (MCIT) and Ministry of State for Environmental Affairs (MSEA), Egypt. The Symposium will be held on **2-3 November 2010 at the Smart Village Convention Center in Cairo, Egypt**. This is the fifth symposium on climate change following successful events in Kyoto, London, Quito and Seoul in 2008 and 2009 (see Resolution 73 of the 2008 World Standardization Assembly (WTSA-08)).

2 Participation in the event is open to ITU Member States, Sector Members and Associates and to any individual or company from a Member State of ITU who wishes to contribute to the work. This includes individuals who are also members of international, regional and national organizations. Participation is free of charge. Discussions will be held in English and Arabic.

3 Resolution 1307 “Information and communication technologies (ICTs) and climate change”, adopted unanimously by the 2009 ITU Council, and Resolution 66 on “Information and Communication Technology and Climate Change” adopted by the World Telecommunication Development Conference that was held in Hyderabad, India (WTDC-10) highlight the importance of the role of telecommunications/ICTs in combating climate change. This Symposium is particularly timely, as it will take place less than a month before the opening of the 16th UNFCCC Conference of the Parties (COP 16), which will take place in November 2010 in Cancun, Mexico aimed at producing a new global agreement on climate change.

4 The Symposium in Cairo will focus on the issue of ICTs, the environment and climate change in Africa and the needs of developing countries. Topics to be discussed will include adaptation to climate change, e-waste, cost-effective ICT technologies, methodology of environmental impact assessment of ICT and financing of climate change solutions. The

symposium will issue the “Cairo Road Map”, a set of recommendations for action in relation to ICTs, the Environment and Climate Change.

This *Symposium* will bring together leading specialists in the field, from top policy-makers to engineers, designers, planners, government officials, regulators, standards experts and others. The main purpose is to raise awareness of the importance and opportunities of using ICTs to monitor climate change, to mitigate and adapt to its effects and, in this light, to identify future requirements for ITU’s related work.

5 More information including a draft program, practical information and registration details for the *Symposium* is available on the ITU website at: <http://www.itu.int/ITU-T/worksem/climatechange/201011/index.html>. We encourage participants to kindly confirm their participation by maximum 1 October 2010.

6 Please note that citizens of some countries are required to obtain a visa in order to enter Egypt and participants should take appropriate steps, well ahead of the meeting dates.

7 In conclusion, I look forward to your participation in this *Symposium* and to your views on ITU’s future strategy in responding to the global challenge of climate change.

Yours faithfully,

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Secretary-General