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Subject: End of Initial validation process: ITU Interactive Terrestrial (Optical Fibers and Microwaves) Transmission Maps for ASP Region

Dear Mr. Lasalo,

Within the framework of the implementation of the ITU-ESCAP Project for the implementation of the [Interactive Terrestrial Transmission Maps](#) for Asia and the Pacific and further to the two Circular Letters, Request for Information ([RFI](#)) sent in January 2013 and [Validation Process](#) sent in March 2013, which were circulated in the Region, we are pleased to announce that ITU has collected substantial inputs from the concerned stakeholders, compiled the first version of the map, and implemented the validation process on the secure ITU TIES website.

Please note that the data collected for your network is coming from reliable publically available source and has been given a Validation Status of Green (see definition below). The map was officially launched in October 2013 and, unless we are advised otherwise, this information is therefore ready to be publicly disclosed.

Traffic Light	Description from where information was collected
	Green Traffic Light: Information was sourced from an authentic, reliable publicly available source (such as a company website, annual report, presentation, or other publication), and has been deliberately put into the public domain by the network operator or administration (it is therefore not confidential). <i>The information is current and correct, and there is no reason why a public version could not be put into the public domain.</i>

The [validation process](#) of the collected data for your network will be closed at the end of September 2020 and therefore we kindly ask you to check the [data under TIES website](#) and provide further comments and feedback, if any, by the above mentioned deadline. After 30 September 2020, the **data of your network will be part of the Interactive Terrestrial (Optical Fibers and Microwaves) Transmission Maps to be disclosed to the public domain on the ITU website.**

In case of any query, Mr Aamir Riaz (aamir.riaz@itu.int) would be your focal point for contact.

With your help and collaboration, ITU will continue working on this worldwide transmission map and ensure the map to be as accurate and up-to-date as possible.

I look forward to receiving your feedback.

Yours sincerely,



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cc. H.E. Mr. Paula P. Maú, Secretary, Ministry of Information and Communications, Tonga