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Subject: **Availability in-country assistance – HIPCAR Project**

Dear Sir, Madam,

I have the pleasure to inform you of the completion of first Stage of the HIPCAR¹ project.

The HIPCAR project has now reached a critical stage, with the completion of the regional model policy guidelines and legislative texts in close collaboration with the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat, and the Caribbean Telecommunications Union (CTU). These documents are available on the project website (see footnote) for download.

These documents cover the following areas:

Information Society issues:

- E-Commerce (Transactions)
- E-Commerce (Evidence)
- Privacy & data protection
- Interception of Communications
- Cybercrimes / E-Crimes
- Access to Public Information / Freedom of Information

Telecommunications regulations:

- Universal Access and Service
- Interconnection and Access
- Licensing

¹ The full title of the HIPCAR Project – funded by the European Union and implemented by ITU in collaboration with CTU – is: “Enhancing Competitiveness in the Caribbean through the Harmonization of ICT Policies, Legislation and Regulatory Procedures”. HIPCAR is part of a global ITU/EC project encompassing sub-Saharan Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific Islands (ACP) supported by and with funding of the European Union (see http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/projects/ITU_EC_ACP/hipcar/index.html).

As you may recall, the aim of this project is to support the harmonization of ICT policies, legislations and regulatory procedures in the Caribbean with the financial support of the European Union. It was officially launched during a multi-stakeholders (kick off) meeting in Saint Georges, Grenada, in December 2008.

The Project is now moving into its second Stage focusing on assisting interested beneficiary countries to implement the aforementioned regional guidelines at the national level (in-country technical assistance). This in-country assistance is initiated further to a formal request made by the interested country.

Some countries have already formally requested the support from the project to review or adopt new legislations for the aforementioned areas. The other countries which are interested to benefit from such a support are encouraged to kindly communicate their interest in participating in this second Phase.

If you require any further clarification or additional information, please contact Ms. Kerstin Ludwig, Project Coordinator (E-mail: kerstin.ludwig@itu.int, Tel.: +1 (246) 431 0343).

I take this opportunity to thank you all for the active contributions from the region and I look forward to our collaboration in this second Stage of the ITU/EU-funded HIPCAR project.

Yours sincerely,

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