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Attention : Strategic Planning Unit, Office T.1305

Dear Sec-Gen Utsumi:

This pertains to your letter inviting comment on the first draft of the Report of the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) on the issue of IP Telephony, a topic which shall to be taken up during the Third World Telecommunication Policy Forum (3WTPF).

This Administration wishes to manifest interest in discussion of developing globally accepted IP telephony standards to facilitate the entry of the service. Such standards will serve as basis for the regulatory agency for telecommunications to supervise its operation within its jurisdiction.

The standards to be developed must consider not just mere connectivity, but interoperability of networks as well. This Administration supports other standard setting efforts to improve the service of IP telephony including efficient numbering systems.

The Philippines supports the convening of the 3WTPF for the purpose of contributing to the development of global standards for IP, and in suggesting proposals to assist developing Member States of the ITU in establishing networks of this nature as one of many steps to develop the respective national information infrastructure of Member States.

For your information.

Very truly yours,

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