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To Member States of ITU

Subject: **Member States consultation on dates of the World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-23) and Radiocommunication Assembly (RA-23)**

Dear Madam/Sir,

Following the results of the consultation of Council Member States on the outcomes of discussions of the 2021 Virtual consultation of councillors as conveyed in [DM-21/1017](#), I am pleased to inform you that the Council has adopted Decision 623 on the Place and dates of the World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-23) and Radiocommunication Assembly (RA-23), as contained in [Annex 2](#).

A final decision on the dates is necessary for the Host Country to be able to select the place of the Conference. Therefore, pursuant to No. 42 of the ITU Convention, all Member States of ITU are thus invited to inform the Secretary-General of their concurrence with the dates specified in Decision 623, by using the [online tool](#)^{*}, or using the template in [Annex 1](#) by e-mail to memberstates@itu.int, **not later than 15 October 2021**.

If your country has already responded to the first consultation sent via [DM-21\1016](#) to Council Member States, **your response has already been registered and will remain valid** with regard to this consultation of all Member States, unless otherwise notified by the Councillor or the Administration Focal Point in writing by e-mail to memberstates@itu.int also using the form in [Annex 1](#).

I look forward to receiving your reply.

Yours faithfully,

(signed)

Houlin Zhao
Secretary-General

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^{*}**Online tool:** Each Administration Focal Point can access directly the online tool by using her/his ITU User account with TIES access login details (username and password). Any Administration Focal Point wishing to designate another person to respond to the Consultation through the online tool is invited to inform ITU via memberstates@itu.int, providing the Username of that designated person. Please note that the online tool is in English only.

ANNEX 1

Dates of the World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-23) and Radiocommunication Assembly (RA-23)

Name of the ITU Member State:

We agree that the next World Radiocommunication Conference will take place either in Abu Dhabi or Dubai, United Arab Emirates, from 20 November to 15 December 2023, preceded by the 2023 Radiocommunication Assembly (RA-23) from 13 to 17 November 2023.

Yes ☐

No ☐

Abstention ☐

Focal points are encouraged to use the [online tool](#), or alternatively send their response via e-mail to memberstates@itu.int using this Annex, **not later than 15 October 2021**.

ANNEX 2

DECISION 623

(adopted by correspondence)

Place and dates of the World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-23) and Radiocommunication Assembly (RA-23)

The ITU Council,

noting

that Resolution 811 of the World Radiocommunication Conference (Sharm el Sheikh, 2019):

- a)* resolved to recommend to the Council that a world radiocommunication conference be held in 2023 for a maximum period of four weeks;
- b)* recommended its agenda, and invited the Council to finalize the agenda and arrange for the convening of the 2023 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-23) and to initiate as soon as possible the necessary consultation with the Member States,

noting further

Council Resolution 1399, which received the agreement of the required majority of the Member States of ITU, established the agenda of the WRC-23,

decides

that, subject to the concurrence of the majority of the Member States of the Union, the next World Radiocommunication Conference will take place either in Abu Dhabi or Dubai, UAE from 20 November to 15 December 2023, preceded by the 2023 Radiocommunication Assembly (RA-23) from 13-17 November 2023,

instructs the Secretary-General

- 1 to carry out a consultation with all Member States on the exact dates and place of RA-23 and WRC-23;
 - 2 to make all the necessary arrangements, in agreement with the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau, for the convening of the Conference.
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