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Dear Member of the Working Group,

I have the great pleasure to invite you to participate in the first meeting of the Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation of the United Nations Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD). This one-day meeting is scheduled to take place on 30 September 2016, in Geneva, Switzerland.

The General Assembly, at its 70th session, undertook a comprehensive review of the ten-year implementation of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS). In the outcome document of the review, resolution A/70/125 of 16 December 2015, the General Assembly requested the Chair of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, through the Economic and Social Council, to establish a working group to develop recommendations on how to further implement enhanced cooperation as envisioned in the Tunis Agenda, taking into consideration the work that has been done on this matter. In addition, resolution A/70/125 requested the group to decide at the outset on its methods of work, including modalities, and to ensure the full involvement of all relevant stakeholders, taking into account all their diverse views and expertise. Pursuant to this request, the Chair established the working group on 3 May 2016.¹

The draft resolution on Assessment of the progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society, contained in the report on the nineteenth session of the Commission on Science and Technology², noted the proposal by the Chair of the CSTD on the structure and composition of the Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation, as mandated by the General Assembly in its resolution 70/125. On 27 July, ECOSOC adopted the resolutions contained in the Report.

This meeting of the Working Group is the first one in a series of meetings intended to facilitate the reporting of the Working Group to the 21st session of the CSTD in 2018. Following the request of the General Assembly the objective of this meeting is to decide on its methods of work, including modalities.

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¹ For more information about the composition of the working group, please consult the document ‘Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation: Note on membership’ available at:

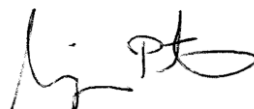
http://unctad.org/Sections/un_cstd/docs/CSTD_2016_WorkingGroup_en.pdf

² E/2016/31-E/CN.16/2016/4.

We regret to inform you that funding possibilities are not available for this meeting. We would be grateful if you would confirm your participation to the meeting by 8 September 2016 to the CSTD secretariat at UNCTAD, e-mail: stdev@unctad.org. Additional information on the meeting, registration/badge procedure and official documents will be available on the website: <http://unctad.org/cstd>.

I look forward to welcoming you at the meeting.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Major', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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