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Dear Sir/Madam,

The **INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION (ITU)**, the UN specialized agency for information and communication technologies, asks us to convey the following message to the designated operators of UPU member countries:

"We are pleased to share the logo for the commemoration of ITU's 160th anniversary from 1 January to 31 December 2025 (see Annex 1). On this special occasion, you may wish to consider issuing a stamp commemorating communication milestones in your country. We invite you to integrate the ITU160 logo "as is", without altering its colours and proportions.

"The Union's journey began on 17 May 1865, following the International Telegraph Conference in Paris, which led to the creation of the International Telegraph Union – the forerunner of today's ITU. This was a significant milestone in international cooperation, marking the beginning of modern efforts to coordinate telecommunications on a global scale.

"Over 160 years, the Union has been at the forefront of emerging technologies – from telegraphy to fixed telephony, radio, television, satellites, mobile telephony, Internet, broadband, cloud computing, cybersecurity, artificial intelligence and virtual worlds. ITU has won six Emmy Awards!

"To inspire you, you will find more information about the history of ITU and communication technologies in these video clips produced by genevemonde.ch with the support of the Republic and Canton of Geneva: www.itu.int/en/history/Pages/discover-ITU-Archives.aspx. As we advance, you will find more resources on the dedicated ITU160 campaign website: www.itu.int/160-anniversary.

"We would be very pleased if you would commemorate this extraordinary anniversary of innovation throughout the past 160 years. Do not hesitate to contact the ITU160 Secretariat at itu160@itu.int for further information."

Yours faithfully,

Vladyslav Dubenko
Director of Logistics

Annex 1

ITU160 logo