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Subject: **ITU New Initiatives Workshop: What Rules for IP-enabled NGNs?**
Geneva, Switzerland, 23-24 March 2006

— Dear Sir/Madam,

Substantial investments are being made by operators and equipment manufacturers in what is referred to as **IP-enabled Next Generation Networks (NGNs)**. Internet Protocol (IP)-enabled NGNs can be seen as a logical progression from separate PSTN, mobile and IP-network infrastructures to unified networks for future electronic communications based on IP. In the coming years, IP-enabled NGNs will be deployed by numerous service providers around the globe. This technological and market convergence is forcing a fundamental re-examination of current policy and regulatory frameworks, particularly in areas such as interconnection.

In this regard, the ITU is hosting a *New Initiatives* workshop entitled *What rules for IP-enabled NGNs?*, to be held in Geneva, from 23 to 24 March 2006. The purpose of this meeting is to review related market developments and consider the future implications for policy and regulation. The workshop concept document, draft agenda, and other regularly updated information on the meeting can be found on the ITU website at <http://www.itu.int/osg/spu/ngn/>. This site also provides links to ITU activities as well as national, regional and international consultations and regulatory proceedings. The output of the meeting will be a Chairman's Report.

A limited number of speaking opportunities are available. However, all meeting participants should be able to actively contribute to debate on this complex topic and have a strong understanding of industry trends as well as their likely impact on policy and regulation. You are invited to register for the event by filling out the attached form and sending it back by fax or e-mail before **15 March 2006**. As space is limited for this event, organizational entities invited should send only one representative. Please note that fellowships will not be granted for participation in this event.

You are also invited to submit, by **15 March 2006**, any written contribution or prior work undertaken on this topic to the ITU Secretariat at spumail@itu.int. All contributions will be made, after review, available on the event website.

We hope you are able to accept our invitation to participate in this workshop and can join us in Geneva in late March 2006. If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Jaroslaw Ponder at spumail@itu.int.

We look forward to welcoming you at this important event.

Yoshio UTSUMI
ITU Secretary-General



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Registration form

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