



The Secretary-General

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Subject: **ITU Plenipotentiary Conference, Guadalajara, 2010**

Dear Mr. Beckstrom,

I would like to refer to your letter of 19 July 2010 and to your request to participate as an observer in the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference to be held in Guadalajara from 4 to 22 October 2010.

For your information, the Plenipotentiary Conference, the supreme organ of the ITU, is the highest level of administrative conference of the Union. As such, admission to the Plenipotentiary Conference is strictly governed by Article 23 of the ITU Convention.

In accordance with Article 23, provision CV269, the following organizations and entities are admitted as observers to plenipotentiary conferences:

- 1) the United Nations;
- 2) regional telecommunication organizations mentioned in Article 43 of the Constitution;
- 3) intergovernmental organizations operating satellite systems;
- 4) the specialized agencies of the United Nations and the International Atomic Energy Agency;
- 5) observers from the Sector Members referred to in Nos. 229 and 231 of the ITU Convention.

In light of the above, I regret to inform you that the ITU is unable to respond positively to your request to attend the Plenipotentiary Conference.

The secretariat remains at your disposal for any further information you may require.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dr. Hamadoun I. Touré'.

Dr Hamadoun I. Touré
Secretary-General