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Dear Mr. Y. Utsumi, Secretary-General of ITU
Dear Mr. H. Zhao, Director, TSB

On behalf of the Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA), I would like to extend our sincere congratulations to the ITU-T and the TSB, ITU-T Study Group Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen, and ITU-T participants, on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the CCITT/ITU-T. The CCITT and now the ITU-T have continued to play a key and sustaining role in the development of global telecommunications during these past fifty years and TIA wishes you great success in the next fifty!

It has also been an honor for TIA, as an ANSI-accredited and ITU-T-recognized Standards Development Organization (SDO), to cooperate with and contribute to the ITU-T's global standardization work plan and Recommendation development. Recently, we had the pleasure of hosting the eleventh Global Standards Cooperation (GSC-11) meetings in the USA, and look forward to continuing such levels of cooperation and "world-view" ICT standardization efforts.

TIA engineering committee's are active in multiple areas that pertain to the ITU-T's work, including NGN, Ethernet, VoIP/*X*oIP, FMC, TDR/ETS, and optical transmission to name a few. The TIA also participates on the NGN-JCA and other activities that support the ITU-T and the goals of its Members. We appreciate the invitation to the 50th Anniversary Celebration and had hoped to attend; unfortunately, other issues have precluded our physical attendance. TIA is, however, utilizing the Webcasting capability in order to join with the celebration in some degree.

Finally, I would like to again express our congratulations, on behalf of TIA and our members, and we look forward to continuing a cooperative and amicable relationship with the ITU-T on future ICT endeavors and challenges that support the emerging 21st century "global" technological paradigm shift.

Yours sincerely,

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