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**Subject: National Day of Samoa – 1 June 2021**

Sir,

On behalf of the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), and on my own behalf, I would like to extend my greetings on the occasion of the National Day of Samoa, to be observed on 1 June, and offer you and the people of Samoa my best wishes for on-going well-being and prosperity.

The COVID-19 crisis has clearly demonstrated how increasingly critical information and communication technologies (ICTs) are in every facet of life today. Initiating vital collaboration across the digital ecosystem - from ICT regulators ensuring network resilience and availability, to mobile operators promoting inclusive, safe access to critical health apps and platforms, and infrastructure providers working on ways to assure connectivity across systems - ICTs have been the heroes.

I applaud your country's continued commitment and actions in advancing digital transformation and sustainable development through ICTs and I take this opportunity to thank you for your trust in ITU. I appreciate our cooperation in areas such as Internet Exchange Point, satellite connectivity, cybersecurity, emergency telecommunication and Girls in ICT Day, all of which are critical in today's digital society post COVID-19. I am also grateful for the important contribution of Samoa as one of the Vice Chairs of the Asia-Pacific Regional Preparatory Meeting for the upcoming World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC) and, I look forward to the continued engagement and support in its preparations.

Through my office in Geneva, the ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok, ITU will continue to work with Samoa to advance sustainable development for all.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Doreen Bogdan-Martin  
Director