



Memorandum of Understanding

between the

International Telecommunication Union

Place des Nations, CH-1211, Geneva 20, Switzerland,
(hereinafter "ITU")

and

Federal State Unitary Enterprise Central Science Research Telecommunication Institute

111141, Russia, Moscow, 1-st Proezd Perova Poly, 8
(hereinafter "ZNIIS")

**For non-exclusive collaboration in the area
of conformance and interoperability**

CONSIDERING THAT:

- A. ITU is an intergovernmental organization and a specialized agency of the United Nations for ICT issues which serves as the global focal point for governments and the private sector in developing networks and services, coordinates the shared global use of the radio spectrum, promotes international cooperation in assigning satellite orbits, works to improve telecommunication infrastructure in the developing world, establishes the worldwide standards that foster seamless interconnection of a vast range of communications systems and addresses global challenges, such as mitigating climate change and strengthening cyber-security;
- B. ZNIIS is a federal state enterprise, focused on scientific research of information and communication technologies (ICTs) and innovations, aiming to prepare and implement national and international ICT standards in Russia. ZNIIS develops comprehensive research and testing programs, is the largest entity in Russia in its area of operation, generating ICT solutions that are used in many sectors: telecommunications, financial, energy, industrial, corporate and public administration;
- C. the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) outcome documents called for the commitment of all stakeholders to build a people-centred, inclusive and development-oriented Information Society and to turning the digital divide into a digital opportunity for all, particularly for those who risk being left behind and being further marginalized;
- D. the WSIS designated ITU as Facilitator and co-Facilitator of key WSIS Action Lines and that ITU is now undertaking a global effort to Connect the World by mobilizing resources and partners to ensure the implementation of WSIS commitments and achieve the UN Millennium Goals by 2015;
- E. WTSA Resolution 76 (Rev. Dubai, 2012), WTDC Resolution 47 (Hyderabad, 2010), PP Resolution 177 (Guadalajara, 2010) and RA-12 Resolution 62 (Geneva, 2012) relative to ITU's conformance and interoperability ("C&I") Programme;

THEREFORE, the ITU and ZNIIS (hereinafter referred to as the "Party" or jointly as the "Parties") have agreed to enter into this MoU:

ARTICLE 1: OBJECTIVE

This MoU is a non-binding statement of mutual intentions of the Parties and its objective is to build cooperation to promote the use of ICTs as a catalyst for social and economic development. In particular, the Parties confirm their intention to work collaboratively, on a non-exclusive basis, on a number of related initiatives in connection with the implementation of the WSIS Plan of Action and in supporting the activities of ITU's C&I Programme.

ARTICLE 2: AREAS OF COOPERATION

The Parties agree to cooperate within the following thematic areas in countries of common membership:

- 2.1 Technical assistance and advise, seminars, workshops and training activities to increase human capacities in areas such as frequency management and efficient use of radio-spectrum, next generation networks, network quality of service and engineering, electromagnetic compatibility, safety of electronic communication devices, interoperability, accreditation conformity assessment and certification of ICTs products;
- 2.2 Promotional activities to raise awareness about the role of ICTs in stimulating social and economic growth and development;
- 2.3 Participation of ZNIIS in the implementation of ITU Regional Initiatives;
- 2.4 Cooperation on the promotion and implementation of ITU's C&I Programme, including capacity building and assistance in the establishment of regional test centres, in accordance with the Parties' respective policies;
- 2.5 Cooperation in studies concerning evaluation and/or creation of test suites for products implemented according to ITU Recommendations and/or their normative references;
- 2.6 Participation in ITU interoperability events;
- 2.7 Collaboration to the development and updating of the information and facilities provided in the ITU C&I Portal including the population of the ITU Conformity products and test laboratories databases;
- 2.8 Cooperation with ITU in the assistance to requesting countries in the establishment of national accreditation conformity assessment and certification schemes and provision of advice to national regulators.
- 2.9 Support the application of internationally recognized accreditation and conformity assessment procedures.

ARTICLE 3: COOPERATION MECHANISM BETWEEN THE PARTIES

The terms of specific joint projects, activities and actions that the Parties intend to develop will be set forth in more detail in separate cooperation agreements to be agreed upon by the Parties, clearly identifying the objectives, operational aspects and financial arrangements.

ARTICLE 4: PRIVILEGES, IMMUNITIES AND FACILITIES

Nothing in this MoU may be interpreted or construed as a waiver, a modification or a renunciation of the privileges, immunities and facilities which the ITU enjoys by virtue of the international agreements and national laws applicable to it.

ARTICLE 5: ENTRY INTO FORCE, DURATION AND TERMINATION

This MoU shall enter into force on the date of its signature by both Parties and remain in effect for a period of three (3) years, which will be renewed automatically each time for a new period of three years, unless a written notice of termination is given by either Party to the other. It shall then terminate sixty (60) days after receipt of such notice. Notwithstanding its termination, activities undertaken under this MoU shall continue until their completion.

ARTICLE 6: AMENDMENTS

The terms and conditions of this MoU may only be amended by written agreement signed by both Parties.

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ARTICLE 7: CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION AND NOTICE

For the purpose of facilitating the implementation of the working arrangements to be established by the Parties in the framework of this MoU, the channel of communication for the Parties will be:

7.1 For ITU:

Attention: Mr. Riccardo Passerini
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7.2 For ZNIIS

Attention: Mr. Vasiliev Alexey
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111141, Russia, Moscow, 1-st Proezd Perova Poly, 8
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Either Party may, by notice in writing to the other Party, designate additional representatives or substitute other representatives for those designated in this Article.

ARTICLE 8: SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

The Parties confirm that they shall exercise good faith efforts to resolve any dispute between them arising from or in connection with this MoU through mutual negotiation and agreement.

ARTICLE 9: CONFIDENTIALITY

Each Party agrees to treat with the utmost confidentiality all documents, information and/or data obtained in the course of the execution of this MoU and deemed confidential by the other Party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized representatives of the Parties, have signed this MoU in two (2) originals in the English language on the dates hereinafter stated.

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For the ZNIIS

Mr. Vasilliev Alexey
Director General



Place:

Date:

**For the International Telecommunication
Union**

Dr. Hamadoun I. Touré
Secretary-General

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "H. Touré", is written over the text.

Place: Geneva, Switzerland

Date: 6/3/2013