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Subject: Measuring the Information Society Report 2017

Sir,

The ITU *Measuring the Information Society Report 2017* was launched on 15 November 2017, during the 15th World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators Symposium (WTIS) held in Hammamet, Tunisia, from 14-16 November 2017.

The Report features the latest *ICT Development Index (IDI)*, a benchmarking tool that monitors information society developments worldwide. The IDI 2017 captures the level of ICT developments in 176 economies worldwide, presents country rankings, compares progress made during the year, and analyzes the digital divide. The IDI is based on official, comparable country data and is the only ICT index that covers such a large number of economies, from both developed and developing regions.

I am pleased to inform you that your country features among the top 5 countries (out of 176) which have improved most on their IDI rank during the past year. Let me take this opportunity to congratulate you on the outstanding achievement your country has made in ICT developments.

For ease of reference, please find copies of the *Measuring the Information Society Report 2017*, Volumes I and II (providing ICT Country Profiles).

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Brahima Sanou
Director

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