

Dear Mr. Kummer,

The following document (<http://www.wgig.org/docs/CommentsICC-April.pdf>) has retained our attention because of an incorrect statement about ITU membership. I would like to request that ITU's correction be posted on the public WGIG web site.

The ICC document states on page 11, number 9, first bullet: "The discussion of the ITU and participation by the private sector and civil society are not clear that membership in the ITU sectors are not open to all private sector or civil society entities".

This statement is not correct because the ITU Convention encourages participation by "*...scientific or industrial organizations and financial or development institutions which are approved by the Member State concerned.*" Membership is open as well to "*other entities dealing with telecommunications matters*" subject to approval by the relevant Member State. (See Article 19, Paragraph 1 a) and b) of the Convention).

Therefore, ITU membership is open to the private sector, including civil society entities, provided that there is no objection from the Member State where the organization or entity is based. Through its membership in the ITU, the private sector has made significant contributions to the activities of the ITU.

Regards,

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