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Dear Mr Aboba,

As foreseen in its Communication "*A strategic vision for European standards: Moving forward to enhance and accelerate the sustainable growth of the European economy by 2020*", the Commission adopted a decision setting up a European Multi-Stakeholder Platform on ICT Standardisation on 28 November 2011. This Platform is a key component of the reform of the EU standardisation system set out in the draft regulation proposed to the Council and the European Parliament.

The Platform will be composed of representatives of national authorities of Member States and EFTA countries, European and international standardisation bodies, as well as stakeholder organisations representing industry, small and medium-sized enterprises, consumers and other societal stakeholders. The members will be appointed by the Commission for a period of three years.

The Platform will advise the Commission on all matters related to European ICT standardisation policy and its effective implementation, including:

- the work programme for ICT standardisation and its priorities;
- progress in ICT standardisation and related activities in support of legislation and policies;
- recognition of technical specifications developed by global ICT Fora and Consortia where the requirements set out in annex II of the draft regulation are met.

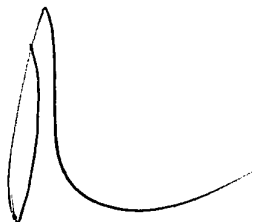
The Platform will meet four times a year in Brussels. Travel and subsistence expenses incurred by participants in the activities of the Platform will be reimbursed in accordance with the provisions in force within the Commission. The first meeting will be held in March 2012. The exact date will be confirmed in February 2012.

It is our pleasure to invite you to nominate one representative of your organisation as well as an alternate to participate in the work of the Platform. Taking into account the tasks and objectives of the Platform it would be most useful if the participants had expertise in ICT standardisation policy as well as in the use of standards in support of policies such as public procurement and innovative ICT applications.

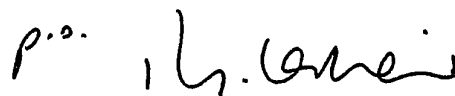
Nominations, accompanied by curriculum vitae, should be sent by 15 February 2012 via email to: entr-ict-standardisation@ec.europa.eu

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Yours faithfully,



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