Ref. APT/2020/AWG-26/PM2 7 April 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

Subject: Postponement of the 26th Meeting of the APT Wireless Group

Please refer to the APT’s letter Ref. APT/2020/AWG-26/PM dated 14 February 2020 informing the postponement of the 26th Meeting of the APT Wireless Group (AWG-26) to be held in Bangkok, Thailand, to the new schedule from 20 to 24 April 2020.

I would like to inform you that due to the situation of the COVID-19, it had also been planned to reschedule the AWG-26 to June 2020 pending for the confirmation of the venue. However, recently the Royal Thai Government had sought the cooperation of all diplomatic missions, consular representatives and international organisations in Thailand to refrain from organising and attending large-scale activities including mass gatherings or large community events to mitigate the risk of transmitting COVID-19 until further notice.

Recognizing the importance and urgency of the work of AWG and in order to organise two meetings of AWG in 2020 as planned, APT Secretariat had consulted the Chairman of AWG and other office bearers informing the situation in Thailand and sought the possibility to hold the AWG-26 in other countries in June 2020. But it was difficult to find the host country as most governments in the region do not allow holding international meeting during these months.

Considering the current circumstances, it has been decided to postpone the AWG-26 to the third quarter of 2020. Consequently, the 27th Meeting of the AWG (AWG-27), which was originally planned to be held in September 2020, will be postponed to 2021. The dates of the AWG-26 will be decided, depending on evaluation of the COVID-19 situation.

Given the increased preventive measures in many countries/areas and the global cooperation to fight the COVID-19, I hope the situation will be improved and the new schedule of the AWG-26 could be confirmed in due course.

Thank you in advance for your kind understanding.

Yours sincerely,

(Original signed)

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To: APT Members, Associate Members, Affiliate Members and others