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## SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 12<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC TELECOMMUNITY

### 1. Opening of the Session

#### 1.1 Introduction

- 1.1.1 The 12th Session of the General Assembly of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (GA-12) was held from 16 to 18 November 2011 in Jeju Island, Republic of Korea. The meeting was organized by the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT) and hosted by the Korea Communications Commission (KCC) of the Republic of Korea.

#### 1.2 Attendance

- 1.2.1 The GA-12 was attended by 201 representatives of the following Members, Associate Members, Affiliate Members and International Organizations. List of participants to the GA-12 is given in **Annex 1**

35 Members: Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, People's Republic of China, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Japan, Kiribati, Republic of Korea, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Micronesia FSM, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nauru Island, Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan, Palau, Philippines, Samoa, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu and Vietnam

2 Associate Members: Hong Kong China, Macao China

12 Affiliate Members:

Electronic & Telecommunications Research Institute, Republic of Korea,  
Korea Communications Agency, Republic of Korea  
KT Corporation, Republic of Korea  
Qualcomm Korea Limited, Republic of Korea  
Korea Radio Promotion Association, Republic of Korea,  
Samsung Electronics Co., Limited, Republic of Korea,  
Information communication Network Company, Mongolia,  
Mongolia Telecommunication Company, Mongolia  
Nepal Telecom Company Limited, Nepal  
Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company, Philippines  
Globe Telecom, Philippines  
CAT Telecom Public Company Limited, Thailand

2 International/ Regional Organizations:

International Telecommunication Union,  
Pacific Islands Telecommunications Association.

### **1.3 Opening of the Session**

#### **1.3.1 Welcome Address by Mr. Toshiyuki Yamada, Secretary General, Asia-Pacific Telecommunity**

In his welcome address, Mr. Toshiyuki Yamada, Secretary General of APT, welcome the delegates to the 12<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly. He thanked Government of the Republic of Korea and Korea Communication Commission for the excellent arrangements. He mentioned that this session of the General Assembly is attended by a number of Ministers and high level delegation of the Membership which is an indication of high level commitment of the Members to APT.

Mr. Yamada expressed his concern on the ongoing flood crisis of Thailand which is the host country of APT Headquarters. He informed that the APT Headquarters has also been affected by the flood. Mentioning about the APT achievements in last three years, Mr. Yamada said that during his tenure as the Secretary General, he had tried hard to improve the efficiency of the Secretariat in cutting costs and streamlining operations. In preparing APT for the next three years, he promised to continue his efforts to increase the membership, organize a Ministerial meeting, review HRD program of APT and to maintain a zero growth in administrative expenses.

The full text of his speech can be found in **Annex 2(a)**.

#### **1.3.2 Address by Mr. Brahima Sanou, Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau, International Telecommunication Union**

In his address Mr. Brahima Sanou expressed his gratitude to APT for giving him an opportunity to attend and address the General Assembly of the APT. He also thanked Korea Communications Commission for extending warm hospitality for him. He expressed his keen interest to working closely with APT to maximize resources, avoid duplication and to make the most of the respective strengths and capacities. The full text of his speech can be found in **Annex 2(b)**.

#### **1.3.3 Message by Dato Dr. Halim Bin Man, President of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity**

The message from Dato Dr. Halim Bin Man, President of the APT was read by Ms. Nur Sulyna Abdullah of the delegation of Malaysia. Dato Dr. Halim Bin Man was unable to attend the General Assembly due to unavoidable circumstances. The full text of his speech can be found in **Annex 2(c)**.

#### **1.3.4 Address by Dr. Kyu-Jin Wee, Chairman of the APT Management Committee**

In his address Dr. Kyu-Jin Wee, Chairman of the APT Management Committee welcome the delegates in Korea and expressed his great sympathy for the flood affected people of Thailand. He mentioned that the Management Committee has successfully completed its task as mandated by the General Assembly. The full texts of his address can be found in **Annex 2(d)**.

**1.3.5 Congratulatory Remarks by Mr. Keun-Min Woo, Governor of Jeju Special Self Governing Province, Republic of Korea**

Mr. Keun-Min Woo, Governor of the Jeju Special Self Governing Province welcome all the delegates in Republic of Korea on behalf of the people and Government of Jeju Island. He hoped that the General Assembly would engage in many beneficial discussions, providing workable future plans and direction for the international telecommunication industry. He invited delegates to enjoy the exotic beauty of Jeju Island before their departure. The full text of his speech can be found in **Annex 2(e)**.

**1.3.6 Inaugural Address by H. E. Mr. See Joong Choi, Chairman of the Korea Communications Commission, Republic of Korea**

In his inaugural address H. E. Mr. See Joong Choi, Chairman of the Korea Communications Commission welcome delegates on behalf of the Government of Korea. He expressed his deepest condolences to the delegates from Japan, China, and Thailand, which have suffered a great deal this year from natural disasters including earthquakes and flooding. He mentioned that the APT is playing a pivotal role in the ICT development of the Asia-Pacific region. Mentioning the rapid development of the Asia-Pacific region the outcomes of ICT development and cooperation during the past three decades achieved by the APT has pushed ahead with the expansion of connectivity and advancement of IT networks in the Asia-Pacific region. He mentioned that the Korean government is fully committed to enhancing cooperation with the APT to achieve the ICT development and co-prosperity of nations in the Asia-Pacific region. The full text of his speech can be found in **Annex 2(f)**.

1.3.7 Mr. Toshiyuki Yamada, Secretary General of APT, presented an appreciation plaque to H. E. Mr. See Joong Choi.

**2. Adoption of the Agenda**

2.1 Mr. Zakaria Hassan, Vice President of APT announced the opening of the 12<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly. He thanked the host country Republic of Korea for making excellent arrangements for the General Assembly.

2.2 The Secretary General of APT announced that credentials from 31 countries have been submitted and the required quorum had been obtained to enable the General Assembly to proceed.

2.3 The Vice President invited comments on the Provisional Agenda (Doc. No. GA-12/1). As there were no comments from the floor the Agenda was adopted.

<b>Decision No. 1 (GA/12)</b>
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1. The Agenda was adopted.
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2.4 The Vice President informed the meeting about his informal consultation regarding the time for the election of Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General. He proposed a change to the Tentative Program (Doc. No. GA-12/2) to have the elections on 17 November 2011 at 1400hrs. This was agreed by the meeting. The Agenda and Program of the 12<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly can be found in **Annex 3**.

### **3. Election of President and two Vice Presidents of the APT for the next term**

- 3.1 The Vice President introduced the Doc. No. GA-12/4 and requested for nominations for the post of President and two Vice Presidents.
- 3.2 Republic of Korea, as the host of this Assembly, proposed the name of Mr. Young Kyu NOH from Republic of Korea for the post of President of the APT for the next term (Doc. No. GA-12/5).
- 3.3 Mr. Young Kyu NOH was elected unanimously as the President of the APT.
- 3.4 The representative of Vanuatu proposed the name of Mr. Paula Ma'u of Tonga for the post of Vice President of the APT for the next term. The nomination was supported by Federated States of Micronesia.
- 3.5 Mr. Paula Ma'u of Tonga was elected as the Vice President of the APT for the first term.
- 3.6 The representative of Maldives proposed the name of Mr. Zakaria Hassan of Afghanistan for the post of Vice President of the APT for the second term. The nomination was supported by Pakistan.
- 3.7 Mr. Zakaria Hassan was elected as the Vice President of the APT for the second term.
- 3.8 Mr. Young Kyu NOH, the new President addressed the General Assembly. He thanked APT Members for electing him as a President of the APT. He also thanked outgoing President Dr. Halim Bin Man and outgoing Vice President Mr. Tin Htwe.
- 3.9 Mr. Zakaria Hassan, Vice President, addressed the General Assembly.
- 3.10 Mr. Tin Htwe, the outgoing Vice President addressed the General Assembly.
- 3.11 Mr. Toshiyuki Yamada, Secretary General of APT presented an appreciation plaque to Dato Dr. Halim Bin Man which was received by the representative of Malaysia. The Secretary General also presented an appreciation plaque to Mr. Tin Htwe, outgoing Vice President.
- 3.12 Mr. Paula Ma'u, Vice President, addressed the General Assembly.

<b>Decision No. 2 (GA/12)</b>
1. Mr. Young Kyu NOH from the Republic of Korea was elected as the President of the APT.
2. Mr. Paula Ma'u from Tonga was elected as Vice President of the APT.
3. Mr. Zakari Hassan from Afghanistan was re-elected as the Vice President of the APT.



**4. Statements of Member Administrations, Representatives of International and Regional Organizations**

- 4.1 People's Republic of China, Fiji, India, Japan, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Samoa, Thailand, Tuvalu and Vietnam delivered statements to the General Assembly.
- 4.2 Australia, Lao PDR, Republic of Korea and Singapore provided written Statements to the Secretariat which were uploaded on the web.

The Statements from Member Administrations are attached in **Annex 4**.

**5. Consideration of the Report of the Management Committee on the activities of the APT during 2009-2011**

- 5.1 The Chairman of APT Management Committee, Dr. Kyu-Jin Wee presented the report (Doc. No. GA-12/11 (Rev.1)). In his report, he highlighted the main achievements and activities of the APT during the period 2009 – 2011. Dr. Wee thanked all the APT members for their support, contribution and cooperation.
- 5.2 President thanked Dr. Wee for presenting the comprehensive report. He asked for comments from the floor.
- 5.3 The Republic of Korea enquired about the status of the membership of Tuvalu as the report mentioned Tuvalu's membership status is to be confirmed. The Secretariat advised that the membership status in the report needs to be updated to the current situation and Tuvalu and Kiribati have become Members.
- 5.4 New Zealand commented that APT should try not to have duplicated events with those of ITU and to have proper collaboration between the two organizations in preparing the programs and avoid overlaps as much as possible. The Secretariat advised that APT is coordinating with ITU in planning the program for 2012. He mentioned that there could be some overlapping of the training programs and sometimes similar training programs are helpful for members. MC Chairman further added that representatives of ITU regional office regularly attend MC and provide their suggestions. However, due to the different decision making times in both organizations, duplication does occur.
- 5.5 The report was adopted by the General Assembly.

<b>Decision No. 3 (GA/12)</b>
1. General Assembly adopted the report of the Management Committee on the activities of the APT during 2009-2011

**6. Consideration of the Strategic Plan of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity for the Period 2012-2014**

- 6.1 Mr. Ilyas Ahmed, Chairman of the Preparatory Meeting for 12<sup>th</sup> General Assembly introduced the Strategic Plan of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity for the period 2012-2014 (Doc. No. GA-12/15). He informed that the two days preparatory meeting for the General Assembly has considered thoroughly the draft Strategic Plan and the final outcome has been included in the document. Mr. Ahmed highlighted the main points of the Strategic Plan and requested the adoption by the General Assembly.
- 6.2 President thanked Mr. Ahmed for reporting on the draft Strategic Plan. He asked comments from floor. There were no comments from the floor.
- 6.3 The Strategic Plan for the Period 2012 – 2014 was adopted by the General Assembly. The Strategic Plan adopted by the General Assembly is given in **Annex 5**.

<b>Decision No. 4 (GA/12)</b>
1. General Assembly adopted the Strategic Plan of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity for the period 2012-2014.



**7. Consideration of the Basis for the Annual Budget of the Telecommunity and Determination of Limits of Annual Expenditure for the years 2012-2014**

- 7.1 President requested the Chairman of the Preparatory Group for GA-12, Mr. Ilyas Ahmed to brief the meeting on the Preparatory Group discussions and outcome on the issue.
- 7.2 Mr. Ahmed reported that the 34th Session of the Management Committee of the Asia Pacific Telecommunity (MC-34) held in Macao, China, from 30 November to 3 December, 2010 recommended an increase in unit cost of contribution at least by 9% per annum for the years 2012-2014 to maintain a sustainable balance in the APT account. This recommendation was reviewed and discussed at the Preparatory Meeting for GA-12 with various scenario using different percentages. However, some countries indicated that the proposed increase is too heavy and no consensus was achieved. Therefore he requested the General Assembly to discuss and decide the issue.
- 7.3 Mr. Zakaria Hassan, Vice President of the APT suggested forming an Ad-Hoc group to discuss and develop a few options for the General Assembly to consider and it was supported by Japan.
- 7.4 Plenary agreed to form the Ad-hoc group chaired by Mr. Zakaria Hassan, Vice President of the APT.
- 7.5 President advised the Ad-hoc group to come up with a few recommendations for efficient discussion and conclusion at the Plenary.
- 7.6 General Assembly deferred the discussion on the document.

**Decision No. 5 (GA/12)**

1. General Assembly approved to form an Ad-Hoc Group chaired by Mr. Zakaria Hassan, Vice President of the APT
2. General Assembly deferred the discussion on the basis for the Annual Budget of the Telecommunity and Determination of limits of Annual Expenditure for the years 2012-2014 until the recommendation from Ad-Hoc Group received.

**8. Consideration of the Basis for the Annual Budget of the Telecommunity and Determination of limits of Annual Expenditure for the years 2012-2014 (continuation)**

- 8.1 The President thanked the Chairman of the Ad-Hoc Group and participants and requested the Ad-hoc group Chairman to report the recommendation of the Ad-hoc group.
- 8.2 Mr. Zakaria Hassan, Ad-Hoc Group Chairman presented his report given in Doc GA-12/17. He reported that the group discussed different financial scenarios provided by the Secretariat on the Cash Flow projection for the years 2012 to 2014.
- 8.3 He reported that an increase is necessary for smooth operation of APT and that the Ad-Hoc Group agreed to propose one-time increase of 9% of the unit cost of contribution for 2012.
- 8.4 He also suggested that next MC to review the financial situation and if there is an urgency to increase in unit cost, MC may be empowered by the General Assembly to take necessary measure.
- 8.5 Vietnam sought clarification on MC empowerment and the Ad-Hoc Chairman replied that if any financial urgency arises and there is no other mechanism to resolve it, Secretariat and MC should work together.
- 8.6 Japan expressed appreciation to Ad-Hoc Group Chairman. Japan expressed that one-time increase of 9% in the year 2012 may be sufficient. However MC in 2012 and 2013 may require to review the APT financial situation. He suggested that MC empowerment should be limited to review in case of change in exchange rate of the US Dollar and other extraordinary situation.
- 8.7 Republic of Korea suggested that the General Assembly should discuss whether it is necessary to empower MC to review on the issue.

8.8 The Report of the Ad-Hoc Group was adopted.

**Decision No. 6 (GA/12)**

1. General Assembly approved a one-time increase of 9% in unit cost of contribution in the year 2012.
2. General Assembly also mandated MC in 2012 and 2013 to review the financial situation of APT and if there is any urgency and need to increase in unit cost of contribution in case of change of exchange rate and other circumstances unforeseen or unavoidable, MC is empowered to take necessary measures provided that Members are informed in advance.
3. General Assembly adopted the Ad-Hoc Group report.

**9. Consideration of the Recommendations of Ad-Hoc Correspondence Group for GA preparations and APT Rules (Doc. 16)**

- 9.1 Mr. Ilyas Ahmed, Chairman of the Preparatory Group for General Assembly introduced the report and requested the Chair of the Management Committee's Ad-Hoc Correspondence Group for GA Preparations and APT Rules (CGMC) to report on their recommendations to the General Assembly.
- 9.2 The Chairman of the MC reported that CGMC is also mandated to decide on the Preparatory Meeting for the General Assembly.
- 9.3 The Chair of the CGMC expressed and reconfirmed her recommendation on the necessity of Preparatory Meeting for the General Assembly and sought the comments of GA.
- 9.4 Mr. Zakaria Hassan, Vice President supported to have the Preparatory Meeting for the future General Assemblies and it was seconded by Australia, Samoa, Maldives and People's Republic of China.

**Decision No. 7 (GA/12)**

1. General Assembly agreed to suppress the following instruments of previous General Assemblies:
  - (i) Guidelines to the Management Committee for the Preparation of the Programme of Work of the Telecommunity ([GAMC Decision-1](#))
  - (ii) Resolution concerning the Formation of a Consultative Committee for Coordination ([GAMC Decision-2](#))
  - (iii) Resolution on Strengthening of the Activities of the Asia Pacific Telecommunity ([GAMC Decision-3](#))
  - (iv) Guidelines to the Management Committee for the Preparation of the Programme of Work of the Telecommunity ([GAMC Decision-6](#))
  - (v) Resolution to determine succession to the position of the Executive Director ([GAMC](#)

[Decision-7\)](#)

- (vi) Resolution on Strengthening of the Budgetary Basis and Effectiveness of the Asia Pacific Telecommunity ([GAMC Decision-8](#))
  - (vii) Resolution No. 96/01 on Developing a Broader funding Base for the Future of the APT ([GAMC Decision-16](#))
  - (viii) Resolution on Participating Companies and Organizations (other than those eligible for Affiliate Membership) in the APT Activities ([GAMC Decision-18](#))
  - (ix) Resolution on Establishing a Preparatory Group to consider changes to the APT Constitution ([GAMC Decision-19](#))
  - (x) Transition Rules ([GAMC Decision-21](#))
2. General Assembly adopted the revised Rules of Procedure of General Assembly as given in **Annex 6**.
  3. General Assembly adopted the new Resolution on the Terms and Conditions of Employment of the Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General of the Asia Pacific Telecommunity as given in **Annex 7**.
  4. General Assembly agreed to have a Preparatory Meeting prior to future General Assemblies.

**10. Any Other Items Proposed by Members, Associate Members and President or Secretary General of the Telecommunity**

- 10.1 President requested proposals on this agenda item.
- 10.2 Republic of Korea introduced Doc. No GA-12/14, which proposes the consideration of the General Assembly to facilitate the participation of the Least Developed Countries to the APT Management Committee. Korea mentioned that last few sessions of the Management Committee faced considerable difficulties to fulfill the quorum. Least developed countries are not able to attend the Sessions due to budgetary constraint. As a result Korea proposed to provide fellowships to the Least Developed Countries for attending the sessions of the APT Management Committee.
- 10.3 President thanked Republic of Korea for the proposal and asked comments from the floor.
- 10.4 Japan seconded the proposal of Republic of Korea.
- 10.5 Secretary General informed the General Assembly that due to a Provision of the Constitution, the APT Secretariat was not able to provide fellowships to members to attend GA, MC and their subsidiary bodies. However, he suggested that detail discussion can be held at the MC.

- 10.6 Philippines acknowledged the provisions of the Constitution and suggested to have some measures in order to facilitate the participation of Members at the MC. Future amendments in Constitution in this regard can also be considered.
- 10.7 Malaysia seconded the proposal of the Republic of Korea. Referring to Section 2 of Article 7 of the Constitution, Malaysia suggested one option could be to create an expert group composed of the members from Least Developed Countries so that fellowship could be offered to group without contravening the Constitution of APT.
- 10.8 Dr. Wee, Chairman of the APT Management Committee said that if the General Assembly permits, the 35<sup>th</sup> MC would discuss this matter in detail next week.
- 10.9 Samoa, Kiribati and Nauru supported the proposal of Republic of Korea and mentioned that due to budgetary constraints they were not been able to attend the MC Meetings. The fellowship would allow them to attend the MC in a regular basis. Samoa commented that the option of fellowship would lead to more fruitful outcomes of the MC by the presence of a greater number of Least Developed Countries.
- 10.10 New Zealand generally supported the proposal. However, he pointed out that there were two constraints: legal and financial, that needs to be resolved. He requested the General Assembly to find a way forward on this matter.
- 10.11 Japan queried how the outcomes of the MC will be handled if the General Assembly approves the proposal.
- 10.12 Dr. Wee replied that if General Assembly approves the 35<sup>th</sup> Session of MC will provide a guideline to APT Secretariat to allocate fellowships to the Least Developed Countries to attend the MC from 2012. The next session of the General Assembly will analyze the guideline and status report developed by the MC.
- 10.13 President thanked Republic of Korea and all the Members for supporting the proposals.
- 10.14 President concluded that it will be beneficial for Least Developed Countries to get fellowships to attend the MC. Therefore, MC is mandated to develop detail guidelines including criteria for the fellowship taking into account legal and financial constraints and report to the next session of General Assembly

<p><b>Decision No. 8 (GA/12)</b></p>
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. General Assembly decided to facilitate fellowship for LDCs to attend the MC through an appropriate mechanism within the constraints of the Constitution and budgetary limitations of the APT.</li> <li>2. MC is mandated to develop detail guidelines including criteria for the fellowship taking into account legal and financial constraints</li> <li>3. MC is instructed to report the details of the guideline and study on this matter to the next session of General Assembly.</li> </ol> |
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**11. Election of Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity for the next three years term 2012-2015.**

- 11.1 The President reported the document “Election of Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity for the next three years term 2012-2015” and explained the “Procedure for the Election of the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity.”
- 11.2 New Zealand questioned how telling function will be undertaken. Bangladesh reiterated the question.
- 11.3 APT Secretariat clarified that in the past, the vote counting was carried out by the President and two Vice Presidents. The meeting agreed that the votes will be counted by the President and two Vice Presidents.
- 11.4 The President reported that the current Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General were elected by the 11<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly of the APT for three year term which is from the 9th of February, 2009 to 8th of February, 2012. Therefore, in accordance with Article 8 Paragraph 6(e) of the Constitution of the APT, the General Assembly will elect the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General of the Telecommunity.
- 11.5 The President reported that the Government of Japan nominated Mr. Toshiyuki Yamada for the post of the Secretary General of the APT and the Republic of Korea nominated Dr. Kyu-Jin Wee for the post of the Secretary General of the APT. (Doc. No. GA-12/7)
- 11.6 The President reported that the Royal Government of Thailand nominated Mr. Kraisorn Pornsutee for the post of the Deputy Secretary General of the APT. (Doc. No. GA-12/7)
- 11.7 The President reported that 35 Member countries are present and two proxy votes requests have been received.
- 11.8 Voting process for election of the Secretary General was conducted.
- 11.9 President announced the following results:

a) number of delegations attending the General Assembly and entitled to vote	35
b) number of votes cast	37
c) number of invalid ballot papers	1
d) number of abstentions	0
e) number of votes constituting the required majority of the valid votes	19

f) number of votes obtained by each candidate, in ascending order of the number of votes	Mr. Toshiyuki Yamada: 28 Dr. Kyu-Jin Wee: 8
g) name of the elected candidate	Mr. Toshiyuki Yamada

11.10 The President declared Mr. Toshiyuki Yamada from Japan as elected Secretary General of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity for next three-year term

11.11 Voting process for election of Deputy Secretary General was conducted.

11.12 President announced the following results:

a) number of delegations attending the General Assembly and entitled to vote	35
b) number of votes cast	37
c) number of invalid ballot papers	4
d) number of abstentions	0
e) number of votes constituting the required majority of the valid votes	19
f) number of votes obtained by each candidate, in ascending order of the number of votes	Mr. Kraisorn Pornsutee: 33
g) name of the elected candidate	Mr. Kraisorn Pornsutee

11.13 The President declared Mr. Kraisorn Pornsutee from Thailand as elected Deputy Secretary General of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity for next three-year term.

<b>Decision No. 9 (GA/12)</b>
1. Mr. Toshiyuki Yamada from Japan was elected as the Secretary General of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity for next three year term.
2. Mr. Kraisorn Pornsutee from Thailand was elected as the Deputy Secretary General of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity for next three year term.

11.14 Mr. Toshiyuki Yamada, Secretary General addressed the General Assembly. Mr. Yamada thanked all Members for their support and trust placed on him. He assured his full cooperation and assistance towards members' need. He reaffirmed his commitment to improve the APT Human Resource Development program for the benefits of the members. In conclusion, he informed that APT will organize a Ministerial Meeting in 2014.

11.15 Mr. Kraisorn Pornsutee, Deputy Secretary General addressed the General Assembly. Mr. Pornsutee thanks the Royal Government of Thailand, Ministry of Information and Communication Technology, National Broadcasting and Telecommunication



Commission Thailand, TOT Public Company Limited and CAT Telecom for their support towards his candidacy. In conclusion, he assured to give his best effort to meet the members' expectations.

**12. Pledging of Contributions by Members, Associate Members and Affiliate Members for the next three year budget of the Telecommunity**

- 12.1 President requested APT Secretariat to present document on the pledging of Contributions.
- 12.2 Mr. Kraisorn Pornsutee, Deputy Secretary General referred to Attachment 2 of document no. 17 which contains the present unit contributions by the Members, Associate Members and Affiliate Members.
- 12.3 Mr. Toshiyuki Yamada, Secretary General of APT reminded delegates that according to the provision of Constitution Members and Associate Members need to pledge the unit of contribution at the General Assembly and will not be able to reduce their pledged unit contributions until the next General Assembly. However, this provision does not apply for the Affiliate Members.
- 12.4 President thanked Mr. Yamada and Mr. Pornsutee for their explanation. He requested Members and Associate Members to confirm their pledge unit of contributions in alphabetical order.
- 12.5 The pledged unit of contributions from Members and Associate Members are listed in **Annex 8**.

All members maintain the same level of number of units of contributions for the next three years. Also Vietnam informed that subject to approval of the Government, Vietnam will contribute 2 units in 2013 and 2014.

In addition following countries have indicated extra budgetary contributions towards the work programme:

- (i) Australia will maintain its current contribution of 5 units and will also continue to provide EBC. The total of its regular unit contribution and EBC will not exceed AUD 256,000
  - (ii) Peoples' Republic of China will provide US\$30,000 as extra budgetary contribution for training courses held in their country.
  - (iii) Indonesia will provide extra budgetary contribution of one unit for workshop program in 2012
  - (iv) Japan also mentioned that the Government will also contribute extra budgetary contribution but will confirm later.
- 12.6 Secretary General requested Members and Associated Members to check with their respective Affiliate Members whether they would maintain the same contributory unit.

- 12.7 President thanked all the members for their pledged contributions. He hoped that members will continue their efforts for maintain APT activities.

<b>Decision No. 10 (GA/12)</b>
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| 1. General Assembly adopted the table of unit of contributions contained in Annex 8 from Members and Associate Members |
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**13. Determination of Limits of Annual Expenditure for the Year 2012 - 2014**

- 13.1 President requested APT Secretariat to present the document in relation to determination of limits of annual expenditure for the year 2012 – 2014.
- 13.2 Mr. Kraisorn introduced document no. 9 Revision 1. He mentioned that in consideration of the increasing activities, establishment and operational cost, the General Assembly is therefore requested to consider the following limits of expenditures for the period 2012 - 2014 as recommended by MC-34,
- For 2012: US\$ 2,756,311  
For 2013: US\$ 2,793,965  
For 2014: US\$ 2,832,230.
- 13.3 President thanked Mr. Kraisorn for presenting the document. He asked comments from floor.
- 13.4 Japan commented that Secretariat should continue its effort to minimize the expenditure as far as possible.
- 13.5 As there were no further comments the General Assembly adopted the limits of expenditures for the period 2012 - 2014 as recommended by MC-34.

<b>Decision No. 11 (GA/12)</b>
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| 1. GA adopted the following limits of expenditures for the period 2012 – 2014.<br>For 2012: US\$ 2,756,311<br>For 2013: US\$ 2,793,965<br>For 2014: US\$ 2,832,230. |
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**14. Consideration of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with International Organizations**

- 14.1 President requested APT Secretariat to report on the consideration of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with International Organizations.
- 14.2 Secretary General reported that there was no MoU signed in the period 2009 – 2011.

**15. Date and Venue of the Next Ordinary Session of the General Assembly.**

- 15.1 The Secretary General reported that at the 33<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Management Committee of the APT held in Islamic Republic of Iran, it was decided that Mongolia would host the 13<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity and the 38<sup>th</sup> Session of the Management Committee.
- 15.2 However, Mongolia informed that it has not been confirmed by the Government. As a result it will not be possible for them to host.
- 15.3 Secretary General advised that if Mongolia is unable to host the next Session of the General Assembly then the option is open for any Members.
- 15.4 Chairman said that the options are opened for members to host the next Session General Assembly and decision can be taken at the Management Committee in 2012.

<b>Decision No. 12 (GA/12)</b>
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| 1. The venue of the 13 <sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity will be discussed at the Management Committee in 2012. |
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**16. Adoption of the Summary Record of the 12<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly**

- 16.1 President requested the General Assembly to review the draft Summary Record and provide suggestions and comments if any.
- 16.2 General Assembly adopted the draft Summary Record with amendment made during the adoption.

<b>Decision No. 13 (GA/12)</b>
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| 1. The General Assembly adopted the Summary Record of the 12 <sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity. |
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**17. Closing of the Session.**

- 17.1 President expressed his appreciation to all Members, Associate Members, Affiliate Members and all participants for their kind cooperation extended to him and for their hard work and contributions to the success of the General Assembly.
- 17.2 Secretary General thanked the host country Republic of Korea. He pointed out that this General Assembly is a significant one as several Ministers and high level officials from 35 out of 38 Member countries participated. He thanked President and two Vice Presidents for their contribution and efficient conduct of the meeting. He also expressed gratitude for approving the increase in unit cost of contribution at this General Assembly. In closing, he assured to maintain efficient operations of the Secretariat with minimum cost.

- 17.3 Vice President Mr. Zakaria Hassan thanked the host country, Republic of Korea for their excellent preparation and arrangement of General Assembly. He also thanked all delegate for their trust put upon him.
- 17.4 Vice President Mr. Paula Ma'u thanked the host country, Republic of Korea. He thanked the General Assembly for electing him as a new Vice President and thanked the Pacific countries for supporting him. Finally, he assured he will provide his full support to APT as a Vice President.
- 17.5 In his closing remarks, President stressed the Asia-Pacific regional commitment in global ICT development. He pointed out that closed cooperation among Members, Associate Members, Affiliate Members and Secretariat is essential for full implementation of task laid down by the General Assembly and the Management Committee. He also thanked GA Preparatory Group Chairman and all Ad-hoc Group chairs for their valuable contribution. In conclusion, he urged all members to contribute to Management Committee meeting for the sake of APT moving forward.
- 17.6 India thanked the host country, Republic of Korea, and the President for organizing and successfully conducting the General Assembly. He then congratulated the Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General for their successful re-election and expressed that APT will achieve its expectation with newly elected leadership.
- 17.7 Malaysia thanked President, Vice Presidents and the APT Secretariat.
- 17.8 People's Republic of China thanked the host country, Republic of Korea for the warm hospitality extended to them. She also thanked President, two Vice Presidents, participants of GA Preparatory Meeting and the General Assembly. She hoped that APT will make more progress in coming years and assured People's Republic of China's commitments for continuous support towards APT and its activities.
- 17.9 Philippines thanked the host country and KCC for their arrangement and warm hospitality. He also thanked President and two Vice Presidents for the excellent conduct of the General Assembly. He finally thanked all Members for their contribution and support.
- 17.10 Indonesia thanked the Government of the Republic of Korea for their arrangement and hospitality provided to all participants. She also congratulated the Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General for their successful re-election. She expressed that APT has a lot of challenges and commitment as outlined in the newly adopted APT Strategic Plan.
- 17.12 Mr. Brahima Sanou, Director BDT, of International Telecommunication Union congratulated Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General. He also thanked the host country and organization – Korea Communication Commission. He expressed his appreciation for giving opportunity to ITU to attend this General Assembly. He stressed that APT and ITU have a closed and strong relationship and pledged for full cooperation with APT for the benefits of the region and membership.

- 17.13 A representative of Samoa thanked all the members especially from the Pacific region. He also conveyed his sincere appreciation to the President and two Vice Presidents for the able chairmanship of the General Assembly. He thanked the host organization KCC and local secretariat staff for their preparations, arrangements, and hospitality. He also thanked the APT secretariat staff for continuous support. In conclusion, he expressed that even though pacific countries are small compare to others, pacific countries will contribute for the improvement of wealth of APT.
- 17.14 President declared the 12<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity closed.



**The 12th Session of the General Assembly  
of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity**  
16 - 18 November 2011, Jeju, Republic of Korea



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## **ANNEX 2**

### **THE ADDRESSES OF THE OPENING SESSION**





**The 12<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity**  
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Honorable Ministers,  
Excellencies,  
Distinguished representatives,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good morning.

I have a honor to welcome you all to the 12<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity.

I am very pleased to note that our host, the Korea Communication Commission has made excellent arrangements and preparations for the meeting. Please join me in thanking the KCC and the Government of the Republic of Korea for the tremendous effort they have made to make APT events successful. Let me also thank the Chairman of KCC for taking time to grace this event.

Excellencies,  
Distinguished representatives,

The General Assembly is held at a time when Thailand, the host country of APT is going through severe flooding that is reported to be the worst floods that Thailand experienced for 50 years. Our hearts and prayers are with the people of Thailand and especially with those who are badly affected by this natural disaster. It is with regret that I have to inform that the flood waters have reached the APT headquarters in Bangkok. As well, many APT staff have been severely affected as their homes have been flooded and transport is very difficult. I seek your kind understanding that because of the difficult situation, submission of some documents prepared by the APT Secretariat has been delayed although we have made every effort to do them as quickly as possible.

However, I consider arrangements for the 12<sup>th</sup> General Assembly meeting and the 35<sup>th</sup> Management Committee meeting have progressed close to normal. The dedication and the cooperation of staff members have enabled the Secretariat to implement all these preparations despite the floods and the difficulties.

Dear participants,

The General Assembly is the highest level organ of the APT. I am very pleased to note that almost all of our Member administrations are represented here. I am particularly delighted to see ministers and other very high level representatives being with us at this 12<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of APT. This shows the high level of commitment and interest that Members attach to APT.

I strongly believe, the strength of APT, is its members, and their commitment for the collective support for the region, and the mutual respect that you have always shown to each other, at all times, for the good of the region.

APT is at the forefront of telecommunications and ICT development in the Asia-Pacific region. APT has been active in providing collaborative platforms and support for its members to discuss the various issues of telecommunications that are of importance to the region. It has been active in providing the support to develop human resources in the member countries. However, I feel that despite our achievements, there is still more work that needs to be done to fully align the APT with the needs of the members.

Distinguished representatives,

Three years ago, seems just yesterday, we met in Kuala Lumpur for the 11<sup>th</sup> General Assembly and we made several important decisions to facilitate the progress of the APT and the development of the telecommunications and ICT in the Asia-Pacific region.

I believe APT has made good progress in the past 3 years according to the guidance that the members provided through the strategic plan

Looking briefly on the activities and achievements of APT during the past three years I would like to note the following:-

APT celebrated its 30 years of service in 2009. The main highlight of this celebration was the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Meeting that was held in Bali, Indonesia from 12-13 November 2009. 13 Ministers 8 Vice Ministers, and many high-level participants from the APT Member countries, and International Organizations were represented in this special event.

The Ministers adopted the “Bali Statement on Strengthening Regional Collaboration towards a Broadband Economy in the Asia-Pacific” and the Plan of Action. This new policy direction for telecommunications and ICT in the region emphasized the need for the Asia-Pacific to embrace the benefits of broadband technologies and services for the economic benefits of the region.

The 33<sup>rd</sup> Management Committee decided to work on the Plan of Action through the Work Programmes of APT. Regular Programmes of APT included specific topics for discussions related to Bali Plan of Action, and special meetings and workshops were held during the period to cover other areas of the Plan. These included, Cyber Security Forum, Workshops on Disaster Management/Communication and Workshops on e-Application / e-Government.

APT was also very successful in preparing for the two ITU Conferences in 2010, the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-10) and World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-10). APT has also been very active in preparing regional preparations for the coming World Radio Conference in 2012 (WRC-12).

APT has also started the preparations for World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly 2012 (WTSA) and World Conference on Telecommunication Regulation 2012 (WCIT-12).

During the period from 2009 to end 2011, APT held a total of 61 events. APT provided 77 training programs during the same period, with 716 participants trained under APT fellowships.

Excellencies,  
Distinguished representatives,

During my tenure as the Secretary General, I have tried hard to improve the efficiency of the Secretariat in cutting costs and streamlining our operations. I have maintained the operational costs with no significant increase in costs during the past three years despite the increase in the number of work program events every year. I have also tried to improve the accessibility of APT services to the members and have worked to increase its membership. With these efforts, I am pleased to note that during the 3 year period we have 4 new Member countries (Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu and Kiribati) bringing our membership to 38 countries. Also 29 Affiliate Members joined the APT bring the total number of Affiliate Members to 128.

In preparing APT for the next three years, I will continue my efforts to increase the membership to all eligible members in the Asia-Pacific region. I will be organizing another Ministerial meeting to follow-up on the Bali Statement /Plan of Action. I will also be making necessary arrangements to review the Human Resources Development Program of APT. I will keep a special emphasis to maintain zero growth of the administrative expense.

Ladies and gentleman,

The telecommunication industry is seeing tremendous growth despite the financial challenges that we have seen in the world in the past years. Overall we are seeing the services becoming more affordable and more accessible to the people including the rural populations. We are also seeing many initiatives by the governments to rollout broadband infrastructure and services.

The advancement in technology has made multi-media mobile devices more affordable. The use of mobile devices for multimedia content is putting additional pressure on mobile operators to offer high speed any-time, any-where services. Digital content and applications, as well as the bundling of voice, data and content services, will be the engine of growth of the ICT markets.

Changes in consumer behavior and demand require alignment of telecom policies and regulatory frameworks. It also creates new challenges for the telecommunication industry.

I believe APT has an important role to play in assisting its members in these times of change. As the regional organization for telecom and ICT, we need to improve further our collaborative efforts and enhance our work programs to be more aligned with the member needs.

With your support and cooperation I believe we can make APT a more relevant organization leading the Asia-Pacific region to the next level of digital inclusion.

Ladies and gentlemen,

With these few words, let me once again thank our Members, Associate Members and Affiliate Members for their great supports and contributions extended to APT during past three years without that it would not have been possible for us to achieve our objectives.

I wish you all a successful deliberation and a pleasant stay in Jeju.

Thank you.

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Ladies and gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure to be here on this beautiful island of Jeju and to address the 12th General Assembly of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT). I would like to express my thanks to the APT for the invitation and express my deepest gratitude to Korea Communications Commission and through KCC to the Government of Republic of Korea for hosting the event and extending such a warm hospitality.

While our world is more interconnected than ever, there are large segments of the global community who remain unconnected to broadband and to ICT applications that have become so critical to the establishment of healthy economies and prosperous people.

The changes we need to undertake cannot be incremental because we don't have time. We need new thinking, new approaches and bold steps. It's time for thinking "outside the box" and for developing new collaborative partnerships across sectors, companies, governments, research institutions and academia.

To ensure that the information society is truly global and inclusive much needs to be done to empower the poorest and the marginalized segments of our societies through ICT.

I am confident that this assembly will come up with creative ways of turning these challenges into opportunities for the APT and its membership– and of course for the peoples of this region.

Distinguished colleagues,

I do place very high importance on implementation of the regional initiatives adopted by the World Telecommunication Development Conference in 2010.

In implementing the Regional initiatives one of my key priorities is to provide focused assistance to the region's Small Island Developing States to help them cope with connectivity issues, natural disasters and climate change challenges.

Asia-Pacific has been hit by a series of major natural disasters these past years and most recently by the massive earthquake and tsunami that hit Japan in March this year and the recent very severe flooding in Bangkok and nearby cities.

I would like to take this moment to express my solidarity with the numberless victims and their families in Japan, Thailand and other affected countries across the region. Let me assure you that ITU is on call for any emergency telecommunication requirements, and remind you that we encourage and very welcome partnerships, particularly in Asia-Pacific, in the ITU Framework for Cooperation in Emergencies.

Another area of cooperation is the global issue of Cybersecurity. Protecting the online world is one of today's most pressing priorities. Let us join hands to move the world from Cybercrime and Cyberthreats to Cyberpeace.

Capacity building also remains one of the key challenges in developing countries. Several partners have already joined the ITU network of Centres of Excellence and I count on your support to further strengthen this network while making the best use of it.

Distinguished Delegates Ladies and Gentlemen

I would like to emphasize the potential for synergy between ITU and APT and our keen interest in working closely with the APT to maximize resources, avoid duplication and to make the most of our respective strengths and capacities. It is my true belief and my deepest conviction that a stronger APT can only make ITU and particularly BDT stronger.

ITU values very highly the important contribution of APT to the development of worldwide standards and harmonised use of radio frequency spectrum, which are key elements in developing affordable communication networks.

ITU will be proposing potential areas for closer ITU-APT collaboration at the 35th Session of the APT Management Committee next week, in particular an open consultation meeting on the World Conference on International Telecommunications. We look forward to the APT Members' positive consideration thereon.

At this point, I would like to express our sincere thanks to all our partners particularly the Department of Broadband Communications and the Digital Economy of Australia, the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology of the People's Republic of China, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications of Japan, the Korea Communications Commission of the Republic of Korea, and the National Broadcasting and Telecommunications

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On behalf of the Secretary General and the other ITU Elected Officials, I would like to express our appreciation to APT for its contribution in preparation of major ITU events in 2012 and beyond, and in particular, the WTSA-12 and WCIT, the Radio Assembly and the WRC-12, the WTDC-14 and the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-14) to be held in Busan here in Korea. ITU is counting on your continuing support and we look forward to your active participation.

I wish this General Assembly productive outcomes and great success.

Thank you.



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PRESIDENT OF THE ASIA PACIFIC TELECOMMUNITY**

**AT THE**

**12<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ASIA PACIFIC  
TELECOMMUNITY**

**16 – 18 November 2011  
Jeju Island, Republic of Korea**

[Thank you for the opportunity to deliver the address of the President of the APT, the Secretary General of the Ministry of Information, Communications and Culture, Malaysia. This is his address:]

Mr See Jong Choi  
Chairman of the Korean Communications Commission  
and  
Mr Keun Min Woo  
Governor of Jeju Special Self-Governing Province  
- Our distinguished hosts

Mr Zakaria Hassan  
and  
Mr Tin Htwe  
- Vice Presidents of the APT

Dr Kyu Jin Wee  
Chairman of the APT Management Committee

Mr Toshiyuki Yamada  
Secretary General of the APT

Mr Kraisorn Pornsutee  
Deputy Secretary General of the APT

Mr Brahima Sanou  
Director of BDT,  
Of the International Telecommunication Union

Your Excellencies Vice Ministers and Ambassadors, Heads of Delegation, Delegates,  
ladies and gentlemen,

Good morning;

1. As President of the APT, I welcome you all to the 12<sup>th</sup> Session of the APT General Assembly. I owe you my heartfelt apologies for not being able to be with you at this GA to welcome you personally. Nonetheless, I am confident that I am leaving the initial Chairing of the Assembly and the handing over of the Presidency in the capable hands of our Vice Presidents.

2. As President also, it is my pleasure, on behalf of the General Assembly, to express our appreciation to the host administration - the Republic of Korea - and their team of officials who, I am informed, have been most generous with their hospitality and made everyone feel very welcome from the time delegates have stepped foot in Jeju Island. Hosting the GA and MC consecutively is no mean feat, as Malaysia has experienced. Korea, however, had the additional and milestone first Preparatory Meeting of the GA held on Monday and Tuesday preceding this Assembly. I have no doubt that the GA Prep Meeting required similar attention to detail in the hosting arrangements and for that, we thank you.

3. I also take this opportunity to convey Malaysia's heartfelt sympathies to the delegation from Thailand over the loss of life due to the floods. Thailand is our closest neighbor in the north with who we share a common land border. Although this is a difficult time for them, I commend our Thai colleagues who are here today displaying the steadfastness and resilience that will see Thailand overcome this situation.

4. Similarly to the Secretary General, Deputy Secretary General and the Secretariat team - all the delegations here today thank you for your hard work in gearing up for this Assembly as well as the Management Committee and GA Preparatory meetings. We all know that it could not have been easy for you to work in such a challenging situation and for that we are doubly appreciative of your dedication.

Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen,

5. It has been three years since we last convened the General Assembly in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. During the intervening three years, I owe my thanks to combined team of the Secretary General and the Chairman of the Management Committee together with the Vice Chairs of the MC and Deputy Secretary General for ensuring that the work of the APT as determined by the General Assembly in 2008 has been carried out efficiently and expeditiously. In an organization such as the APT, Members rely greatly on the leadership of the Management Committee and Secretariat to make certain that our Strategic Plan and corresponding activities are undertaken according to plan, on target and within budget.

6. Certainly, the office bearers of the individual work programs have similarly contributed to the success of the APT's work and for that, I thank them also. Required outcomes entail effective leadership from all quarters. Looking at the work programs and activities since the GA in 2008, I am able to deduce with confidence that apart from our MC Chair, Secretary General, Deputy Secretary General and MC Vice Chairs, the office bearers of the work programs, Members, Associate Members and Affiliate Members have all been involved in APT's activities in the past 3 years and played a role in one way or another to contribute to the success of these activities.

Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen,

7. Throughout the 3 years that Malaysia has had the privilege of being the President of the APT, we have seen various transformations taking place to the global ICT landscape and environment which have impacted our work at the APT. The increasing pervasiveness of the internet across the APT membership coupled with the exponential growth in mobile penetration and broadband in this region are but only a few instances which have led to developments in policy and regulation, among others. The introduction of new technologies has also had a bearing on our work. All this has led to policy makers and regulators in the APT family to foster closer relationships with each other which can augur well for the future of the APT.

8. However, that alone, as we are aware, is not enough. We must continue our engagement and dialogue with our Affiliate Members. This is imperative if the APT is to maintain our position as the leading regional organization in this sector. The succeeding 3 years will see the industry transform even further and faster with these changes being driven by the private sector. As we all know, many of this industry's key private sector players in the region are represented in our Affiliate Membership. I am mindful that the APT as an organization, is only as good as the strength of our Membership. Pragmatically, we need to enhance the interaction between Members and Associate Members with Affiliate Members and draw from each other in experience and outlook towards the APT becoming even stronger than we are today.

Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen,

9. We are fortunate that in the 2008-2011 term, our Ministers met in conference and convened the APT Ministerial Meeting in Bali in 2009, almost to the day, on the occasion of the APT's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Bali Statement which resulted from that has provided us with a clear direction towards strengthening regional cooperation for the development of ICT infrastructures and services in the Asia-Pacific, and to work towards a broadband economy.

10. In the next few days, when the GA considers the Strategic Plan for the following three years, it would be judicious to consider our plans in light of the objectives of the Bali Statement. At this juncture, I take the opportunity to congratulate the participants of the GA Preparatory Meeting as I am informed that the Prep Meeting has managed to negotiate a text for the Strategic Plan which is to be considered by this Assembly.

11. I recognize that this Assembly also has the responsibility to decide on the difficult task of determining if an increase is warranted to our Unit Cost at this point in time. Finances are always sensitive to deal with. But it is necessary that we make a decision on this if the APT is to continue performing its core functions and remain relevant as the catalyst for ICT growth in the region.

12. Most importantly, this Assembly will be electing our Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General for the next term. Fortunately, we have extremely qualified candidates to choose from, but because of that, unfortunately, it will also be extremely difficult for us to decide on the position of the Secretary General, in particular.

13. I take this opportunity to wish the candidates all the very best for the elections and whatever the outcome for the position of Secretary General, personally, I will be equally happy for the successful candidate as I will feel regret for the other, as both have played such major leadership roles in the APT.

14. In closing, to our host Korea, I can safely say that Malaysia is thankful to have hosted to GA before this one, and will not have to worry about how high you have raised the bar! I am certain that the beautiful island of Jeju and what it has to offer in terms of sights, landmarks and cuisine, will keep the delegates busy after hours and during the weekend. Thank you again, for your generous hospitality and excellent arrangements.

15. To both my Vice Presidents, I thank you for taking the mantle in my absence.

16. To the APT Secretariat, thank you again, for your hard work and dedication in seeing this through despite the difficult circumstances you are faced with.

17. Finally, to the delegates of the 12<sup>th</sup> GA, I wish you all fruitful deliberations. Do take comfort in the fact that although you will be faced with difficult decisions to make, you will all have played an instrumental role in deciding the future of the Asia Pacific Telecommunity. And with that, I wish you all a successful Assembly.

Thank you.

**Address  
by  
Dr. Kyu-Jin Wee  
Chairman of the Management Committee of the APT**

Honorable Chairman Mr. See Joong Choi of the Korea Communications Commission, President of APT Mr. Halim Bin Man, Vice Presidents Mr. Tin Htwe and Mr. Zakaria Hassan, Secretary General Mr. Toshiyuki Yamada, Deputy Secretary General Mr. Kraisorn Pornsutee, ITU-D Director Mr. Brahima Sanou, Governor of Jeju Special Self-governing Province Mr. Keun Min Woo, APT Members, Associate Members and Affiliate Members, I welcome all the delegation and would like to associate myself with all the distinguished speakers to express my sympathy to Thailand people who are suffering from big flood.

As the Chairman of APT Management Committee, it is my great privilege to be the part of this important and meaningful event. You all have arrived here with good news that Jeju Island has been chosen as one of the New Seven Wonders of the world.

And I am pleased to report to distinguished delegates that Management Committee of APT has successfully completed its tasks as stipulated in the APT Constitution and mandated by the General Assembly thanks to the support of all the memberships. And I hope that General Assembly will fully deliberate the result of this endeavor and provide guidance for the sake of the APT.

There is no question about the remarkable performance of ICT development of the Asia Pacific region, which all surpassed the expectations as well as other regions' performances. But currently this region suffers catastrophic natural disasters as well as global economic crisis and recession. And further challenges are ahead of us. Thus we must not forget that we, the Asia Pacific Region should prepare for the future utilizing the impetus of ICT.

I believe that APT members with such huge potentials and dynamism will get over these suffering and cope with various risks. In this regards, APT should exerts all the efforts and serve for the membership through reinforcing and innovating itself. And I am confident that

30-years-old APT will be indeed capable of these tasks. I believe that the distinguished delegates will help APT to make wise decision with their expertise and insightfulness.

While I have served as the Chairman of APT MC, I have fully committed my knowledge, experience and passion for the development of APT and its members. And I am proud that I could able to contribute to the development of the APT. I would like to reiterate to the APT and its membership, I myself and Korea will continue to be the best friend of the APT.

We have a demanding agenda ahead of us, but I hope you'll be able to enjoy a truly memorable experience during your stay in this beautiful Jeju Island. I wish the APT and the General assembly all success in its efforts to support the telecommunication and ICT sector in the Asia Pacific Region

Thank you!

**Congratulatory Remark**  
**by**  
**Mr. Keun-Min Woo**  
**Governor of Jeju Special Self-Governing Province**

I would like to share a few words with you before welcoming remarks. In front of you you can see a bottle of mineral water called Samdasu. The Samdasu Company is chosen as the most credible business in the Republic of Korea. We sent rather small amount of the Jeju mineral water to Japan and Thailand to provide support and encouragement during their tsunami and flooding.

My name is Keun-min Woo, Governor of Jeju provincial government. It is with great pleasure to welcome all of you.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincerest gratitude, on behalf of the citizens and government of Jeju Island, to the representatives of the Asia Pacific Telecommunity member states present here today. I also like to express my gratitude to Choi Si Jong, Chairman of the Korea Communication Commission.

Thank you for coming all the way to Jeju Island. During the course of the 12<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Telecommunity General Assembly, I sincerely hope that we can engage in many beneficial discussions, providing workable future plans and direction for the international telecommunication industry.

I know that you have a tight schedule. Jeju Island has the most exotic environment and unique culture in Korea and also has been the number one tourist destination for Koreans over our history, and recently has gained great attention from international tourists.

In particular, the beauty of the pure natural surroundings of Jeju Island is beyond comparison. I am certain that there is no other place in the world like Jeju Island which offers tourists the opportunity to experience many natural wonders like the volcanic mountains, grand waterfalls, beautiful beaches, natural caves, dense green forests and abundant national parks.

Therefore, in recognition of the bountiful natural resources, UNESCO designated Jeju Island as a World's Bioregional Management Site, a World's Natural Heritage Site, and World's Geopark Site. On November 12<sup>th</sup> of last week, Jeju Island was further elected as part of the New 7 Wonders of Nature, selected from a voting pool of over one hundred million people around the world.

In addition, during the Asia Pacific Telecommunity General Assembly, the government of Jeju Island will do our utmost best to accommodate your needs to make your stay that much more comfortable. I sincerely hope that you enjoy your time with us, and hope for continued prosperity of the Asian Pacific Telecommunity in the future.

Thank you.

November 16, 2011  
Governor of Jeju Island, Keun-min WOO

**Inaugural Address**  
**by**  
**Mr. See Joong Choi**  
**Chairman of Korea Communications Commission**

Good morning.

My name is Choi, See Joong, Chairman of the Korea Communications Commission of the Republic of Korea.

Dear colleagues from the APT and the ITU,  
distinguished delegates from home and abroad,  
honored guests, ladies and gentlemen,

I would like to give my congratulations for the opening of the 12th General Assembly meeting of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity, and I sincerely welcome you all to this beautiful Jeju Island of Korea, which has been recently named one of the new 7 wonders of the natural world.

In addition, let me also express my deepest condolences to the delegates from Japan, China, and Thailand, which have suffered a great deal this year from natural disasters including earthquakes and flooding. I sincerely hope for a rapid recovery of your countries.

Distinguished delegates from the APT member countries,

Since its establishment in 1979, the APT has been playing a pivotal role in the ICT development of the Asia-Pacific region.

Now, the whole world is amazed with the rapid development of the Asia-Pacific region, and it is paying close attention to the region's boundless potential for growth.

Above all, the Asia-Pacific region boasts the world's largest pool of human resources and an abundance of natural resources.

Our region also has a strong demand and great aspiration towards cutting-edge technologies and economic development as well as positive expectations and hopes for the future.

Unfortunately, to date, such great potentials of the Asia-Pacific countries have remained unfulfilled. However, now we have fully woken up and are actively seeking new opportunities to make a leap forward.

And one of the key enablers is the outcomes of ICT development and cooperation during the past 3 decades achieved by the APT, which has pushed ahead with the expansion, connectivity, and advancement of IT networks in the Asia-Pacific region.



Distinguished delegates,

Now, ICT has become more than just information and telecommunications services. Rather, it has become the most important policy measure that gives impact on such diverse areas of national economic and social development as job creation, increased productivity, environment, and energy.

According to a report published by the OECD, the ICT industry contributes more than 8% of added values and creates 16 million new jobs within the economies of the OECD countries.

Furthermore, according to a study by McKinsey, the Internet economy now contributes to 20% of global economic growth and accounts for 3.4% of global GDP.

Now, we have to try to open a new era of prosperity based on ICT.

In this rapidly changing global economic environment, it is imperative for us to advance into a smart society where cutting-edge ICTs lead to conveniences in our daily lives and enhanced productivity.

I sincerely hope that the 12th General Assembly meeting of the APT being held here in Jeju will help redefine the roles and status of the APT, thereby helping to form a blueprint of the APT for the next 30 years.

Distinguished delegates,

As you may well know, during the past 60 years, Korea was able to rise above the ruins of the Korean war and has achieved remarkable economic growth, which has become known as the Miracle of the Han River thanks to the help rendered by nations around the world.

As a result, Korea was ranked no. 1 in the ICT Development Index of the ITU released in September this year.

Based on these development experiences and ICT know-hows, the Korean government is fully committed to enhancing cooperation with the APT to achieve the ICT development and co-prosperity of nations in the Asia-Pacific region.

Distinguished delegates from the APT member countries,  
let's join our hands and wisdom together so that we can be at the forefront of opening the new smart era.

In closing,

let me extend my heartfelt appreciation to the members of the APT Secretariat who have dedicated their efforts in putting together this meaningful event despite the difficulties arising from the recent flood as well as to all the related officials.

Once again, I hope that this year's APT General Assembly meeting will run smoothly, thereby being remembered as a resounding success, and I wish you all the best of luck and continued good health. Thank you.



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**ANNEX 3**

**AGENDA AND PROGRAM OF  
THE 12TH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**



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### **PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

1. Opening of the Session.
2. Adoption of the Agenda.
3. Election of President and two Vice Presidents of the APT for the next term.
4. Statements of Member Administrations, Representatives of International and Regional Organizations.
5. Consideration of the Report of the Management Committee on the activities of the APT during 2009-2011.
6. Consideration of the Strategic Plan of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity for the period 2012-2014.
7. Consideration of the basis for the Annual Budget of the Telecommunity and Determination of limits of Annual Expenditure for the years 2012-2014.
8. Pledging of contributions by Members, Associate Members and Affiliate Members for the next three year budget of the Telecommunity.
9. Consideration of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with International Organizations (if any).
10. Consideration of the Recommendations of Ad-Hoc Correspondence Group for GA preparations and APT Rules.
11. Any other items proposed by Members, Associate Members and President or the Secretary General of the Telecommunity.
12. Election of Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity for the next three years term 2012-2015.
13. Date and Venue of the next ordinary session of the General Assembly.
14. Closing of the Session.



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**Program**

Date	09:00 ~ 09:45	09:45 ~ 10:00	10:00 ~ 12:00	12:00 ~ 14:00	14:00 ~ 15:30	15:30 ~ 15:45	15:45 ~ 17:00	18:30
Wed. 16/11/2011	<p>08:00~08:45 Registration</p> <p><u>Plenary Session 1</u> 09:00~09:45</p> <p>Opening of the Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome Address By the Secretary General, APT Mr. Toshiyuki Yamada</li> <li>Address by Director of BDT of ITU Mr. Brahima Sanou</li> <li>Message by President of the APT</li> <li>Address by Chairman of Management Committee of APT Dr. Kyu-Jin Wee</li> <li>Congratulatory Remark By Governor of Jeju Special Self-Governing Province Mr. Keun-Min Woo</li> <li>Inaugural Address By Chairman of Korea Communications Commission Mr. See Joong Choi</li> <li>Presentation of Appreciation Plaque</li> <li>Group Photograph</li> </ul>	<p><b>C O F F E E  B R E A K</b></p>	<p><u>Plenary Session 2</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adoption of the Agenda (Agenda 2/Doc. 1)</li> <li>Election of President and two Vice Presidents of the APT for the next term (Agenda 3/ Doc. 4 &amp; 5)</li> <li>Statements of Member Administrations, Representatives of International and Regional organizations (Agenda 4)</li> <li>Consideration of the Report of the Management Committee on the activities of the APT during 2009-2011 (Agenda 5/ Doc. 11 (Rev.1))</li> <li>Consideration of the Strategic Plan of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity for the period 2012-2014 (Agenda 6/ Doc. 15)</li> </ul>	<p><b>L U N C H  B R E A K</b></p>	<p><u>Plenary Session 3</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consideration of the basis for the Annual Budget of the Telecommunity and Determination of Limits of Annual Expenditure for the years 2012-2014 (Agenda 7/Doc. 9(Rev.1))</li> </ul>	<p><b>C O F F E E  B R E A K</b></p>	<p><u>Plenary Session 4</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consideration of the Recommendations of Ad-Hoc Correspondence Group for GA preparations and APT Rules (Agenda 10/Doc. 12, Doc. 16)</li> </ul>	<p><b>W E L C O M E  D I N N E R</b></p>

Date	09:00 ~ 10:15	10:15 ~ 10:30	10:30 ~ 12:00	12:00 ~ 14:00	14:00 ~ 15:30	15:30 ~ 15:45	15:45 ~ 17:00	18:30
Thu. 17/11/2011	<u>Plenary Session 5</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consideration of the basis for the Annual Budget of the Telecommunity and Determination of Limits of Annual Expenditure for the years 2012-2014 (continued) (Agenda 7/Doc. 9(Rev.1), Doc. 17)</li> <li>Consideration of the Recommendations of Ad-Hoc Correspondence Group for GA preparations and APT Rules (Agenda 10/Doc. 12, Doc. 16)</li> </ul>	C O F F E E  B R E A K	<u>Plenary Session 6</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any other items proposed by Members, Associate Members and President or the Secretary General of the Telecommunity (Agenda 11/Doc. 14)</li> </ul>	L U N C H  B R E A K	<u>Plenary Session 7</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Election of Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity for the next three year term 2012-2015 (Agenda 12/ Doc. 6 &amp; 7)</li> </ul>	C O F F E E  B R E A K	<u>Plenary Session 8</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pledging of contribution by Members, Associate Members and Affiliate Members for the next three year budget of the Telecommunity (Agenda 8/ Doc. 10(Rev. 1))</li> <li>Date and Venue of the next ordinary session of the General Assembly (Agenda 13/ Doc. 8)</li> </ul>	
Fri. 18/11/2011	<u>Plenary Session 9</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drafting of the Report of the General Assembly of APT</li> </ul>	C O F F E E  B R E A K	<u>Plenary Session 10</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drafting of the Report of the General Assembly of APT (cont'd)</li> </ul>	L U N C H  B R E A K	<u>Plenary Session 11</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adoption of the Report of the General Assembly of APT</li> <li>Closing of the General Assembly of APT (14)</li> </ul>	C O F F E E  B R E A K		



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## **ANNEX 4**

### **STATEMENTS OF MEMBER ADMINISTRATIONS**

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**STATEMENT BY AUSTRALIA**

**Introduction**

- On behalf of the Australian Government, I thank the Korea Communications Commission for hosting the 12<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly of the APT.
- In particular, I would like to express my appreciation to the APT Secretariat for their organisation of this important meeting during what has been a difficult time for its staff, having also to contend with the floods in Bangkok.
- Australia has actively participated in the APT for more than 30 years and since the last General Assembly in 2008 has continued its commitment and support of the APT.
- During the past three years Australia, through the provision of an extra budgetary contribution to the APT, has hosted a number of key APT events.
- In July 2009, Australia hosted the APT Workshop on Telecommunications Trade Rules with participants acknowledging the value of the workshop, particularly for newly appointed officers, and the opportunity that it provided to share experiences in the conduct of trade negotiations.
- Australia hosted the inaugural APT Cybersecurity Forum in November 2010 in Sydney. The forum brought together cybersecurity experts and stakeholders to share knowledge on combating cyber threats and spam, protecting vulnerable groups online and raising consumer awareness. It agreed to consider the development of a toolkit on cybersecurity issues.
- Last month, Australia held the APT Workshop on e-Applications and e-Government in our National Capital of Canberra.
- The workshop participants recognised that the rapid growth in the availability of cloud services and high speed broadband connectivity present opportunities and challenges to all levels of government and agreed that future workshops should include discussion of this emerging issue.

**National Broadband Network**

- Speaking of high speed broadband connectivity, the Australian Government is taking on an ambitious project to upgrade our telecommunication infrastructure for the twenty-first century.

- The formation and implementation of Australia's telecommunications and infrastructure policy is defined in part by our unique geography. Australia is a big country - vast in distance and sparsely populated. We are not only a long way away from the world, but many of us also live a long way away from one another.
- The Australian Government understands that access to affordable, high-speed broadband is essential in overcoming the tyranny of distance and is increasingly vital to the way Australians communicate and do business.
- The National Broadband Network, or NBN, will provide every community in Australia — metropolitan, regional, rural and remote — with access to world-class telecommunications services at affordable prices.
- The NBN will provide access to high-speed broadband to 100 per cent of Australian premises. The NBN will connect 93 per cent of premises to a high-speed fibre to the premises network capable of providing broadband speeds of up to 1 Gigabit per second. All remaining premises will be served by a combination of next generation wireless and satellite technologies providing peak speeds of 12 megabits per second.
- The rollout of the NBN is well and truly underway.

### **National Digital Economy Strategy**

- In May this year the Australian Government released the National Digital Economy Strategy, outlining the Government's vision for Australia to become a leading digital economy by 2020 – when the physical rollout of the NBN is nearing completion.
- The Government's vision in the Strategy focuses on how Australia will use digital technologies and the NBN to facilitate a more inclusive, more connected community.
- The Strategy contains eight Digital Economy Goals that will allow us to measure our progress towards this vision.
- These goals cover all aspects of Australian life in the cities and the regions — households, business, education, health and aged care, and the environment — and take us from where we are now... to where we want to be.
- The Strategy also includes new initiatives to kick-start our progress towards the vision and contribute to reaching the goals.
- For example:
  - the Digital Communities initiative will help local communities gain the skills needed to maximise the benefits provided by the NBN.



- the Digital Enterprise program will help small-to-medium enterprises and not-for-profit organisations maximise the online opportunities enabled by the NBN.
- The Government is collaborating with the industry, the community and between all levels of government to maximise the benefits of the digital economy.

## **Conclusion**

- I reaffirm Australia's commitment to the APT and the goals of the 2009 Bali Statement of the Asia-Pacific Ministers on Strengthening Regional Collaboration towards a Broadband Economy in the Asia-Pacific.
- Australia looks forward to working with other member countries in implementing the APT Strategic Plan for 2012 to 2014.
- Thank you.

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**STATEMENT BY PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

Mr. President,  
Distinguished delegates,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Good Morning!

It is our great pleasure to participate in the 12<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly and the 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Management Committee in this beautiful Jeju Island. First of all, on behalf of the Chinese delegation, I would like to express our sincere appreciation to the Government of the Republic of Korea for hosting this important event and for the hospitality extended to us. We would also like to thank APT Secretariat for the efforts that it has made for preparing the meeting.

ICT industry in China has become the pioneering industry in our national economy. As of September 2011, China's mobile telephone subscribers reached 950 million, among which 3G users exceeded 100 million. Video phones, mobile video, digital community and other applications have been constantly emerging. New services such as mobile payment and mobile reading have been gradually launched. As a result of the "Village Connect" project, 100% of the administrative villages nationwide now have telephone connections and all towns have access to the Internet. The wide ICT applications are playing an increasingly important role in promoting economic development, social progress and improving people's living standard.

The Chinese administration has been actively participating in and supporting the activities of APT. Over the past three years, together with APT, we have successfully hosted 15 training courses for over 130 trainees from APT developing members. In 2009, we hosted successfully the 2nd APT Conference Preparatory Group Meeting for WRC-2012 in Hangzhou, China. Here I'd like to announce that China is happy to host the 12th APT Wireless Group meeting in the early part of 2012 and I would like to take this opportunity to invite all members to join this event.

Asia Pacific region is becoming one of the most dynamic regions in the ICT field. We are pleased to see that APT has been playing an increasingly essential role in fostering cooperation among its members, bridging the gap in ICT development and application as well uplifting the influence and visibility of the organization by raising our voices globally and coordinating regional positions. We look forward to seeing continued efforts in this direction and a more efficient functioning of the APT by the new leadership.

In closing, I wish the 12<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly and the 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Management Committee a great success.

Thank you for your attention.

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**STATEMENT BY FIJI**

Mr. Chairman  
Excellencies  
Distinguished Ladies & Gentlemen

First of all I would like to congratulate the newly appointed President and Vice Presidents of the APT.

Mr. Chairman it is apparent that we all are in agreement that the ICT sector, is vital for the advancement of human kind. It will help us solve and deal with problems and challenges which seemed insurmountable only a few years ago. It will empower us at the global, regional, national levels and of course, as individuals.

Fiji has come a long way in the development of the ICT sector since the liberalization of the telecommunications market in 2008. Our most recent achievements have been the launch of our first national broadband plan and the opening of telecenters around the country in October this year.

We know that different countries are dealing with issues pertinent to bridging the digital divide: with liberalisation, with regulation and connectivity. The principles are the same but our levels of engagement, our individual national stages in this process are different. And therein, in our view, lies the role of APT at the regional level to make this difference not so obvious, to make equal the inequalities.

On that note, I agree wholeheartedly with the comment of Dr Sanou at the opening this morning that a strong APT will make ITU stronger.

The ITU has made a huge commitment in the Pacific through the ICB4PAC project and other specific in-country support. APT must follow suit and assert itself more heavily in the Pacific region as the Pacific continues to strengthen its faith in the work of the APT which is evident in the 4 Pacific Island countries that have become new members of the APT within the past year.

On that note I would like to convey my most sincere gratitude on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Fiji for the very warm welcome and hospitality we have received since arriving on this beautiful island. We look forward to taking part in the rest of the agenda and to seeing more of Jeju island.

Thank you.

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**STATEMENT BY INDIA**

Mr. Chairman  
Excellencies,  
Distinguished Participants,  
Secretary General and other officials of APT  
Representatives of other International Organizations and Media,

I am very happy to be here on this occasion of General Assembly of the APT being held at this beautiful city of Jeju (Island of Gods). I feel honored to speak at this Conference. And on behalf of the Indian government, I would also like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the Government of Republic of Korea and to the Korean people for their warm hospitality. I believe that Republic of Korea is very much rich in T factors – i.e., technology, talent and tolerance – a prerequisite for the overall growth of development and innovation. I am sure this Conference hosted by this great nation will pave the way for making APT even more vibrant and responsive to the needs and aspirations of the whole Asia.

We would also like to extend our congratulations to you, Mr. Chairman, on your election. We wish you every success in leading us over the next weeks of the General Assembly and Management Committee Meetings  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

This month the world's population ticked over 7 billion. We are now crowded with a plethora of challenges varying from water shortages to rising sea levels, from Urbanization to Environment Protection, from Poverty alleviation to Inequality. But, in other words, we are 7 billion strong and have equally strong too. Each one of us shares the responsibility to make this world of 7 billion a better place for all of us. In order to realize this opportunity, world must come together in the name of global common good by getting connected with each other. So far, people have been talking about interconnection of various transport and communications Networks but now the concept has evolved towards interconnections of Minds. We, together, as the human race, with connected mind, can very well innovate solutions to counter world problem in more powerful and in more determining way.

Friends it is needless to emphasize that ICT plays tremendous role in this connectivity. Most capable and intelligent network can help in enhancing the capability of human minds to bring about newer and newer innovations in every field. The ever evolving trends of technology is making it possible to have anything anywhere at any time and such the gestalt combination of content, communications, connectivity and convergence works as the magical instrument/ tool for empowerment of an individual that never have been thought earlier before. The way, the technology is evolving and newer and newer technologies & applications are coming up, it is really difficult to visualize what will be capability of ICT network in the next ten to fifteen years down the line.

Like any other technology development, digitalization and the spread of ICT have brought some general benefits along with the threats of potential misuse against mankind. The growing role for ICTs holds great promise, but at the same time, it is accompanied by serious challenges for mankind. In ease with which we can avail the services at low cost effortlessly and quickly, with equal ease, anti-social elements, criminals and fraudster can steal, hack, disfigure the websites, delete the content stored anywhere in the world from anywhere. Seen in this perspective global cooperative agreements have never been felt more necessary as they are now. While encouraging infrastructure development to bridge the digital divide, our collaborated efforts should be sensitive to the future global needs and we need to establish workable standards in order to provide global tele communications within the reach of common masses, not to speak of the the disabled and disadvantaged. That is why, the recognition of International Collaboration like APT is paramount for making exemplary work and numerous initiatives for achieving connectivity in an efficient, safe, easy and affordable manner. Friends, we have assembled here today in furtherance of this cause only.

Government of India is proud to be an integral part of APT, ever since its involvement as a Member of this vibrant intergovernmental organization, as early as in 1979.

APT, which is playing very pivotal role for the harmonious growth of Information and Communication services in this Asia Pacific region has created an excellent platform— where all types of stake holders - operators, vendors, regulators and decision makers from across the region participate and try to find solutions to various topical issues which crop up with the evolvement of newer technologies.

I am sure, APT will keep up their endeavors in transforming and simplifying the working procedures in our day to day life. These General Assembly and Management committees meeting are the best place to make future plan toward sustainable efforts of Asia Pacific Telecommunity for making best policies and best practice suiting the entire region. India as a Member Country of Asia Pacific Telecommunity will give its assurance to extend all possible cooperation and initiation for catalyzing in achieving the goal and objective set by Asia Pacific Telecommunity.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Now allow me to share some stories from India Telecom Sector. The Telecommunication sector in India has taken a quantum jump in the new century. I have great pride in stating that, the Indian telecommunication sector has been scaling newer heights year over year. This is illustrated by the achievement of 900 million mobile subscribers now, representing a teledensity of 75 % from a scant 3%, mere a decade ago. We are today the fastest growing telecom market in the world, with the addition of over 10 million subscribers every month.

I believe that the excellent progress made by the Telecom sector, especially the mobile industry is the result of a strong spirit of cooperation and commitment that has been building up over the last few years between the Government and the industry. The Government on its part has maintained a strong focus on ongoing telecom reforms which, coupled with aggressive efforts of the industry, have catapulted the sector to the cutting edge of liberalization, innovation and competition.

Broadband connectivity is increasingly seen as an integral driver of improved socio-economic performance. We believe that all citizens of India should have access to broadband and the transformative opportunities it offers. Broadband services allow individuals to access new career and educational opportunities; help business, reach new markets, improve efficiency and enhance the Government's capacity to deliver critical services to all citizens.

We therefore believe that the future growth of broadband in developing countries, especially India, will see wider deployment with greater emphasis on wireless networks.

However, there is an absolute necessity to have an equally competent backbone network. To cater to the higher speeds and the applications available on broadband, it is critical to have a strong backhaul system, which supports this. The Government has almost finalized the 'National Broadband Plan', which envisages reaching out to all the corners of the country including the rural and remote areas. The plan would broadly delineate the utilisation of the existing network, new infrastructure required to be built, desirable technologies, expected outcomes, timeframe and financing.

The Government, under the National Broadband Plan, will build the OFC network, which will be an open access optical fibre network connecting all habitation with population of 500 and above. This Network will be established in two phases. The first phase covering all cities, urban areas and Gram Panchayats will be completed by the year 2012. Phase II will see the extension of the network to all the habitations having a population more than 500, to be completed by the year 2013.

Indian Telecom Sector has made spectacular progress in the recent past, but we need to work even harder for a sustained growth. There are many challenges before all of us & challenges also lead us towards the opportunities waiting to be grabbed. We all need to rise to the occasion & grab the opportunities to change the face of this planet, to make it more inclusive, more humane.

Friends we all have assembled here to build a consensus for seeing a better APT, for the sake of our common interests and mutual benefits. We all must ensure that APT should grow from strength to strength in the time to come.

I assure you, Mr. Chairman, that India would continue to work for the larger benefit of all of us. I wish this event a great success.

Thank you.

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**STATEMENT BY JAPAN**

**(by Vice-Minister Mr. YAMAKAWA)**

**【Introduction】**

Thank you Mr. Chairman, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentleman. I'm honored to have this opportunity to make an address on behalf of the Government of Japan.

First of all, I would like to express my deepest sympathy to Thailand, Myanmar and Cambodia with regard to the damage caused by the flood disaster.

I would also like to express our sincerest appreciation to Member countries for extending such strong support and heartfelt messages to us after the Great East Japan Earthquake.

I appreciate the APT Secretariat's preparing for the General Assembly and the Management Committee during the most difficult time of the flood disaster. And I would also like thank the Korean government's for its support for hosting this conference.

**【Appreciation of the APT activities】**

I would like to show my highest respect to APT for its many achievements, including the assistance for the development of the Asia-Pacific region and the strengthening of ties with ITU.

I am delighted to hear that Tuvalu and Kiribati have become Member countries of APT. I most sincerely welcome our new friends.

I recognize these achievements are the results of the efforts paid by the Member countries and the APT Secretariat.

**【Expectations for APT】**

ICT not only provides solutions to such global problems as natural disasters, but also builds new societies, such as Smart Communities.

On the other hand, ICT could cause harm through cyber-attacks.

In this sense, it is important to accelerate the cooperation among Member countries. I believe that APT is expected to do more in its role from now on.

**【Japan's Contributions through APT】**

Japan has been cooperating with APT activities, such as capacity building and pilot projects.

Hereafter, Japan will continue engaging in contributions to the development of the region through APT as well.

**【Closing】**

I sincerely hope that the discussion held at this meeting will be a fruitful one for the prosperous development of the Asia-Pacific region in the next three years.

Thank you very much for your attention.

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**STATEMENT BY REPUBLIC OF KOREA**

On behalf of the Republic of Korea, I would like to extend a warm welcome to you all coming to Korea to attend the 12<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly of the APT. Let us begin by expressing our deepest sympathies to the Government and People of Thailand who are affected by recent floods, and we sincerely hope for the fast recovery.

As remarkable IT development of member countries including Korea shows, APT has played a key role in achieving great cooperation of IT development in the Asia-Pacific regions. Korea, as one of the founding members of the APT, has shared APT's value and vision, and will continue to do its part in reinforcing collaboration of members to further the development of APT and the Asia-Pacific regions.

Korea has been actively employing Korean experts for APT's major Work Programs such as ASTAP, APG and AWF, and running training programs to foster qualified experts and enhance IT capacities in the regions by sharing Korea's IT development experience. Moreover, Korea has hosted many important APT conferences, including APG Busan meeting in last August.

The fast development and innovation in IT represents new opportunities for the future but, at the same time, new challenges. APT, therefore, should encourage its member countries to effectively respond to these opportunities and challenges, and use those as a stepping stone to further development. In particular, broadband and cyber security, which are emerging as an important element of a country's development, are expected to be continuously significant issues and, therefore, deserve extra attention of APT.

Through providing cooperation and assistance in a manner to satisfy its members' diverse needs, which have different geographical, economic and cultural backgrounds, APT should enhance the effectiveness of its activities, and make productive contribution to the Asia-Pacific regions.

In particular, we need to keep in mind that there are some Small Island Countries and Landlocked Countries in APT, which deserve special attention. Timely aid for countries severely affected by global warming and natural disasters is also one of the important agenda for APT.

Meanwhile, APT should work hard to enhance further its status and have a bigger say on the world stage commensurate with its significant contribution to IT development. From the year 2012, ITU global conferences including WRC and WCIT will be held. And the next ITU Plenipotentiary Conference will be held in Korea in 2014. APT needs to have a strategic



approach to make this region's voice heard in these major meetings and to improve its position on the global stage.

All member countries should consider together to make the management of APT be more effective, efficient and responsible. And in order to achieve this, it requires more active participation of all members, including Associate and Affiliate members, in the General Assembly and Management Committee.

The 12th session of the General Assembly is all the more important as the APT Strategic Plan, which sets APT's direction for the next 3 years, will be adopted and the next Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General will be elected in this session.

In this session, in particular, members will discuss the results of Korea-suggested reviews on APT Rules, and an increase in contributions for the better financial stability of APT, which will all lay a foundation for the further development of APT. The following meeting of Management Committee expects member countries' insight and wisdom to make meaningful and productive discussions and decisions.

Korea, as a member of APT, will continue its cooperation in IT sector for a sustainable development of the Asia-Pacific regions, and spare no effort for APT. And, especially, Korea, recognizing the various level of developments of Member countries and its implication for the co-prosperity of the Asia Pacific Region, will further expand its support for reducing the digital divide among APT members. Once again, I deeply appreciate your participation in the 12<sup>th</sup> session in the General Assembly.

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**STATEMENT BY PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF LAO**

Statement by H.E. Hiem PHOMMACHANH  
Minister of Post and Telecommunications, Lao PDR

Mr. President and Vice-Presidents of the APT,  
Secretary General of the APT,  
Excellencies,  
Distinguished Delegates,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Lao Government, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the Government of Republic of Korea, in particular to the Korea Communications Commission and the APT for your kind invitation and warm hospitalities. I would also like to congratulate the newly elected President and Vice-Presidents of the APT at the 12<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly in this beautiful Jeju Island, Republic of Korea.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In today's world each of our countries is individually facing different levels of the economic and social developments. However, all of us as policy makers and regulators are tackling with the same basic problems of how to improve access to ICT services for our citizens and how best to structure a regulatory framework that responds to the changing environment in an era of information society.

In recent years, ICT sector in Lao PDR has been developed rapidly. The mobile penetration has reached almost all villages nationwide while Internet penetration is increasing too. The growth of the ICT sector has become the second largest sector with its contribution to the GDP after industrial sector. Considering the very important role of the ICT in daily life of the people and in the international cooperation, the government has established a new ministry named "Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications" to carry out this change of all ICT matters and to contribute in achieving the next five-year National Socio-Economic Development Plan aiming at sustainable economic growth, reducing poverty and guiding the country graduating from Least Developed Country status by 2020.

With its geographical location as a landlocked country, Lao PDR is seeking support and urge the APT and its Member States to take this challenges into account while making the development plan and cooperative activities in the region, especially in the field of Radio Spectrum Management, Disaster Management and relief using ICT, Human Resource Development in ICT, access and sharing ICT infrastructure.

Laos is committing to collaborating and working with APT Member States and APT Secretariat to develop policy and regulatory frameworks to promote ICT development in our region.

I wish you all every success.

Thank you.

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**STATEMENT BY MONGOLIA**

Mr.Bat-Erdene Jalavsuren  
Chairman of the Information, Communications  
Technology and Post Authority of the Government of Mongolia

Thank you Mr. Chairman,

Excellencies, and distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen,

It is a great honor for me to be able to speak at the 12<sup>th</sup> session of the APT General Assembly to represent the Government of Mongolia.

First of all, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Asia Pacific Telecommunity and Korea Communications Commission organizing the twelfth session of the General Assembly here in Jeju, Republic of Korea.

Before moving onto other matters, I would like to express my deepest condolence to the Thailand people for the latest flood disaster which has stolen their precious human lives and social and cultural wealth.

Last few years, the world climate is being changed a lot and tremendous numbers of natural disasters are being occurred globally no matter the geographical locations and other advantages. In order to prevent the people, environment and social and cultural wealth from those natural disaster factors, we are all paying our highest attention on this matter.

It is obvious that the ICT plays in the most important role to create a sufficient disaster communications and management structure and on behalf of the other member countries, I would like to appreciate to the Asia Pacific Telecommunity for its significant contributions.

So do us, the Government of Mongolia is giving high consideration in this regard to create a capable disaster communication and management structure in our country, and this year, we have organized several arrangements successfully such as National disaster preparedness training among the whole country and Asia Pacific Disaster Communications Management Regional forum which was organized in cooperation International Telecommunications Union.

This year, Mongolia is celebrating its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the modern Information and Communications sector development. On the occasion of the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary, besides judging and cogitating our last ninety year challenges and experiences, we have organized National ICT Policy Forum which was dedicated to discuss and deliberate our missions for the next ten years. Taking this opportunity, on behalf of the Mongolian long time ICT supporters, I would like to give my appreciation to the Secretary General Toshiyuki Yamada for his high consideration and presence to our 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and National ICT Policy Forum.

As a result of this Forum, we have adopted “National ICT vision up to 2021”, a policy guideline which determines government strategic plans on the national ICT development for the next ten years. This policy guideline is fully aligned with the APT policy acts and strategic plans.

In order to implement our plans and achieve our goals successfully, we need to increase APT Secretariat performance efficiency, enhance and coherent our regional cooperation on the highly rising issues such as broadband communications, cyber security, disaster management, digital divide and human capacity building. With this regard, I am very delighted for the Preparatory Meeting of the 12<sup>th</sup> session of the APT General Assembly discussed that we will be guided by the Bali Plan of Action to develop and adopt the next 3- year-term Strategic Plan of the Asia Pacific Telecommunity.

During this week, Jeju becomes the hub of the Asia and Pacific Telecommunications and I am confident that we all will endeavor our best to adopt a number of creative ideas, solutions and decisions which will be dedicated to every citizen of our countries.

Thank you for your kind attention.

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**STATEMENT BY NEPAL**

**Statement by the Nepalese Hon'ble Minister of  
Information and Communications, Mr. J.P. Gupta**

Mr. Chairman  
Excellencies,  
APT Secretary General  
Distinguished delegates,  
Ladies and gentlemen,

Before delivering my speech to this august gathering , on behalf of Government of Nepal ,delegates and myself , I would like to present heartfelt sympathy to the Government of Japan and Government of Thailand for the loss of human life and property due to Tsunami and Flood.

I would like to thank you for giving me the honor to address this inaugural session and to welcome you all in the joint opening ceremony of the 12th Session of the APT General Assembly and the 35th Session of the APT Management Committee Meeting. On this occasion, we would like to thank APT management and the host Korea Communications Commission for inviting us to this august gathering.

It gives me special pleasure to be here today among the distinguished delegates from Asia Pacific Countries and speak on the diverse field of the telecommunications development. Please allow me to thank the host country, South Korea. My delegation hopes that this assembly will successfully address many of the issues faced by us in this region. I wish to speak on some of our endeavours to develop the telecommunication services and to bridge the Digital Divide.

Mr. Chairman and distinguished delegates,

Nepal is a landlocked country bordered by China to the north and by India to the south, east, and west. The rural population is predominant which poses challenges, and barrier to sustainable growth and development. Nepal has 48.14% telephone penetration and with data/internet penetration of 11.72%. Majority of them are low data rate users. Internet service is being provided using dial up (PSTN), optical fiber cable, WiFi, ADSL, GPRS, CDMA & 3G technologies. Four licensed nationwide operators provide basic and cellular mobile telecommunication services. In addition there are 2 rural telecommunication service providers and 54 Internet service providers. It is being realized that ICT is the most effective means for overcoming the geographic barriers.

Government of Nepal since its adoption of Telecommunication Policy, 2004 has introduced several Telecommunication Reform Programs, The key issues being addressed is to strengthen the policy, legal and regulatory environment in the telecommunications sector to facilitate competition and private sector participation, including increasing rural access to services by encouraging private investment and operations.

In order to expedite the sector growth the Government is focusing on the review, revision of the current Act and Regulations including the sector development related issues such as taxes and tariff rebalancing. The implementation strategies and working policies adopted in the Telecommunication Policy, 2004 outlines several activities for Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Development. The three components namely (i) the basic telephone access, (ii) PC penetration, and (iii) Internet access are equally important as the Internet currently relies on the telecommunication network for transmission and the PC still provides the main interface to the internet.

Mr. Chairman,

The problems faced in Nepal are to:

- (i) Identify issues impacting low cost connectivity and access,
- (ii) Investigate how connectivity can be improved and costs reduced at the international, regional, national and at the local levels; and
- (iii) Arrive at conclusions to ensure digital opportunity.
- (iv) Make available national and international backbone access (Fiber Optic, Satellite) to operators and service providers at affordable rates and establish widespread Broadband Access for delivery of services and application such as e-Health, e-Business, e-Government, and e-Learning for the economic growth and improvement in the quality of life
- (v) Provide infrastructure at lower costs
- (vi) Continue to enact program for subsidy for universal access

Nepal is currently using the services of foreign satellite extensively both in telecommunication and broadcasting sector. There is considerable potential to implement and make use of its domestic satellite. In this regard, APT could play significant role to establish exclusive right of the orbital slot for country like Nepal. Nepal particularly feels the need to address the cross border frequency interferences issues and coordinate for frequency coordination treaties through APT.

I hope this General Assembly of APT would be fruitful and productive to set out vital mechanism to achieve the goals and objectives of APT.

I, on behalf of myself and my delegates would like to convey advance congratulations to the elected candidates of the APT.

I wish this meeting a grand success!

Thank you.

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**STATEMENT BY PAKISTAN**

BY  
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MINISTRY OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN

Mr. President,  
Secretary General of the APT,  
Excellencies, Dignitaries from across the region,  
Colleagues, Officials of the APT,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good Morning, Assalam-o-Allaikum,

It's a matter of immense pleasure and honour for me to be a part of this august forum as the representative of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Asia Pacific Telecommunity (APT) for successfully convening of the 12<sup>th</sup> Session of the Asia Pacific Telecommunity, here in Jeju Islands, Republic of Korea. I also congratulate you on your selection as President of this Conference and the two vice presidents.

Let me also express my sincere appreciations to the Government of Republic of Korea and the people of Jeju Islands for the excellent arrangements made for hosting this event as well as for their warm hospitality extended to the participants.

Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Since its inception, APT has played a pivotal role in facilitating dialogue to reach regional consensus on proposals for resolution of the critical issues and the development of the telecommunications in the world, before these are recommended as common proposals at the international levels such as International Telecommunication Union (ITU). Not only this, the APT HRD program is instrumental in capacity building of the public sector IT & Telecom entities of the developing countries of the region. Pakistan acknowledges the important role of APT and assures its full possible support as a committed member state.

Mr. President,  
Pakistan, in the past decade, has witnessed unprecedented growth in both the telecoms and IT sectors. Telecoms Policies of the government coupled with investment incentives have resulted in availability of affordable telecoms service for nearly 90% of the populace. The policies of the GoP have earned worldwide acclaim and several global awards.

The immense contribution of ICTs is evident from the growth and socio-economic benefit that the people of Pakistan are enjoying. Teledensity of the country stands at more than 65%, showing growth of more than 4 % since fiscal year 2008-09; whereas, the Sector revenue is reported at \$ 4.2 Billion with an annual contribution of \$ 1.3

Billion to the national exchequer.

A well structured and successful program for Universal Service to take the ICT services to unserved and underserved areas through transparent targeted subsidy mechanism; and an industry funded program for promotion of Research and Development with emphasis on industry academia linkages are the other success stories.

All of this has been achieved through facilitative policies and friendly yet comprehensive regulatory mechanisms ensuring level playing field for free market players.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Our Universal Service Fund Program is being cited as a role model, the world over. The USF finances spread of telecom services to previously un-served or under-served areas and makes it possible for licensed telecom operators to provide services to those areas. Telecom services covered under the universal service framework include basic telephony (Rural Telecom Programme), broadband internet (Broadband Programme), infrastructure development for these services, like Optic Fiber, (Optical Fibre Connectivity Programme) and establishment of Community Tele-centers for those who cannot afford the necessary instruments/devices.

With active support of GoP, broadband penetration is taking off which currently stands at around 1.2 Million as compared to less than 100,000 two years ago.

Mr. President,

The promise of ICTs and particularly the opportunity presented by wide access of wireless and cellular medium and power of broadband to deliver much needed efficiency and improvement in all areas of economy and society in general, make the ICT sector a strong candidate as a priority area for cross border and regional collaboration. Even a cursory analysis is enough to reveal the potential these sectors have in delivering value to the economy, socio-economic benefits to the masses and creation of job opportunities.

Pakistan remains firmly committed to cooperating with Members countries of the APT in our struggle to bridge the digital divide, especially between the urban and rural areas. Such commitment is based on our realization that by elevating the living standards of the people in the rural areas, only, we can achieve a better future for all. Moreover, we are optimistic that future developments in the telecommunication and ICT industry will generate new opportunities for capital accumulation and economic development. Let us, therefore, work together to bring about a positive change in terms of a brighter future for our people, thereby, contributing to the fulfillment of the WSIS Principles and Plan of Action, as well as attainment of the UN Millennium Development Goals.

Pakistan hopes that the outcomes of this session of APT General Assembly and Management Committee will lead to a further strengthened cooperation between all member administrations of regional and international community.

Thank you



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**STATEMENT BY PHILIPPINES**

Excellencies  
Distinguished Representatives of APT Member States  
Associate and Affiliate Members  
Colleagues from the Governments in the Asia-Pacific Region  
Ladies and Gentlemen

Good morning.

In behalf of the Philippine Administration, I join my colleagues and Members of the Philippines Delegation in conveying our renewed assurances of support and cooperation to the APT, especially to the incoming officials who are given fresh mandates and unenviable tasks of steering the APT amid the challenges of the changing times, in the same vein, I would also like to commend the past officials who gave their best and unwavering dedication to the APT for the successful administration of its programs and activities during the last three years.

The Philippines delegation would also like to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate the government of the Republic of Korea and the Korea Communications Commission for excellent preparations and for graciously hosting these meetings.

Drawing inspirations from congenial excitement of APT Members in attendance today, I wish the resounding success of the APT sessions.

Mabuhay!

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**STATEMENT BY SAMOA**

**Hon. Tuisugaletauā Sofara Aveau  
Minister of Communications and Information Technology,  
Government of Samoa**

Mr. Young Kyu Noh, APT GA President;  
Mr. See Joong Choi, Chairman, Korea Communications Commission;  
Mr. Keun-Min Woo, Governor of Jeju Special Self-Governing Province;  
Mr. Toshiyuki Yamada, Secretary General of APT;  
Mr. Brahima Sanou, Director of BDT, ITU;  
APT GA Vice Presidents;  
Excellencies;  
Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen;

From the treasured islands of Samoa we say, Talofa lava! I bring to you warm greetings from the Government and the people of the Independent State of Samoa.

I am honoured and privileged to be present here in this beautiful island of Jeju, for the 12<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly and the 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Management Committee of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT) and I thank the Government of the Republic of Korea, the Korea Communications Commission, for the warm welcome and your great hospitality. To the Secretary General, Mr Yamada and APT staff, despite the very difficult situations you operate from in Bangkok, you continue to provide the necessary services for the coordination of this conference.

It is my most pleasant of moments to congratulate the Government and people of the Republic of Korea for Jeju Island being chosen as one of the new seven wonders of nature, because of its natural beauty and wonders to behold.

Being my first APT General Assembly, may I seize this opportunity to thank the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity for organising this most important event in the APT calendar year. I also wish to express our sincere gratitude to the Chairman, the Board, Management and staff of Korea Communications Commission for hosting this meeting. Kam sa ni da.

I must acknowledge with appreciation the important role and the good work APT has done over the past thirty years, not only for our region but in the international fora. Samoa has benefitted a great deal from opportunities available under APT programs in recent years, especially in the area of human resources and capacity building, through training courses, seminars and workshops on ICT and related matters. We also commissioned late last year a project on Rural Broadband for the Youth, providing computers and internet to two primary schools, plus a training facility for our community telecentre administrators.

While we continue to support the APT activities in the region, I would welcome an opportunity for more programs to be organized in the Pacific, to encourage participation of the small island developing states and the Pacific members.

We have considered the Strategic Plan for the period 2012 – 2014 presented to the General Assembly, and I am pleased to report that Samoa supports the vision, the strategic directions and the relevant actions to achieve the objectives.

In the area of disaster management, we fully support the actions proposed to assist member countries especially in time of disasters. A number of countries in this region have been severely affected by natural disasters in 2011 and in the last few years. We have been watching with great sorrow the flooding in Bangkok which has affected the APT office as well as homes of thousands of people including APT staff. We pray that the situation will improve soon.

I wish APT and the management all the best for the future, and that we will continue to work and collaborate with you for an improved and a better life for our people.

As part of its economic and public sector reform program being pursued, Samoa, with the assistance of the World Bank, has successfully completed its Telecommunications and Postal sector reform project. This involves policy and legal reforms, introducing competition and opening up the cellular mobile market, and putting in place the proper regulatory framework for the development of this fast growing sector. Further work is needed to maintain momentum to further grow the industry and to meet demands.

For a small island developing state with a population of approximately 187,000, we face similar problems and difficulties to those of our other neighbouring island states. Only through partnerships with regional and international agencies however, that we have managed to progress to where we are now.

The Information and Communication Technology sector in Samoa has witnessed positive developments in the last five years, namely:

- Access to telecommunication technology has significantly improved following the opening up of the mobile telephone market with the number of telephone subscribers increasing from 12,500 in 2002 to over 110,000 in 2011;
- Geographical coverage has improved from approximately 30% to over 90% of the country. The tele-density has improved from 6% in 2002 to approximately 65% at end of 2010;

- Internet access has improved with ADSL technology and fibre providing fixed line broadband, and the introduction of wireless broadband further improved the local connectivity speeds;
- Ten “Fesootai Centres” or multipurpose community telecentres are operating in the rural areas, through assistance of ITU in partnership with the Government of Samoa;
- Samoa was connected to the American Samoa Hawaii (ASH) submarine fibre optic cable in May 2009, connecting Samoa to the Global Information super-highway. This involved the re-utilisation of the existing Pac Rim East cable between New Zealand and Hawaii. This now provides much needed capacity for broadband growth and improves international connectivity for the next 5 to 8 years;
- ADB SchoolNet project by the Ministry of Education has been initiated, and assisted by the private sector, for computers and internet connection to all government secondary and primary schools;
- APT RUBY (Rural Broadband for the Youth) Project providing PCs and internet connection to two schools plus a training facility.
- e-Rate School Programme; an initiative by Computer Services Limited, the largest Internet Service Provider in the country, providing laptops and low cost internet connection to some village primary schools.

One of the main challenges now is for the Government to ensure the revitalised competitiveness in the telecommunications sector can be sustained in the long run as we undertake regulatory reforms as well as further liberalization issues within this framework.

In today’s information age, ICT has become more essential to Samoa’s ability to be an important player in today’s global economy. The fact is blatantly clear that, ICT has completely transformed the way we do things and the way we live, and we cannot afford to be complacent about it.

We firmly believe that ICTs now is a cornerstone for promoting economic, social and cultural development in Samoa. Our Government also recognized that ICT is a vital tool that once utilized, will allow Samoa to bridge the digital divide, thereby reducing the barriers of distance and remoteness, moving Samoa towards the enhanced knowledge economy and information society. Samoa has also just recently completed all its negotiations for accession to WTO, and we look forward to the challenges and any benefits that this partnership would bring.

For a remote small island developing state, we do not have the resources to either fully take advantage of the benefits that Broadband and ICT can offer, nor can we afford to set them up independent of outside help. We therefore look forward to developing partnerships with

the donor community, multi-lateral agencies and development partners in order to achieve our goals and aspirations.

Samoa offers its appreciation and full support to the APT management and its programmes to assist member countries, with development of relevant policies and assistance, in the implementation of related programmes for Broadband, and ICT Development in the Asia-Pacific Region. We look forward to an environment in which broadband and ICTs can accelerate the development in all sectors which impact positively on the lives and the wellbeing of our people.

In conclusion, we reiterate that access to very affordable Broadband and Information and Communication Technologies, is as crucial to development as any other primary infrastructural need if not more, in our region. Providing access and helping people learn to use them, is a vital ingredient to bridging gaps amongst social divides contributing to maintaining economic and political stability and harmony in our communities.

Thank you for your attention.

GOD BLESS, SOIFUA

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**STATEMENT BY SINGAPORE**

Honourable President and Vice-Presidents of the 12<sup>th</sup> session of the General Assembly;

Secretary-General of the APT;

Distinguished delegates;

Ladies and gentlemen;

Let me begin by expressing my appreciation to the Government of the Republic of Korea for its warm hospitality in hosting the 12<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly and the 35<sup>th</sup> session of the Management Committee in Jeju Island.

Singapore regards the General Assembly as an important meeting which will chart the direction for the APT's work over the next three years.

This year also marked the first time a preparatory session was initiated to debate on some of the pertinent issues that will steer the course of the APT's operations and work programs over the next three years. These issues included the drafting of the strategic plan, and deliberating on unit contributions that will ensure the viability of the APT and its work in the future.

One of the chief architects of the 2012-2014 APT Strategic Plan was the Bali Statement endorsed by Asia-Pacific Ministers in 2009. In the statement, the leaders envisaged an Asia-Pacific region that would reap the benefits of ICT adoption and development through sound policies and best practices.

The evolution of information and communication technologies has not only brought about challenges, but also provided endless opportunities for the Asia-Pacific region. It is therefore critical for the work of the APT to remain relevant, to be at the forefront of emerging issues and to keep up with technological trends in the region.

Second, as the APT works diligently towards supporting the region's ICT agenda, it is important for the APT to also strive for organizational excellence, financial prudence and strengthen itself in areas of governance and efficiency.

Third, let us continue to ride on one of the APT's greatest assets – specifically, its diverse base of members. Growing and sustaining this membership base further will be an important focus for the APT over the next three years.

Finally, Singapore remains committed to supporting the APT. We firmly believe the APT will continue to act as a leading voice for policy, regulatory, development, standardization and radio-communication issues in the Asia-Pacific region.

Thank you.

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**STATEMENT BY THAILAND**

by  
**Mrs. Jirawan Boonperm**  
**Permanent Secretary, MICT, Thailand**

**Mr. President,**

First of all, let me join other Delegations to congratulate you for being elected as the President and Mr. Ma'u as being newly elected as the Vice President of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity. I believe that the 12<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity, under your leadership, will bring about the fruitful outcomes and satisfactory conclusions.

I would also like to thank the Government of the Republic of Korea and KCC for the excellent organization of this 12<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity.

**Mr. President,  
Excellencies,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

On behalf of the Royal Thai Government and the people of Thailand, I would like to thank all friends and colleagues sincerely for the kind words of comfort and encouragement expressed to us.

Let me take this opportunity to also extend our gratitude to the support and assistance that many governments and organizations especially in the Asia Pacific region have offered to Thailand as our country has been extensively hit by floods in many areas for months.

The natural disasters of various types have become greater challenges that the world must manage to deal with effectively and efficiently as they are increasing at a very fast pace in terms of severity, impact, and casualties that they cause to human lives and properties. Several countries across the world have also suffered from the danger of natural disasters of all types.

I would like to present my profound condolence for their losses and wish them all the strength to successfully undertake the work of restoration and rehabilitation from the damages that occurred.

**Mr. President,  
Excellencies,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

The recent disastrous incidences can be taken as a reassurance for us that the international organizations like APT and ITU have taken the right path in stressing the importance of developing their work programmes that serve to promote and enhance the use of telecom and ICT for disaster prevention and management and emergency telecommunications. The Thai Government appreciates and will fully support the work plans in this relation and would like to encourage all Members of the APT to do the same.

Thank you very much.



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**STATEMENT BY TUVALU**

President  
Vice President  
Excellencies  
Secretary General  
Distinguish Delegates  
Ladies and Gentlemen

First. Let me congratulate you Mr. President and the two Vice Presidents for your election to the High Positions of Chairman and Vice President for APT in this important meeting. I wholeheartedly believe that you would guide the APT into greater success during your tenure in office.

Mr. President Sir, It is with great pleasure and a special privilege for me to represent Tuvalu, to our first general meeting of APT. Becoming the newest member of APT just over a month ago, I bring with me the warm greetings and best wishes to you all from the Government and the people of Tuvalu.

Tuvalu values highly its membership in APT and gives our support to the work and development of APT. We look forward to sharing and cooperating with all members to enhance the work of APT.

With those few remarks Mr. Present, I thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak and my best wishes for successful deliberations and fruitful outcomes of this 12<sup>th</sup> General Assembly and the 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Management Committee of APT.

Finally, I would like to thank the Government of the Republic of Korea and mainly the people of Jeju Island for hosting this APT meeting and for the warm welcome and excellent hospitality they have accorded to us on our arrival.

Mr. President, Excellencies, I thank you.

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**STATEMENT BY VIETNAM**

**BRIEF INTRODUCTION OF  
VIETNAM TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY**

According to the Vietnam Prime Minister's Decision dated June 27th, 2011, the Viet Nam Telecommunications Authority, now I call as its abbreviation is "VNTA", has been established in August 15th, 2011 as an agency performing the consultative and regulatory functions in the field of telecommunications nationwide within the Ministry of Information and Communications. VNTA established based on the merger of the two agencies within the Ministry of Information and Communications, those are the Department of Telecommunications and the Authority of Information and Communications Technology Quality Control, shall inherit both the regulatory experience of the Authority of Information and Communications Technology Quality Control as well as consultative and policy-making experience of the Department of Telecommunications.

The VNTA establishment has been carried out based on the Law on Telecommunications, the Law on Radio frequency and the Governmental Decree on implementing dedicated articles of the Law on Telecommunications, and aims at fostering telecommunications regulatory functions toward a sustainable telecommunications market, conforming to Viet Nam's commitments in international and regional conventions.

The role of the VNTA shall focus on supervising the fulfilment of commitments of telecommunications operators and telecommunication services providers; regulating telecommunications infrastructure, interconnection, telecommunications tariff, promotion, and quality of services; allocating telecommunications numbers; dealing with disputes settlement related to telecommunications issues among telecommunications operators and services providers.

Establishment of the Viet Nam Telecommunications Authority is endeavoured to regulate telecommunications based on market-based mechanism toward socialism orientation, to promote fair competition, to strengthen competitiveness of telecommunications operators and services providers, to deliver diversified broadband telecommunications services with higher quality and lower cost, and parallel to maintain and provide telecommunications universal services nationwide.

The VNTA closely co-ordinates with MIC departments and authorities, especially the Radio Frequency Directorate in frequency management, strategies and planning. Besides, the VNTA participates international cooperations such as ITU, APEC-TEL, APT and other national telecommunications authorities.

Structure of the VNTA is:

- Board of Management including Director General and Deputy Director Generals.
- Supportive divisions including Office, Human resources, Accounting and Financial and Investment divisions.
- Six consultative divisions including Policy and Planning, Licensing and Market regulation, Telecommunication resources and statistics, Tariff and promotion, Quality, Infrastructure and interconnection divisions.
- And six service units.

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**STATEMENT BY MACAO, CHINA**

Statement by Mr. LOU San  
Head of Division of Telecommunications Standards and Technology  
Bureau of Telecommunications Regulation Macao, China

Mr. President, Mr. Vice President,  
Secretary General, Deputy Secretary General,  
Distinguished Delegates,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It gives me great pleasure to be here with you today and on behalf of the Government of the Macao Special Administrative Region, I would like to thank the Government of Republic of Korea for hosting the 12<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly and the 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Management Committee of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity and its warm hospitality extended to all of us.

In the past years, Macao has been participating in various activities organized by APT and had the honour to host various events, e.g., the 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the APT Wireless Forum, the 16<sup>th</sup> APT Standardization Program Forum, the 34<sup>th</sup> Session of the Management Committee of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity and the 8<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Telecommunication and ICT Development Forum. I would like to take this opportunity to reassure you of our continuous support to APT.

The last but not least, I wish the 12<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly and the 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Management Committee of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity a great success.

Thank you very much.



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**ANNEX 5**

**STRATEGIC PLAN OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC TELECOMMUNITY  
FOR THE PERIOD 2012-2014**

## **Strategic Plan of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity 2012-2014**

### **1. Introduction**

This Strategic Plan of APT for the period 2012-2014 is intended to lead the Asia-Pacific region to the next level of digital inclusion and broadband economy in achieving the following objectives laid down in the Bali Statement of the Asia-Pacific Ministers in 2009.

- A. Widen broadband connectivity
- B. Provide a secure, safe and sustainable environment through ICT initiatives
- C. Facilitate effective convergence of services
- D. Encourage development of content and applications
- E. Develop human resources capacity

To achieve the above objectives and enhance the role of APT as an effective regional organization for Telecommunications /ICT in the Asia-Pacific region the Strategic Directions for this period will be as follows.

### **2. Strategic Directions for the period 2012-2014**

#### **Direction 1: Focus on APT Work Programs to assist members achieve the objectives of the Bali Plan of Action**

APT needs to focus its efforts in providing support to its members in the implementation of the Bali Plan of Action by providing necessary assistance, arranging forums on specific issues and facilitating investment in broadband infrastructure through collaborative initiatives among donors, financial institutions, industry, Affiliate Members, Associate Members, and Members.

#### Actions:

- 1.1 Provide necessary expert support to enhance policy and regulatory frameworks.
- 1.2 Arrange discussion at forums, meetings and Management Committee on issues identified in the Bali Plan of Action to facilitate exchange of views in particular the views of least developed countries (LDCs) and strengthen regional cooperation and coordination.
- 1.3 Promote dialogue between industry, regulators and policy makers.
- 1.4 Work with member administrations, industry, donor agencies and financing institutions to enhance investment in the broadband infrastructure.

## **Direction 2: Strengthen engagement and participation in relevant global and regional activities**

APT needs to maintain its position as the leading organization for telecommunications and ICT in the Asia-Pacific region. It needs to strengthen its engagement within its members, and to other relevant regional and international organizations on policy, regulatory, development, standardization and radiocommunication issues.

### Actions:

- 2.1 Establish stable and appropriate structure for preparatory processes and regional coordination for the ITU conferences and other relevant meetings.
- 2.2 Prepare regional inputs to relevant meetings as well as jointly developed regional initiatives and programs of ITU and other international organisations.
- 2.3 Enhance regional coordination in areas of common interests.
- 2.4 Strengthen relationships with other regional and international organizations.
- 2.5 Encourage public-private partnership (PPP), eg through participation and contribution of Affiliate members in the activities of APT.

## **Direction 3: Improve the efficiency of the Secretariat and further promotion of APT**

The efficiency and online accessibility of the Secretariat needs to be improved through enhancement of its information systems. APT also needs to continue the promotional efforts to increase its membership.

### Actions:

- 3.1 Streamline internal working methods and procedures with better use of information system.
- 3.2 Implement management information systems along with workflow procedures and document management system including improvement of the APT web presence.
- 3.3 Continue efforts to increase and retain membership

### 3. Strategic Action Plan 2012-2014

(Actions required by the Work Programmes to achieve the objectives)

#### Direction 1: Focus on APT Work Programs to assist members achieve the objectives of the Bali Plan of Action

	Work Area	Strategic Actions
1.	Policy & Regulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1.1 Improve awareness on best practices in policy and regulations related to broadband deployment.</li><li>1.2 Further strengthen collaboration between industry, regulators, policy makers through effective dialogue.</li><li>1.3 Sharing strategic advice among the members on policy and regulatory issues.</li></ul>
2.	ICT Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>2.1 In order to bridge the digital divide, strengthen dialogue between industry, regulators, policy makers and financing institutions to facilitate infrastructure development for broadband.</li><li>2.2 Work with member administrations, industry, donor agencies and financing institutions to enhance investment in the broadband infrastructure.</li><li>2.3 Promote and accelerate the development of rural communications by implementing pilot projects and other activities in rural areas including broadband deployment.</li><li>2.4 Implement, promote and advertise HRD program for exchange of ICT engineers/researchers.</li></ul>
3.	Disaster Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>3.1 Update on the progress of the regional effort on disaster preparedness and mitigation and showcasing relevant technologies, services and management systems.</li><li>3.2 Formulate and communicate best practices on strategy and technologies for the restoration of the communications needed for disaster management.</li><li>3.3 Assist member countries in time of disaster.</li></ul>
4.	Content and e-Applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>4.1 Promote e-enabled services, showcasing success stories and development efforts in the region.</li><li>4.2 Foster development and use of e-enabled services, such as e-government, e-commerce, e-health, e-education, e-agriculture etc.</li><li>4.3 Promote the development of multi-lingual content for Internet and the development of information and formats that are accessible to people with special needs.</li><li>4.4 Encourage dialogue between members and content and e-applications providers including non-Affiliate members to promote positive use of internet and higher broadband adoption in the region.</li></ul>



<b>5.</b>	<b>Cyber-security</b>	<p>5.1 Facilitate regional collaboration and knowledge sharing on cyber-security issues and protection of children in cyberspace.</p> <p>5.2 Encourage and facilitate assistance in development of national and regional strategies in the areas of critical information and communications infrastructure protection including establishment of CERTs.</p> <p>5.3 Leverage on public-private partnerships for the protection of these connected infrastructures.</p> <p>5.4 Support members to improve legal frameworks necessary for the protection of cyberspace.</p>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Human Resource Development</b>	<p>6.1 Improve the current training programs, study visits and expert missions by re-evaluating the needs of the members to include non-technical aspects.</p> <p>6.2 Collaborate with universities, technical institutes and other relevant academia in arranging training programs.</p> <p>6.3 Improve accessibility of APT training programs to members by introducing on-line training facilities.</p> <p>6.4 Develop a database of regional experts on various fields of expertise relevant to ICT/telecom.</p>

## **Direction 2: Strengthen engagement and participation in relevant global and regional activities**

	<b>Work Area</b>	<b>Strategic Actions</b>
<b>7.</b>	<b>APT Preparation for International Conferences</b>	<p>7.1 Establish stable and appropriate structure for preparatory processes and regional coordination for the ITU Conferences.</p> <p>7.2 Facilitate regional inputs to the relevant preparatory processes of ITU conferences and assemblies, study groups and others including WSIS follow-up process.</p>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Radiocommunication</b>	<p>8.1 Continue to enhance effective collaboration in promoting applications of radio technologies and harmonization of spectrum in the region.</p> <p>8.2 Promote applications of radio technologies, especially wireless broadband technologies.</p>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Standardization</b>	<p>9.1 Strengthen regional cooperation in technological development and contribute to global standardization activities.</p> <p>9.2 Promote harmonization of views on standardization in the region through cooperative standardization activities and exchange of views and information on technologies and standards.</p>
<b>10.</b>	<b>International Cooperation</b>	<p>10.1 Expand active relationship with relevant regional and international organizations.</p> <p>10.2 Enhance representation of APT in relevant international and regional meetings.</p>

### Direction 3: Improve the efficiency of the Secretariat and further promotion of APT

	Work Area	Strategic Actions
11.	Promotion of APT	<p>11.1 Continue efforts in promoting APT to eligible non-members and the industry as well as retaining membership.</p> <p>11.2 Develop effective promotional activities to support APT's membership drive.</p>
12.	APT Information system	<p>12.1 Strengthen Information systems of APT for effective and efficient information exchange to streamline internal working methods and procedures in order to support APT activities.</p> <p>12.2 Continue to improve the presence and functions of APT website.</p> <p>12.3 Develop database for information sharing such as APT Frequency Information System (AFIS).</p>



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## **ANNEX 6**

### **REVISED RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC TELECOMMUNITY**

## Annex 6

<b>RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC TELECOMMUNITY</b>
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### *Preamble*

1. The Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly was adopted pursuant to Article 8, of the Constitution of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity.
2. Should situations not provided for in these rules arise the appropriate provisions of the Constitution shall be applied and where the Constitution is silent, the General Assembly shall adopt such rules as may be appropriate in the circumstances.

### **CHAPTER I**   *Sessions*

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#### **Rule 1**

1. The Secretary General shall at least three months before the commencement of an ordinary session notify the Members, Associate Members and Affiliate Members of the opening date of the session and of the provisional agenda.
2. Documents for the session shall be distributed at least two months prior to the opening of the session.
3. Under the instruction of the President, the Secretary General shall arrange in conformity with Article 8 paragraph 5 of the Constitution for extra-ordinary sessions to be held as soon as possible but not sooner than 45 days after the date on which a request has been received.
4. Each session of the General Assembly shall comprise of several meetings.

#### **Rule 2**

1. Where necessary and with the concurrence of the President, the Secretary General may invite appropriate United Nations bodies and specialized agencies to participate in the General Assembly in an advisory capacity on the basis of reciprocity.
2. Where necessary and with the concurrence of the President, the Secretary General may also invite other appropriate international and regional organizations to participate as observers in matters the Telecommunity considers are of concern to them.

#### **Rule 3**

At the meetings of the General Assembly, delegations of the Members and Associate Members of the Telecommunity shall each be seated as a group in the alphabetical order of the English names of the Members and Associate Members represented. The seating for Affiliate Members may be arranged to be as close as possible to the delegations of their respective Members or Associate Members.

**Rule 4**

Subject to Rule 2, all meetings of the General Assembly shall be held in private with the exception of the formal opening and closing, unless the General Assembly decides otherwise.

**Rule 5**

The provisional agenda for each session shall be drawn up by the Secretary General in consultation with the President.

**Rule 6**

The provisional agenda for any ordinary session shall include, but not limited to:

- (a) Election of a President and two Vice-Presidents of the Telecommunity;
- (b) Adoption of the agenda;
- (c) Report of the Management Committee on the activities of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity;
- (d) Items arising from the previous session of the General Assembly as appropriate;
- (e) Items proposed by the Management Committee as appropriate;
- (f) Limits of annual expenditure provided for in the General Budget or in Special Budgets until the next ordinary session of the General Assembly;
- (g) Electing the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General and when necessary, defining the terms and conditions of their employment;
- (h) Referring matters to the Management Committee and delegating such powers to it as may be required to deal with such matters;
- (i) Any other items proposed by the Members and the Associate Members of the Telecommunity;
- (j) Any other items which the President or the Secretary General sees fit to include;
- (k) Place and date of the next ordinary session.

**Rule 7**

The agenda of an extra-ordinary session shall comprise only items submitted for consideration in the request for convening the extra-ordinary session.

**Rule 8**

The General Assembly may amend the agenda at any time.

## ***CHAPTER II Representation and Credentials***

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### ***Rule 9***

Each Member and Associate Member at the General Assembly shall be represented by an accredited representative. For participation in the General Assembly, representatives should be authorized by a letter of credentials signed by a competent Government authority.

### ***Rule 10***

A representative may be accompanied to the session of the General Assembly by alternate representatives/advisers and, when absent, the representative may be replaced by an alternate representative.

### ***Rule 11***

The credentials of each representative to the General Assembly, together with the designation of alternate representatives, shall be deposited with the Secretary General without delay.

### ***Rule 12***

The President and the two Vice-Presidents shall examine the credentials and report to the General Assembly.

## ***CHAPTER III Secretariat***

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### ***Rule 13***

In the event that the Secretary General is unable to attend any of the meetings, he may nominate the Deputy Secretary General or any member of the staff to take his place.

### ***Rule 14***

The Secretary General or his representative may at any meeting make either oral or written statements concerning any question under consideration.

## ***CHAPTER IV Conduct of Business***

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### ***Rule 15***

1. The President shall organize the work of the General Assembly and shall act as its Chairman. In the absence of the President, the General Assembly shall select one of the Vice-Presidents to act as its Chairman. In the interval between General Assemblies, the President may be called upon to take the necessary measures for the convening of extraordinary sessions.
2. The Chairman, in addition to any other prerogatives conferred under these rules of procedure, shall open and close the meetings of the Assembly, direct the deliberations, ensure that the rules of procedure are applied, give the floor to speakers, put questions to the vote, and announce the decisions adopted.

3. The Chairman shall be responsible for the general direction of all the work of the Assembly, shall ensure that order is maintained at meetings and shall be empowered to rule on motions of order and points of order and, in particular, to propose that discussion on a question be postponed or closed, or that a meeting be suspended or closed, or that a meeting be suspended or adjourned. The Chairman may also decide to postpone the convening of a meeting should it be considered necessary.
4. It shall be the duty of the Chairman to protect the right of each delegation to express its opinion freely and fully on the point at issue.
5. The Chairman shall ensure that discussion is limited to the point at issue, and he may interrupt any speaker who departs therefrom and request such speaker to confine his or her remarks to the subject under discussion.

#### ***Rule 16***

Any Member who wishes to introduce a new proposal during the session should provide a written proposal to the meeting through the Secretary General at least 24 hours before the discussion, unless the General Assembly decides otherwise.

#### ***Rule 17***

During the discussions on any matter, a Member may, when it thinks fit, submit a motion of order or raise a point of order which shall at once be settled by the Chairman in accordance with these rules of procedure. Any Member may appeal against the Chairman's ruling, which shall, however, stand unless a majority of the Members present and voting are against it.

#### ***Rule 18***

A Member submitting a motion of order shall not, during its speech, discuss the substance of the matter in question.

#### ***Rule 19***

The motions and points of order mentioned in rule 17 and rule 18 shall be dealt with in the following order:

- (a) Any point of order regarding the application of these rules of procedure;
- (b) Suspension of a meeting;
- (c) Adjournment of a meeting;
- (d) Postponement of debate on the matter under discussion;
- (e) Closure of debate on the matter under discussion.

#### ***Rule 20***

During the discussion of any matter, a Member may move that the meeting be suspended or adjourned, giving reasons for its proposal. If the proposal is seconded, the opportunity shall be given to two Members to oppose the suspension of adjournment and solely for that purpose, after which the motion shall be put to the vote.

***Rule 21***

During the discussion of any matter, a Member may move the postponement for a stated period of the debate on the item under discussion. In addition to the proposer of the motion, one Member may speak in favour and two against the motion, after which the motion shall be put to the vote.

***Rule 22***

A Member may at any time move that the discussion on the point of issue be closed. In such cases the floor may be given to not more than two Members opposing the motion, after which the motion shall be put to the vote.

***Rule 23***

The General Assembly may, if necessary, limit the time allowed to each speaker. As regards questions of procedure, the Chairman may limit the time allowed for a speech to a maximum of five minutes.

***Rule 24***

The author of a motion may withdraw it before it is put to a vote. Any motion, whether it be amended or not, which has been withdrawn from debate, may be resubmitted or taken up by the author of the amendment or by another Member.

***CHAPTER V Quorum***

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***Rule 25***

A quorum for a meeting of the General Assembly shall consist of the accredited representatives of a simple majority of the Members of the Telecommunity.

***CHAPTER VI Voting***

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***Rule 26***

As a general rule, the General Assembly shall endeavour to reach decisions which take into account the views expressed by all Members so that it is unnecessary to take a vote.

***Rule 27***

If, however, agreement is not reached on a proposal, a vote shall be taken, the results of which shall be recorded in the summary record of the meeting.

***Rule 28***

1. Voting shall normally take place by a show of hands.
2. At the request of one or more of the representative present, a roll-call vote shall be taken.
3. In case of more than one contestant for election, voting shall be by secret ballot.
4. At the request of a representative, supported by at least two other representatives, voting shall be by secret ballot. The necessary steps shall then be taken to ensure the secrecy of the vote.



***Rule 29***

In the decisions of the General Assembly where Chairman is unable to discern a consensus on any matter, decisions shall be made by a simple majority of Members present and voting with the exception of decisions on financial matters, or other matters that, under the Constitution, require a two-thirds majority of the Members present and voting. In case of a tie, the proposals shall be considered rejected. In computing a majority, abstentions shall not be taken into account.

***Rule 30***

Any matter which has been voted upon or otherwise formally dealt with by the General Assembly may not be reconsidered at the same session unless the majority of Members decide otherwise.

***Rule 31***

A Member may give to another Member an authority to cast its vote at any or all meetings at which it is unable to be present. In such a case the Member shall in good time so notify the President. However, a Member may not exercise more than one proxy vote.

***CHAPTER VII Summary Records***

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***Rule 32***

A summary record of the session of the General Assembly shall be prepared by the Secretariat and shall be submitted for adoption by the General Assembly before the conclusion of the session. Where unavoidable, the draft summary record of the session which could not be so adopted should be sent to Members and Associate Members at the earliest possible date after the General Assembly for comments and adoption by consensus ad referendum. Such draft summary record will also be sent to Affiliate Members who should submit comments, if any, through their respective Members or Associate Members.

***Rule 33***

Any representative shall have the right to require the insertion in the summary record of any statements he or she has made during the debates either fully or in summary. In such an event, however, the representative should announce his or her intention in this respect at the meeting and must hand in the text to the Secretary General without delay after the end of the meeting. It is expected that this right shall be used in all cases with discretion.

***CHAPTER VIII Amendments******Rule 34***

These rules may be revised or amended as the need arises in accordance with the Constitution.



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*considering*

that under the terms of article 8 paragraph 6 of the Constitution of the Asia Pacific Telecommunity, the General Assembly is to define the terms and conditions of employment of the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General

*noting that*

- a) since the establishment of APT in 1979, various instruments, guidelines, resolutions and documents have been developed by the General Assembly and Management Committee pursuant to the Constitution of the APT;
- b) the Constitution of the APT was last amended in 2002 and that there has not been a review of these various instruments, etc. since then;
- c) the 33<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Management Committee held in 2009 in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran called for the establishment of an Ad-Hoc Correspondence Group to review all APT documents developed by General Assembly and Management Committee pursuant to the Constitution;

*resolves that;*

- a) the Secretary General shall act as the legal representative of the APT;
- b) the Deputy Secretary General shall assist the Secretary General in the performance of his duties and undertake such specific tasks as may be entrusted to him by the Secretary General;
- c) the Deputy Secretary General shall perform the duties of the Secretary General in the absence of the latter;

*d)* further resolves that

a) the salaries of the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General shall be set at the same levels as those having the same status in the United Nations common system. The post classification and grading standards shall be as follows:

Secretary General	D-2
Deputy Secretary General	D-1

b) all other terms and conditions of employment of the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General shall be as prescribed in the APT Staff Regulations.



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## **ANNEX 8**

### **PLEDGED CONTRIBUTION OF MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS FOR THE YEAR 2012-2014**

	<b>PLEDGED CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE YEARS 2012 -2014</b>					
			<b>Total pledged contribution for the year</b>			
	NAME OF	Number of units		2012	2013	2014
	ADMINISTRATIONS/ ORGANIZATIONS	Regular	Extra budgetary	9% increase	0% increase	0% increase
				\$ 9,098.00	\$ 9,098.00	\$ 9,098.00
	<b><u>MEMBERS</u></b>					
1	Afghanistan	2.00	-	18,196	18,196	18,196
2	Australia	5.00	-	45,490	45,490	45,490
3	Bangladesh	2.00	1	27,294	27,294	27,294
4	Bhutan	1.50	-	13,647	13,647	13,647
5	Brunei Darussalam	2.00	-	18,196	18,196	18,196
6	Cambodia	0.50	-	4,549	4,549	4,549
7	China, PR of	10.00	5	136,470	136,470	136,470
8	Fiji	1.00	-	9,098	9,098	9,098
9	India	6.00	10	145,568	145,568	145,568
10	Indonesia	2.00	-	18,196	18,196	18,196
11	Iran, Islamic Rep. of	2.50	-	22,745	22,745	22,745
12	Japan	40.00	-	363,920	363,920	363,920
13	Kiribati	0.50	-	4,549	4,549	4,549
14	Korea, DPR	0.50	-	4,549	4,549	4,549
15	Korea, Rep. of	20.00	-	181,960	181,960	181,960
16	Lao, PDR	0.50	-	4,549	4,549	4,549
17	Malaysia	4.00	-	36,392	36,392	36,392
18	Maldives	0.50	-	4,549	4,549	4,549
19	Marshall Islands	0.50	-	4,549	4,549	4,549
20	Micronesia, Federated States of	1.00	-	9,098	9,098	9,098
21	Mongolia	1.50	-	13,647	13,647	13,647
22	Myanmar	1.50	-	13,647	13,647	13,647
23	Nauru	0.50	-	4,549	4,549	4,549
24	Nepal	0.50	-	4,549	4,549	4,549
25	New Zealand	2.00	-	18,196	18,196	18,196
26	Pakistan	2.00	-	18,196	18,196	18,196
27	Palau	1.00	-	9,098	9,098	9,098
28	Papua New Guinea	1.00	-	9,098	9,098	9,098
29	Philippines	2.00	-	18,196	18,196	18,196
30	Samoa	0.50	-	4,549	4,549	4,549
31	Singapore	2.00	-	18,196	18,196	18,196
32	Solomon Islands	0.50	-	4,549	4,549	4,549
33	Sri Lanka	1.50	-	13,647	13,647	13,647
34	Thailand	4.00	-	36,392	36,392	36,392
35	Tonga	0.50	-	4,549	4,549	4,549
36	Tuvalu	0.50	-	4,549	4,549	4,549
37	Vanuatu	0.50	-	4,549	4,549	4,549
38	Vietnam	1.50	-	13,647	13,647	13,647
	<b><u>ASSOCIATE MEMBERS</u></b>					
1	Cook Islands	0.50	-	4,549	4,549	4,549
2	Hong Kong , China	4.00	-	36,392	36,392	36,392
3	Macao , China	0.50	-	4,549	4,549	4,549
4	Niue	0.50	-	4,549	4,549	4,549