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WELCOME ADDRESS

Your Excellency Liu Lihua, Vice-Minister, Ministry of Industry and Information Technology,
People's Republic of China,

Dr. Alan R Jamieson, Chairman, APT Conference Preparatory Group for WRC-15,

Mr. Kavouss Arasteh and Dr. Kyu Jin Wee, Vice Chairmen of APT Conference Preparatory
Group for WRC-15,

Mr. Mario Maniewicz, Deputy Director, Radiocommunication Bureau, International
Telecommunication Union,

Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good Morning.

I am very pleased to welcome you all to the first meeting of the APT Conference Preparatory
Group for World Radiocommunication Conference 2019.

First of all, on behalf of the APT and all delegates of this meeting, I am deeply thankful to Your
Excellency Liu Lihua, Vice-Minister of MIIT, People's Republic of China for taking time from
your busy schedule to be with us today. It is our great honour to have Your Excellency here to
grace this important event of the APT.

I would like to express my sincere thank and appreciation to the Ministry of Industry and
Information Technology for hosting this meeting in this beautiful city of Chengdu. I am grateful
for the excellent arrangements and the warm hospitality extended to us all.

I would also like to thank all participants for your presence in such a large number. We have 284
registered participants at this meeting. This is an indicator of your enthusiasm for APG work and
for your strong support to the APT activities.

Excellency,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

The importance and the role of regional organizations are increasing for the preparation of major
ITU Conferences. The APT has been playing a key role for the success on major ITU Conferences,
particularly for WRCs. APT Community has always been working harmoniously as a close family,
showing mutual respect and accommodation in all our activities.

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We started the work in this area with a Preparatory Meeting for the ITU World Administrative Radio Conference (WARC) 92 in Bangkok. Since its inception in 1996, APG has been providing a platform for regional coordination and it is driven by the APT members. Over the years, APG has progressed well into a vital and vibrant program of APT providing valuable contributions to the WRCs. The popularity of the event is a testimony of the importance the Asia-Pacific region attached to the radiocommunication issues and the significance of the WRCs.

For WRC-15, the Asia-Pacific region has been very active in its preparation. The Conference was testimony of the successful preparations and cooperation of the Asia-Pacific region. The APT submitted 199 APT Common Proposals for the Conference. The regional preparations and coordinated proposals helped the Conference to complete its work effectively and efficiently.

I am pleased to note the success of the APT preparation for WRC-15 was largely contributed to the able Chairman, Dr, Jamieson, the two Vice Chairmen, Dr. Wee and Mr. Arasteh and all other office bearers and of course the cooperation and contributions that were provided by our Members. I thank you all for the excellent efforts and the kind spirit of cooperation and understanding that you have shown in the preparatory process for WRC-15. I am sure the APT members will continue this wonderful spirit of cooperation.

This enthusiasm and cooperation of the APT members has made APG one of the most important activities of the APT. Not only a large number of participants at APG meetings but they also attend with a strong desire to contribute and to bring their expertise in the work in a coordinated manner.

Excellency

Ladies and Gentlemen,

From this meeting, APG is starting the preparatory works for WRC-19. This meeting will set the tone for this APG cycle towards WRC-19. This meeting will discuss APG structure and APG workplan for the preparation of RA-19 and WRC-19. This meeting will elect the new leadership for APG to prepare for WRC-19. I am very thankful to the APT Member administrations that have submitted nominations of candidates for various office bearer positions of APG-19. We have received nominations of a good number of candidates who are experts in the area of radiocommunication.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation and thanks to Dr. Alan Jamieson, Chairman of APG-15. He has served for eight years as Chairman of APG-12 and APG-15. All of you know him very well. He is well known of his excellent capability as chairman, diplomatic skills, and expertise in the radiocommunication area.

I would also like to thank Mr. Kavouss Arasteh and Dr. Kyu-Jin Wee, the two Vice-Chairmen of APG-15. Both of them have served as Vice-chairmen of APG-12 and APG-15. Mr. Arasteh and Dr. Wee are well known for their skills and experience in radiocommunication area.

I would like to thank Mr. John Lewis, who had served APG as the Chairman of Editorial Committee from 2004.

I also extend my special thanks to all Chairmen of 6 Working Parties who had done excellent works for APG-15.

Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I understand that WRC-19 will be a challenging and demanding Conference with a big focus on the requirement for additional spectrum for the International Mobile Telecommunications 2020 (IMT-2020). Other issues including satellite related issues, transport related issues, new technologies for maritime services managing interference and many more issues will need significant coordination in the region. As such, the task for APG-19 will be complex and difficult especially when individual country's needs are quite diverse and conflicting at times. Nevertheless, as a region, the APT members have always shown solidarity and cooperation taking into account very special needs of the developing and least developed members. I am confident that the new leadership of APG will work through our established principles of working through consensus.

Before I conclude, may I once again express my sincere thanks to Your Excellency Liu Lihua for your kind presence and to our host MIIT for the gracious hosting of this meeting.

I wish you a very successful meeting and hope you will also take time to embrace the vibrancy of Chengdu.

Thank you.
