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**REPORT OF THE 29<sup>th</sup> SESSION OF THE APT MANAGEMENT  
COMMITTEE**

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**29<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC TELECOMMUNITY  
5 – 8 December 2005, Islamabad, Pakistan**

**REPORT OF THE MEETING**

**I. ORGANIZATION OF THE MEETING**

**1.1 Introduction**

The 29<sup>th</sup> Session of the Management Committee of the Asia Pacific Telecommunity was held at The Serena Hotel, Islamabad, Pakistan from 5 – 8 December, 2005. The meeting was hosted by the Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunications, Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and Pakistan Telecommunication Authority.

**1.2 Attendance**

One hundred and five representatives attended the session, including alternates and advisors of the following Members, Associate Members, Affiliate Members, and International Organizations:

25 Members: *Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, People's Republic of China, DPR Korea, India, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Japan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, New Zealand, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tonga and Vietnam.*

2 Associate Members: *Hong Kong, China; Macao, China.*

9 Affiliate Members: *CAT Telecom Public Company Limited, Thailand; Celcom (Malaysia) Berhad; Electronics and Telecommunications Research Institute, Republic of Korea; Maxis Communications Berhad, Malaysia, Mongolia Telecom, National Telecommunication Corporation, Pakistan; Samsung Electronics, Republic of Korea; Tele Card Limited, Pakistan; Telekom Malaysia, Malaysia; TOT Corporation Public Company Limited, Thailand*

1 Regional Organization: *Pacific Island Telecommunications Association (PITA).*

**1.3 Opening Session**

1.3.1 Major General (Retd.) Shahzada Alam Malik, Chairman of Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) delivered the welcome address. He welcomed the delegates to the 29<sup>th</sup> Session of the Management Committee.

1.3.2 Mr. Amarendra Narayan, Executive Director of APT delivered the welcome address.

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- 1.3.3 Mr. Bistamum Siru Abdul Rahman, Chairman of the Management Committee of the APT, made an opening remarks.
- 1.3.4 The Inaugural Address was delivered by Mr. Farrukh Qayum, the Secretary of the Ministry of Information Technology on behalf of H. E. Mr. Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari, Minister of Information Technology and Telecommunications who could not attend due to sudden indisposition.
- 1.4 The opening session ended with presentation of Appreciation Plaque to the Honorable Minister of Information Technology and Telecommunications, Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.
- 1.5 Addresses are included in **Annex 1**.

## **II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

- 2.1 The Chairman invited comments on the Provisional Agenda and Tentative Program. The Agenda and Program were approved.
- 2.2 The Executive Director announced that the credentials from 25 member countries have been received and are in order. Therefore, the quorum had been achieved, which satisfies the requirement of the Constitution for the meeting to proceed.
- 2.3 The Agenda is attached as **Annex 2**.

## **III. PRESENTATION OF THE OUTCOME OF THE 10<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE APT GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

- 3.1 The Executive Director made a brief presentation on the outcomes of the 10<sup>th</sup> Session of the APT General Assembly. He outlined the salient features of the Strategic Plan of APT for the period 2006 – 2008. He mentioned that the Strategic Plan has defined four pillars for the APT Strategic direction and briefed on the key areas of APT's activities. Further he informed that the unit contribution cost has been increased by 5% for the year 2006 and no further increase in the years 2007 and 2008.
- 3.2 The Chairman informed that the Strategic Plan has been developed with considerable and active discussion among the members. He thanked the members for their valuable contributions and comments made to finalize the Strategic Plan of APT.

## **IV. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE YEAR 2005 (DOC. NO. MC-29/4)**

- 4.1 The Executive Director presented his comprehensive report for the year 2005 (Doc. No. MC-29/4) and highlighted the main activities and achievements of the APT during the year 2005. In the report he mentioned regarding the work program activities in year 2005, budget of the Telecommunity, extra budgetary contributions, memberships and various other matter regarding the Telecommunity.

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At the beginning of his report, the Executive Director mentioned about the unprecedented miseries brought by Tsunami disaster in some APT member countries. He informed that APT joined in other international organizations in promoting the utilization of ICT in disaster management. Soon after the Tsunami disaster APT organized a meeting on the Role of ICT for Disaster Reduction jointly with the ITU which has been designated as a thematic meeting for the WSIS Phase two.

The Executive Director reported that in addition to the normal budget, substantial input to the Work Programs has been made by the donor members and others. He mentioned about the generous Extra Budgetary Contributions from Australia, China, India, Japan and Republic of Korea. He thanked the APT Members for hosting various events, training programs and study visits.

Regarding the budget of the Telecommunity for the year 2005 the Executive Director informed that the approved budget was US\$1,923,416 based on 227.5 units of pledged contribution @US\$7948 per unit which is same as that was for the year 2004.

The Executive Director reported that Marshall Island has joined APT as full member. In addition, 12 new affiliate members from Australia, PR China, Japan, Nepal, New Zealand and Thailand have joined APT during 2005. Currently, APT has 33 Members, 4 Associate Members and 104 Affiliate Members.

The Executive Director reported that APT has successfully implemented 20 seminars and workshops on various topics of interest to its members. Among those were regular APT events such as APT Conference Preparatory Group for WRC-07; APT Wireless Forum Meeting and Interim Meeting; 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> ASTAP Forums; APT Policy and Regulatory Forum; Telecommunication and ICT Development Forum; APT Operators Forum and 25<sup>th</sup> Study Groups Meeting. A number of workshops and seminars have been arranged also on the latest technological advancement in ICT applications.

By the end of October 2005 APT had implemented 17 training programs benefiting 167 trainees from 27 administrations.

Regarding the Information system of APT, the Executive Director informed that the Internet link between APT and NTT Communications (Thailand) has been upgraded to 1Mbps using dual leased line. APT has been granted a new domain “**apt.int**” in June this year. He mentioned the latest website upgrades, Wi-Fi access and spam filtering systems of the APT information system.

The Executive Director reported that APT works closely with other International Organization like ITU, UNESCAP, PITA, World Bank and ADB. APT arranged joint events with those organizations in this year.

At the end of the report the Executive Director thanked APT members for the support to APT. He expressed his gratitude to the Royal Government of Thailand for the excellent host facilities for the APT Secretariat.

- 4.2 The Chairman invited comments from the members.
- 4.3 Indonesia appreciated the efforts of the Executive Director for implementing the work programme successfully and for such a comprehensive report.

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- 4.4 India appreciated and supported the report presented by the Executive Director.
- 4.5 Dr. K. J Wee, Vice-Chairman of the Management Committee appreciated the report. He said that the activity classification of regular and non-regular programs should be discussed in the Ad Hoc Group Meeting.
- 4.6 Pakistan appreciated the work and report of the Executive Director. They thanked Australia, Japan and Korea for providing the support through Extra Budgetary Contribution.
- 4.7 The Report was accepted by the meeting.

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| <b>Decision no. 1 (APT MC/29/4)</b> |
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| The MC approved the Executive Director's Report for Year 2005 with thanks. |
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**V. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN APT AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (DOC. NO. MC-29/5)**

- 5.1 The Executive Director of APT presented the report.

The report of the Executive Director highlighted that the Bangkok Agenda adopted at the Ministerial Conference on Broadband and ICT Development held in Bangkok in 2004 emphasizes upon regional and international cooperation. He also mentioned about the decision taken at the WSIS.

APT maintains close relations with ITU, UNESCAP, ICAO, World Bank, ADB OECD, ABU, CEPT, CITELE, ETSI, PITA and other concerned organizations involved with telecommunications and Information Communication Technologies to maximize the benefits to APT members.

- 5.2 The Chairman invited comments from the members.
- 5.3 Australia supported the close cooperation and collaboration with the international organizations and requested to avoid the duplication of work done by the different organizations. Australia informed that APT has been given the Guest Status in APECTEL. APT has been invited to the APECTEL workshop on Network Security and SPAM.
- 5.4 Iran appreciated the comprehensive report and suggested more close cooperation with international organization including WTO as most of the APT members are the members of WTO. It is quite valuable for APT to work with WTO.
- 5.5 India appreciated and complemented APT for coordinating with other international Organizations.
- 5.6 Dr. K. J Wee, Vice-Chairman appreciated that APT has improved the relationship with the international organizations. However, he requested that at the next MC meeting APT should report regarding the different status of agreements, relationships and MoUs with international organizations.

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- 5.7 Pakistan appreciated the report and requested APT to pursue assistance from international organizations to implement the Strategic Plan on disaster management.
- 5.8 The Republic of Korea (RoK) appreciated the report of the Executive Director. Republic of Korea said that WSIS has taken several decisions in regards to bridging the digital divide. RoK wished APT to discuss with other organizations and cooperate with them to reduce the digital divide.
- 5.9 The Executive Director informed that APT is maintaining close cooperation with WTO and some projects had been implemented with their cooperation. APT is enjoying the guest status from APECTEL. There are some joint activities and inputs which are common to APT and APECTEL since there are common members. Replying to Pakistan's comment he said that the Work Program Ad-Hoc group would consider the Disaster Management strategy in details. Regarding the cooperation for the WSIS outcome he informed that APT would discuss the matter with UNESCAP, ITU and other concerned UN agencies during the Inter Agency WG meeting in December. He also informed that there are important points stemming from WSIS such as the issue of domain naming and the digital solidarity fund. APT would discuss the matter of digital solidarity fund in Regulator-Investor and Regulator-Industry dialogues which had been proposed by Malaysia and Singapore in the 10<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly.

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| <b>Decision no. 2 (APT MC/29/5)</b> |
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| The MC approved the report on the Relationship between APT and other International Organizations. |
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**VI REPORT OF THE ASIA PACIFIC TELECOMMUNICATION AND ICT DEVELOPMENT FORUM (DOC. NO. MC-29/6)**

- 6.1 The Executive Director of APT presented the report. The report highlighted the conclusions of the Forum which has taken place in 2005 to follow up the implementation of Bangkok Agenda which was adopted at the Ministerial Conference on Broadband and ICT Development in July 2004. He reported that the Forum established a preparatory group for WTDC-06 under the chairmanship of Mr. M. K. Jain of Department of Telecommunication, Government of India. The Forum also appointed Mr. Hong Son Nguyen of Vietnam and Mr. Jolden Jonnyboy of the Federal State of Micronesia as the vice chairs of the preparatory group. Four proposals for WTDC-06 were developed at the Forum for further discussion and debate.
- 6.2 Dr. K. J. Wee, Vice Chairman raised two points regarding the objectives and outcome of the ADF activities. He queried whether ADF is only an activity which follows up the Bangkok Agenda. He also pointed out that the ADF should provide the future work plan for the next year which had been advised by 28<sup>th</sup> Session of the Management Committee.
- 6.3 Chairman invited comments from the members on the future activity and work plan of the ADF.
- 6.4 Bangladesh appreciated the report and work of the Executive Director and suggested that a report on the summary of the achievements of the Ministerial Conference 2004 and ADF should also be provided.

- 6.5 The Executive Director informed that the document gives the outcome of ADF 2005 and does not mention about the future activities which have been described in the Work Programme. He also informed that APT has implemented several activities to implement the Bangkok Agenda. The Executive Director also said that the Director, Project Development has already made a presentation at the ADF Meeting in Goa giving the status of all the projects implemented under the Bangkok Agenda. He said that APT has also produced the Broadband Compendium. He mentioned that due to the limited time available only the special success stories are presented in the meeting.
- 6.6 Pakistan commented that APT could establish a link on the website giving member countries access to obtain information about their areas of interest. Subsequently APT can send through e-mail the information about events and draft reports of presentation and deliberations.
- 6.7 The MC accepted the report and sent it to Ad-hoc Group for further discussion.

**Decision no. 3 (APT MC/28/9)**

The MC accepted the Report of the APT Telecommunication and Development Forum and sent it to Ad-hoc Group for further discussion.

**VII REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC FORUM ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS POLICY AND REGULATION (DOC. NO. MC-29/7)**

- 7.1 The report was presented by the Executive Director. The report listed the presentations that were made in several sessions of the forum and also the recommendations on various issues of interest such as VoIP, number portability and information security. The theme of Forum was "Access and Competition in Broadband and ICT Development". He informed that the Forum decided to be a regular activity of APT and be less formal.

Further he informed that the Forum elected Mr. Leong Keng Thai of IDA, Singapore as the Chairman of the Forum and four vice-chairpersons were also elected. They are Mr. Suresh Kumar Pudasaini of Nepal, Mr. Joshua Turaganivalu of Fiji, Mr. Tou Veng Keong of Macao, China and Ms. Sulyna Abdullah of Malaysia.

- 7.2 Singapore said that the Chairman and four Vice-Chairmen of the APT Policy and Regulatory Forum would put a contribution to the MC giving the theme of the next year's Policy and Regulatory Forum and the work items to be implemented under the Forum.
- 7.3 Indonesia said that they are happy to see the outcome of the PRF as regular APT Work Program.

7.4 The MC accepted the report and sent it to Ad-hoc Group for further discussion.

**Decision no. 4 (APT MC/29/7)**

The MC accepted the Report and Recommendations of the Asia-Pacific Forum on Telecommunications Policy and Regulation and sent it to Ad-hoc Group for further discussion.

**VIII REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE APT STUDY GROUPS (DOC. NO. MC-28/8)**

- 8.1 Mr. Tanvir Ahmad, the Chairman of the APT Study Groups presented the report (Doc. No. MC-29/8). The report includes detailed progress on the four study groups on Networks, User Issues, Applications and Services and Broadband Issues. The report also outlined the new working methods for the new study cycle including the document approval procedures of the Study Group. The new working method of the Study Groups has been annexed to this report for the approval of MC.
- 8.2 Indonesia thanked the Chairman of Study Group for his detailed report. Indonesia wanted to continue the activity of the Study Group in a more effective manner.
- 8.3 Pakistan said that Study Group is playing a vital role for APT. Pakistan pointed out that the activity of the Study Group has not been included in 2006 work program. Pakistan urged the Management Committee to consider the matter.
- 8.4 Republic of Korea agreed with the view of Pakistan on the continuation of the Study Group. Korea mentioned that Study Group is key important forum for cooperation with governments and private sectors. Korea would like the Study Group to be continued.
- 8.5 Myanmar wished to see the continuity of the Study Group activities.
- 8.6 Chairman informed that the views by members would be discussed further in the Ad Hoc Group on Work Program.
- 8.7 Bangladesh suggested not to drop the Study Questions which have higher importance to the members. Bangladesh would like to continue the activities of the Study Group for the benefit of the members.
- 8.8 Dr. K. J. Wee, Vice Chairman asked whether the Study Questions which are considered under Study Group have any duplication of other APT Work Programs.
- 8.9 Mr. Tanvir Ahmed, Chairman of the Study Group replied that Study Group always try to avoid the duplication of work with other APT Work Programs. He mentioned that the Study Group had referred 6 study questions to the APT Policy and Regulatory Forum to avoid any duplication. He informed that the new working method of the Study Group would help to great extent to avoid the duplication of works.
- 8.10 The report was accepted by the MC.
- 8.11 The Executive Director thanked Mr. Tanvir Ahmed for successful completion of the Chairmanship of the Study Cycle 2003-2005. An appreciation plaque was handed

over to Mr. Tanvir Ahmed for his excellent contribution as Chairman of the Study Group.

**Decision no. 5 (APT MC/29/8)**

The MC accepted the Report and noted the Recommendations of the APT Study Groups for further discussion in the Ad-hoc Group.

**IX REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE APT STANDARDIZATION PROGRAM (ASTAP) (DOC. NO. MC-29/9)**

9.1 The Executive Director presented the report of the APT Standardization Program (ASTAP) on behalf of the chairman of ASTAP. He informed that the ASTAP contributions to international standardization activities are progressing satisfactorily. Building on the success of the preparatory work of ASTAP for last year's World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly 2004, a current key focus of ASTAP is on preparations for the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference in Turkey, 6-24 November, 2006 (PP-06).

ASTAP activity was highlighted this year through holding two meetings in 2005. ASTAP approved its Strategic Plan 2006-2008 as well as its Approval Procedures for ASTAP Technical Documents. Both of these documents are to be discussed further in this meeting and are attached as Appendices A and B. Provided these documents are approved by the Management Committee, they would provide ASTAP with a high-level focus for its strategic activities and a means to develop its outputs. The Executive Director also informed that the ASTAP Website and Bulletin Board have recently undergone significant improvements based on best design practices and international standards. This has greatly assisted ASTAP and its Expert Groups to improve information flow and to work electronically. He expected that the increasing participation by experts from the private sector; including incumbent operators, newly established telcos, equipment manufacturers and other telecommunications-related companies, as well as administrations, regulators and of course, users will ensure the outcomes of ASTAP's work are fruitful and balanced.

9.2 Chairman requested the members to comment on the report.

9.3 Japan appreciated the ASTAP Chairman's report. Japan also informed that the ITU TASG meeting would be held on 1<sup>st</sup> week of July 2006, and requested to hold the next ASTAP Forum in June 2006.

9.4 Dr. K.J Wee, Vice-Chairman pointed that there are some parts which needs the approval of MC. He also wanted to know whether ASTAP intended to approve the standard by them. He also raised the question whether ASTAP is intended to revise its term of procedure in the ASTAP Strategic Plan.

9.5 Mr. Jong Bong Park informed that ASTAP is not intended to revise it's terms of reference in the Strategic Directions rather it just defined the work scopes of ASTAP.

9.6 Dr. Wee asked what is the basis of developing regional standards by APT?

9.7 Mr. Park informed that ASTAP can develop the regional standards under the guidance provided by the APT Documentation Scheme.

9.8 MC accepted the report and sent it to the Ad-hoc Group for further discussion.

**Decision no. 6 (APT MC/29/9)**

The MC accepted the Report and Recommendations of the APT Standardization Program (ASTAP) and sent it to Ad-hoc Group for further discussion.

**X. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE APT CONFERENCE PREPARATORY GROUP (APG) FOR WRC-07 (DOC. NO. MC-29/10)**

10.1 Dr. Kyu-Jin Wee, Chairman of the Working Party 1 of APG presented the report. He informed that Second Meeting of the APT Conference Preparatory Group for WRC-07 was held in Bangkok, Thailand. The APG developed the approval process for APT Common Proposal (ACPs) to WRC-07 (document no. APG2007-2/75). The document titled "Approval Process for APT Common Proposals (ACP)" has been attached to the APG Chairman's Report to MC for approval. APG also developed preliminary APT views on WRC-07 Agenda items which have been posted on the APG website.

10.2 The MC accepted the report and sent it to Ad-hoc Group for further discussion.

**Decision no. 7 (APT MC/29/10)**

The MC accepted the Report and Recommendations of the Activities of the APT Conference Preparatory Group (APG) for WRC 2007 and sent it to Ad-hoc Group for further discussion.

**XI. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE APT WIRELESS FORUM (DOC. NO. MC-29/11)**

11.1 Mr. Jae-Woon Park of Samsung Electronics presented the report of the APT Wireless Forum on behalf of Dr. Young-Kyun Kim, Chairman of the AWF. The report briefly summarized the progress of AWF activities during AWF Interim Meeting and Second AWF Meeting in 2005. He informed that AWF has developed the workplan for 2006 and the Technical Documents Approval Procedure of AWF. The approval procedure has been submitted for MC approval.

He informed that in its Second Meeting AWF has developed Draft APT Recommendation on "Use of Band 4940 – 4990MHz for Public Protection and Disaster Relief (PPDR) Applications". The recommendation has been circulated to the members for consultation. It has been submitted to MC for approval after getting the necessary endorsement from members.

He also informed that AWF decided to develop the spectrum database with the help of APT Secretariat. APT Members are encouraged to contribute to the work, both in terms of system requirement and the provision of information relating to their national frequency allocation tables and associated spectrum usages, including technical, policy and licensing information.

11.2 Japan asked clarifications on some terms in the technical document approval procedures of the APT Wireless Forum since it is conflicting with the APT Documentation Scheme.

- 11.3 China appreciated the report of the Wireless Forum and mentioned that AWF is a valuable forum for discussing the issues of the emerging wireless technologies. China informed that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Wireless Forum was held in China in 2005. China asked whether there is any time limit on the AWF spectrum database and asked about the progress of spectrum database. On the number of members needed to block adoption with reference to the draft approval procedures, China considered that the document should not be adopted if one member opposes for the reason of policy or regulatory matters.
- 11.4 The Deputy Executive Director of APT replied that there is no fixed time table for the database project since the project is still under planning phase. He mentioned that APT Secretariat and AWF experts are working on this matter and consulting with the ITU-R. The prototype of the database would be available soon for member's comments. Regarding the approval procedure the Deputy Executive Director informed that the draft approval procedure was adopted at the 2<sup>nd</sup> AWF Meeting and submitted to MC for approval.
- 11.5 Dr. K. J. Wee Vice-Chairman explained that at the last MC, every regular work program was asked to develop its own approval procedure and submit it to this session of the MC. So there is no violation with the guidance of APT Documentation Scheme. According to the documentation scheme Opinions can be approved by each work program. He said that if MC is not comfortable with that then the documentation may be revised.
- 11.6 China said that they did not have strong position on the issue.
- 11.7 MC accepted the report and requested to Ad-hoc group for further discussion.

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| <b>Decision no. 8 (APT MC/29/11)</b> |
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| The MC accepted the Report and noted the Recommendations of the APT Wireless Forum for further discussion in the Ad-hoc Group. |
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## **XII. REPORT ON THE DOCUMENTATION SCHEME (DOC. NO. MC-29/12)**

- 12.1 The Executive Director presented the report. He informed that the 27<sup>th</sup> Session of the Management Committee considered a proposal for establishment of the APT Documentation Scheme. The 28<sup>th</sup> Session of the Management Committee approved the APT Documentation Scheme. The 28<sup>th</sup> Session of the MC instructed all of the APT Work Program to adopt the Documentation Scheme and report it back to the 29<sup>th</sup> Session of the Management Committee.

The Executive Director informed that the APT Study Groups, APT Standardization Program and APT Wireless Forum have already followed MC instructions and developed their own approval procedure in accordance with the APT Documentation Scheme. However, some implementation difficulties have been experienced. Further he mentioned that the 28<sup>th</sup> MC Meeting enlisted some associated tasks such as Copyrights, Documents Management Scheme and Format of Proceedings for future

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consideration. He said that the secretariat will continue to work for addressing the practical difficulties and for making further improvements in the document.

12.2 On request from the Chairman, the Executive Director explained the definition of Guidance and opinion which had been given in APT Documentation Scheme.

12.3 MC accepted the report of the documentation scheme and referred it to Ad-hoc Group for further discussion.

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| The MC accepted the Report on the Documentation Scheme and requested the Ad hoc Group for further discussion. |
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### XIII. CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS (DOC. NO. MC-29/13)

13.1 The Deputy Executive Director APT presented document no, MC-28/17.3 which is the Draft New APT Recommendation on use of the band 4940 – 4990 MHz for public protection and disaster relief application. The Deputy Executive Director informed that the 2<sup>nd</sup> AWF meeting in China adopted the draft recommendation and it was circulated to the members for comments with six weeks time frames. Nine member countries already submitted their agreement for the recommendation. He reminded that according to the approval procedure of the APT, it requires 25% of the member's agreement to submit the recommendation to MC. Since the required procedures have been fulfilled, it is ready to be considered in MC. However, he mentioned that this matter needs to be considered once the approval procedure of AWF technical documents is approved by MC.

13.2 Chairman said that this matter needs to be discussed in the Ad-Hoc Group meeting for discussion.

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| <b>Decision no. 10 (APT MC/29/13)</b> |
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| The MC requested Ad hoc Group to discuss the draft new APT Recommendation on “the use of Band 4940 – 4990 MHz for Public Protection and Disaster Relief (PPDR) applications”. |
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### XIV. WORK PROGRAM OF THE TELECOMMUNITY

#### 14.1 Review of the Work Program for the year 2005 (Doc. No. MC-29/14.1 Revised 1)

14.1.1 The Executive Director presented the review of the work program for the year 2005.

14.1.2 Dr. K. J. Wee, Vice-Chairman asked about the necessity of the document since most of the work program reports had been presented.

14.1.3 The Director, Project Development replied that the document is a review of the work program for the year 2005. He said that the reports which had been presented earlier were the detailed of the reports of the regular activities of APT work programs. However, APT had also implemented many workshop, seminars, symposium and training programs and a review of all of the work programs had been incorporated in the document MC-29/14.1.

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14.1.4 Pakistan asked what the criteria for selection of the ICT pilot projects are.

14.1.5 The Director of Project Development explained the criteria for selection of the ICT pilot project. He said that APT short listed 7 projects among 23 proposals and based on criteria 3 proposals were selected. It was based on the discussion with the donor countries.

14.1.6 Chairman said that the further details of this document could be discussed in the Ad-Hoc Group meeting.

14.1.7 The MC accepted the report and referred it to Ad-hoc Group for further discussion.

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| The MC accepted the report and referred it to Ad-hoc Group for further discussion. |
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**14.2 Work Plan for 2006 – 2008 (Doc. No. MC-29/14.2)**

14.2.1 The Executive Director presented the work plan for 2006 – 2008.

14.2.2 The document was accepted and referred it to Ad-hoc Group for further discussion.

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| <b>Decision no. 12 (APT MC/29/14.2)</b> |
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| The MC accepted the report and referred it to Ad-hoc Group for further discussion. |
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**14.3 Work Program for the year 2006 (Doc. No. MC-29/14.3 Revised 2)**

14.3.1 The Director Project Development presented the work program for the year 2006.

14.3.2 New Zealand said that as the Strategic Plan is a three years plan. It should be looked at to find which the most important key areas to be implemented in the first year of the strategic plan are.

14.3.3 Pakistan said that the Strategic Plan approved by the General Assembly should be carried out by the work program in next year. Further, Pakistan said the priority should be given to disaster affected areas when developing the work program. Pakistan suggested ICT pilot projects and training programs for the affected areas.

14.3.4 Vietnam supported the comments of New Zealand and said that APT has several programs which are implemented every year and there are also programs which are not implemented every year. Vietnam suggested to set up a principle on this regard.

14.3.5 Dr. K. J Wee, Vice-Chairman requested to prepare a work program linkage chart to find out how the work programs relate to other global events. Director Project Development said it is already attached in the document.

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| <b>Decision no. 13 (APT MC/29/14.3 Revised 2)</b> |
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| The MC accepted the report and sent it to Ad-hoc Group for further discussion. |
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**XV. FINANCES OF THE TELECOMMUNITY**

**15.1 Expenditure and Auditors' Report for the year 2004 (Doc. No. MC-29/15.1)**

15.1.1 The Executive Director presented the expenditure and auditors' report for the year 2004.

15.1.2 The Executive Director suggested that the auditor's report would be discussed in the Budget Group meeting.

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| <b>Decision no. 14 (APT MC/29/15.1)</b> |
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| The MC accepted the report and referred it to Ad Hoc group for further discussion. |
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**15.2 Revised Budget for the year 2005 (Doc. No. MC-29/15.2)**

15.2.1 The Executive Director presented the revised budget for the year 2005.

15.2.2 The Executive Director mentioned that consistent efforts have been made to reduce expenditure for years. These effects have brought fruitful results. Now we need to pay more attention to ways to raise the income of the Telecommunity.

15.2.3 Bangladesh asked about the final expenditure of 2005. The Executive Director informed that the final figures will be available by early 2006. Bangladesh conveyed its appreciation for keeping the expenditure not only within the ceiling but also within the allocated budget.

15.2.4 India raised a question on why the APT Yearbook has no allocated fund. The Executive Director explained that the APT Yearbook is a source of income, not expenditure and therefore no budget has been allocated.

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| The MC accepted the report and referred it to Ad Hoc group for further discussion. |
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**15.3 Budget Estimates for the year 2006 (Doc. No. MC-29/15.3)**

15.3.1 The Executive Director presented the budget estimates for the year 2006.

15.3.2 In response to the question raised by India, the Deputy Executive Director explained that the increase in the miscellaneous income will be derived from the Cost Recovery for the Administration Cost incurred on the EBCs in Cash and in Kind. He also added that another source of income would be participation fees from non-members who wish to participate in APT events.

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| <b>Decision no. 16 (APT MC/29/15.3)</b> |
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| The MC accepted the report and referred it to Ad Hoc group for further discussion. |
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**15.4 Cost Recovery Contribution in Cash and in kind to be Pledged by Members, Associate Members, Affiliate Members and other Organizations (Doc. No. MC-29/15.4)**

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- 15.4.1 The Deputy Executive Director presented the paper on cost recovery contribution in cash and in kind. He requested the Meeting to agree in principle on administrative cost to be charged from EBC and authorize the Secretariat to negotiate with donor countries to arrive at an appropriate charge.
- 15.4.2 Korea mentioned that it has some difficulties to increase the charges after consultation with KADO and KORA, and asked whether uniform percentage such as 10% will be charged to all EBCs.
- 15.4.3 The Deputy Executive Director answered that the Secretariat is asking the MC to agree on the principle to charge administrative cost to all EBCs and that exact amount would be discussed between donor country and the Secretariat.
- 15.4.4 Japan and Australia agreed in principle and wished to discuss further with the Secretariat on the amount to be charged.
- 15.4.5 In response to the questions raised by India and Thailand, the Deputy Executive Director explained that administrative cost will be charged on EBC for projects and non-reimbursable experts seconded to the Secretariat and not on the EBC for regular budget and on in kind contributions.
- 15.4.6 The Meeting approved this proposal. Secretariat will negotiate with the donor countries on the amount to be collected.

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| The MC approved the proposal and asked APT Secretariat to negotiate with the donor countries on the amount to be collected. |
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## XVI EXTRA-BUDGETARY CONTRIBUTION

### 16.1 Extra-Budgetary Contribution in cash and in kind to be pledged by Members, Associate Members, Affiliate Members and other Organizations (Doc. No. MC-29/16.1)

- 16.1.1 The Executive Director presented the document and emphasized that two third of the APT activities are implemented through EBCs.
- 16.1.2 The MC accepted the report and sent it to Ad-hoc Group for discussion.

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| <b>Decision no. 18 (APT MC/29/16.1)</b> |
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| The MC accepted the report and sent it to Ad-hoc Group for discussion. |
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### 16.2 Report on Extra-Budgetary Contributions for the year 2005 (Doc. No. MC-29/16.2)

- 16.2.1 The Executive Director presented the report and expressed his sincere thanks to members for their support.
- 16.2.2 The Meeting accepted the report and sent it to Ad-hoc Group for discussion.

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| <b>Decision no. 19 (APT MC/29/16.2)</b> |
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| The MC accepted the report and sent it to Ad-hoc Group for discussion. |
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**XVII. ANY OTHER ITEMS PROPOSED BY MEMBERS, ASSOCIATE MEMBERS AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE TELECOMMUNITY**

**17.1 Proposed Agreement between APT and ISACC (Canada) (Doc. No. MC-29/17.1)**

17.1.1 The Deputy Executive Director presented the proposed agreement between APT and ISACC

17.1.2 Dr. K. J. Wee, Vice Chairman said that although the agreement could bring some benefit to APT it is uncertain whether APT members want to attend the ISACC meeting. Also he asked whether the agreement would open the participation of the non-members without participation fee.

17.1.3 The Executive Director said that as recommended by ASTAP, ISACC can attend the APT meeting under the delegation of CITEL since APT is already having a MoU with CITEL. They can also participate in a meeting by paying the registration fee.

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| <b>Decision no. 20 (APT MC/29/17.1)</b> |
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**17.2 Proposal from Islamic Republic of Iran for Holding a Training Course/Workshop on Spectrum Monitoring (Doc. No. MC-29/17.2)**

17.2.1 The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran presented the proposal for holding a training course/workshop on Spectrum Monitoring.

17.2.2 The proposal was referred to the Ad Hoc group on Work Program.

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| <b>Decision no. 21 (APT MC/29/17.2)</b> |
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**17.3 Draft New Recommendation on the Use of the Band 4940 – 4990 MHz for Public Protection and Disaster Relief (PPDR) Applications (Doc. No. MC-29/17.3)**

17.3.1 The document was considered under agenda item 13.

**17.4 Proposal by Pakistan on Regional/Sub-regional Network Reliability and Connectivity (Doc. No. MC-29/17.4)**

17.4.1 The representative of Pakistan presented the proposal on regional/sub-regional network reliability and connectivity.

17.4.2 Dr. K. J. Wee, Vice-Chairman asked whether the proposal of Pakistan is for a stand alone expert group under work program and to give a clear indication of the initiative of the proposal.

- 17.4.3 Pakistan replied that expert groups may be formed under existing APT work programs.
- 17.4.4 The Executive Director mentioned that details can be discussed along with other program such as the Study Group, APT Operators Forum or other sub regional meetings e.g. SATRC, Pacific Islands, GMC etc.

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| <b>Decision no. 22 (APT MC/29/17.4)</b> |
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**17.5 Proposal by Pakistan on Effective Disaster Management (Doc. No. MC-29/17.5)**

- 17.5.1 The representative of Pakistan presented the proposal on the effective disaster management.
- 17.5.2 Chairman commented that since there is another proposal from Japan on the same matter, it would be better to discuss it further after the Japan presents it's proposal.

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| <b>Decision no. 23 (APT MC/29/17.5)</b> |
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**17.6 Proposal by Japan on Holding of a Follow-up Meeting to Support ICT Pilot Projects for Bridging the Digital Divide and Holding of a Meeting Concerning Disaster Management Network System (Doc. No. MC-29/17.6)**

- 17.6.1 The representative of Japan proposed on holding of a follow-up meeting to support ICT pilot projects for bridging the digital divide and holding of a meeting concerning disaster management network system.
- 17.6.2 Dr. Safavi, the Vice Chairman of MC said there are two aspects; one is the technology involved in awareness creation and the other is immediate practical relief. He proposed to create an inventory for use of the APT members during the disaster.
- 17.6.3 Chairman said that it needs a holistic approach going into details.
- 17.6.4 Bangladesh commented that considering it's importance the disaster management can be included in the pilot project.
- 17.6.5 The Executive Director informed that APT has been working on this matter for last few years. APT Wireless Forum and APT Standardization Program have considered issues relating to disaster management. He further informed that APT had implemented a joint meeting with ITU in February 2005 on disaster management. He also emphasized the need of providing practical emergency relief to members during disaster.
- 17.6.6 Pakistan acknowledged the activities of APT on disaster management and commented that since GA has already approved it as a strategic area there should be some clear direction on this matter. Further the representative insisted that a program should be developed to maintain a minimum inventory level and a protocol should be signed among members for cooperation on ICT in disaster management.

17.6.7 Chairman observed that the proposal of Pakistan and Japan are good one and should be discussed in the Ad Hoc groups.

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| <b>Decision no. 24 (APT MC/29/17.6)</b> |
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**17.7 Proposal by Australia, Malaysia, Nepal, Singapore, Macao, China on APT Policy and Regulatory Forum (Doc. No. MC-29/17.7)**

17.7.1 The joint proposal of Australia, Malaysia, Nepal, Singapore, Macao, China on APT Policy and Regulatory Forum was presented by the representative of Singapore.

17.7.2 India said that most of the members are developing countries or LDC and suggested to be careful not to change the technologies so fast and to retain them for some times.

17.7.3 Chairman referred the proposal to the Ad Hoc group.

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| <b>Decision no. 25 (APT MC/29/17.7)</b> |
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**17.8 Proposal by Malaysia and Singapore on APT Investment Dialogue and Regulator-Industry Dialogue (Doc. No. MC-29/17.8)**

17.8.1 The representative of Malaysia presented the proposal by Malaysia and Singapore on APT Investment Dialogue and Regulator-Industry dialogue.

17.8.2 Vietnam suggested to seek funding from the investors for this program due to the financial difficulties of APT.

17.8.3 Dr. K. J. Wee, Vice Chairman said that the APT Operators Forum is a kind of forum where discussion can take place on this issue. He suggested to handle this important issue under the regular APT work program such as the Operators Forum

17.8.4 Singapore agreed with Dr. Wee and said that they are proposing to hold the event during CommunicAsia since investors and industries would be there during that period. Thailand which is proposing to host the Operators Forum said that they have no objection regarding the venue of the program.

17.8.5 The Executive Director said that the success of the dialogue depends on the participation of the high level officials since investors like to meet the high level delegates rather than middle level delegates. He further said the Operators Forum is exclusively for the operators where they discuss the operational issues. He reminded that the last Policy and Regulatory Forum has recommended to have such a dialogue during the next year Policy and Regulatory Forum.

17.8.6 Dr. Wee, Vice Chairman commented that the Operators Forum should be given the opportunity to have dialogue among operators, regulators and investors.

17.8.7 The Republic of Korea said the Operators Forum is the place where new operators, industries, regulators and investors can get together. The 1<sup>st</sup> Operators' Forum in Seoul was successful. Korea commented that issues like practical business,

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multilateral cooperation to enhance APT membership can take place in the Operator Forum.

17.8.8 Dr. Safavi, Vice Chairman of the Management Committee agreed with the views of the Executive Director and said that the regulator- investor dialogue should be the agenda for the next Ministerial Conference since a number of ministries would be involved on this issue.

17.8.9 Chairman decided to consider the matter in more details in the ad hoc group meeting.

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| <b>Decision no. 26 (APT MC/29/17.8)</b> |
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**17.9 Proposal by Republic of Korea on holding a meeting on “Broadband Wireless/Broadcasting and its application” by extra budget contribution from Republic of Korea**

17.9.1 The representative of Korea presented the proposal on holding a meeting on broadband wireless/broadcasting and its application under extra budgetary contribution from Korea.

17.9.2 Vietnam proposed to host the meeting along with the 3<sup>rd</sup> APT Wireless Forum Meeting.

17.9.3 Chairman referred the proposal to the ad hoc group on work program.

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| <b>Decision no. 27 (APT MC/29/17.9)</b> |
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**17.10 Proposal by Australia, Brunei, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Maldives, Myanmar, New Zealand, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam on performance indicators for APT (Doc. No. MC-29/17.10)**

17.10.1 The representative of Singapore presented the proposal of Australia, Brunei, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Maldives, Myanmar, New Zealand, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam on performance indicators for APT.

17.10.2 Chairman said that the proposal is comprehensive and needs to consider many points. Details should be discussed in the ad hoc group session.

17.10.3 Bangladesh endorsed the proposal in principle and said if some performance indicator is followed, then it would summarize the overall activities of APT and it would make discussions in the next General Assembly easier.

17.10.4 Pakistan supported the proposal and said it is a good way to measure the performance. Pakistan suggested one more indicator which reflect how effectively APT can disseminate information to its members.

17.10.5 India said that they would fully endorse the proposal and commented that it would send good signal to the new members. He requested APT Secretariat to give their views regarding the targets mentioned in the document.

17.10.6 Chairman invited the Executive Director to comment on this matter.

17.10.7 The Executive Director said that the performance indicator issue is not new. APT has been having this kind of indicators and evaluation for a long time. He informed that several methods are in operation for evaluation. These are prioritization of programs and evaluation sheet on the output of the meetings in each program. He said that we need to develop a simple and understandable system since complex system would have less practical utility. He suggested to form a small Working Group to discuss on this matter.

17.10.8 Chairman established the Working Group to consider the proposal of performance indicator.

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| <b>Decision no. 28 (APT MC/29/17.10)</b> |
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| The MC decided to form a Working Group on performance indicators and report it to the plenary. |
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**17.11 Proposal by Australia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand on capacity building on Telecommunications Trade Rules and Regulatory Disciplines for Asia Pacific countries (Doc. No. MC-29/17.11)**

17.11.1 The representative of Singapore presented the joint proposal of Australia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand on capacity building on telecommunications trade rules and regulatory disciplines for Asia Pacific countries.

17.11.2 The Executive Director said that APT has already implemented a project on this topic which was funded by the InfoDev. About the proposal he said that the proposal is basically for capacity building purpose and suggested holding a meeting of experts who are involved in the actual trade negotiation.

17.11.3 Dr. K. J. Wee, Vice Chairman said that the APECTEL is discussing the Trade issues in detail but all APT members do not share the information available to APECTEL. He further suggested to share information on WTO discussions going on in APECTEL and other international organizations. It would be a good opportunity for APT to seek funding from APECTEL.

17.11.4 Thailand offered to host the program.

17.11.5 Indonesia said that the proposal is important.

17.11.6 Chairman referred the proposal to the ad hoc group.

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| The MC decided to refer the document to the Ad-hoc Group. |
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**XVIII CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE AD-HOC GROUP ON WORK PROGRAM**

18.1 The Report on the Ad-Hoc Group on Work Program was presented by the Chairman of the Ad-Hoc Group on Work Program, Dr. Safavi.

The highlight of the Ad-Hoc Group meeting was the detailed discussion on the “Introduction of the Work Program 2006, Results of evaluation of projects and Work Program for the year 2005 (Doc. No. MC27/14.3 Revised 2). The Chairman discussed each project mentioned in the document and the suggestions made to combine certain program back to back with other programs.

- 18.2 The Chairman of the Management Committee requested comments from the floor on the report of the Ad-Hoc Group on Work Program.
- 18.3 Chairman of the ad hoc group on work program referred the document MC-29/11 which is the report of the APT Wireless Forum since no decision had made in the ad hoc group.
- 18.4 The provisional calendar of APT events was discussed in the plenary. The proposed amendments are given in the revised calendar of events which is attached as **Annex 3**.
- 18.5 China said that the clause 3.7 (b(i)) of the approval procedure of AWF technical documents had been discussed among the delegates from China, Korea, New Zealand and Vietnam. The group has agreed to add the sentence “except if one member oppose for the reason of policy and regulatory issue in the document” in 3.7 (b(i)).
- 18.6 Japan agreed to change the word “guidelines” to “opinions” in page 2 of the draft approval procedure of AWF.
- 18.7 The MC approved the approval procedure of AWF with the suggested modifications. The revised approval procedure of the AWF technical documents is attached in **Annex 4**.
- 18.8 The Deputy Executive Director introduced the Draft Recommendation on the “Use of the Band 4940 – 4990 MHz for Public Protection and Disaster Relief (PPDR) Applications” (Doc. No. MC-29/17.3). He explained that after the adoption in the APT Wireless Forum in September draft recommendation was circulated to members. As there were 9 members agreeing to it, the condition for the required number which is 25% of total Members has been fulfilled. Vietnam queried on the reservation made by Japan mentioned in the footnote of the draft recommendation. The Deputy Executive Director explained although Japan made a reservation in AWF, it now agreed on the draft recommendation.
- 18.9 MC approved the Draft Recommendation on the “Use of the Band 4940 – 4990 MHz for Public Protection and Disaster Relief (PPDR) Applications”.
- 18.10 The MC noted the suggested changes by Pakistan, Vietnam and Japan in the report of Ad Hoc Group on work program. The report of the Ad-hoc group on Work Program was accepted with the suggested amendments. The revised report is attached.

The report of the Ad-Hoc Group on Work Program is attached as **Annex 5**.

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| <b>Decision no. 30 (APT MC/29/WPG)</b> |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>30.1 The MC approved the Report of the Ad Hoc Group on Work Program with amendments.</li><li>30.2 The MC approved report of the APT Wireless Forum with the amendments made in the approval procedure of AWF technical documents.</li></ol> |
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30.3 The MC approved the draft recommendation on “Use of the Band 4940 – 4990 MHz for Public Protection and Disaster Relief (PPDR) Applications”.

30.4 The MC approved the provisional calendar of APT events with the amendments.

## **XIX CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE AD-HOC GROUP ON BUDGET**

19.1 Dr. K.J. Wee, Chairman of the Ad-hoc Group on Budget (BG) presented the report and explained the decisions and action items.

19.2 The highlight of the report was the expenditure and auditor’s report for the year 2004, revised budget for the year 2005, and budget estimates for the year 2006.

19.3 Dr. Wee further highlighted the issue of the newsletter which was proposed by the BG to be produced electronically and therefore no fund is allocated.

19.4 Dr. Wee also requested the MC to consider the decision of the BG regarding members in arrears for two or more consecutive years which will not be able to receive fellowship or host meeting. They can participate in the meeting by paying fees.

As for the affiliate members in arrears, they will not be able to participate in the meeting or receive services. They may participate in the meeting by paying fees. The MC is requested also to consider termination of membership, upon recommendation by member countries.

19.5 New Zealand commented that this is in line with the practice of the ITU. It should not burden the organization with the costs and expenditures if they are not paying their dues to the organization.

19.6 Dr. Safavi, Vice Chairman of the Management Committee, proposed to set the date for implementation of the measures with regard to the members who are in arrears for two or more consecutive years as from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2006 in order to give a 6-month time to allow non-paying members to settle the arrears.

19.7 India supported the proposal.

19.8 Bangladesh proposed to set the date one year after.

19.9 As a number of delegations supported the proposal made by the Vice Chairman, it was decided to set the date for implementation as proposed. The APT Secretariat will issue a letter conveying the decision of the MC and request the members in arrears to propose their payment schedule. In case of members who are not responding to the Secretariat’s request, the Secretariat will not commit any more resources on them. The Secretariat will also inform each individual country administration of affiliate members who are in arrears so that it can remind those members to pay out.

19.10 The Chairman requested participants to make decision on whether the Secretariat should be given the flexibility to exceed the allocated or approved budget for the work program at a maximum rate of 25% of each project.

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- 19.11 The Executive Director mentioned that the proposed measure would limit the authority given by the financial regulations rather than giving him the flexibility. The financial regulations of the APT authorize Executive Director to implement transfer the funds from one project to another project under the same category.
- 19.12 India confirmed the explanation by Executive Director by saying that according to the financial regulations, the Executive Director can transfer the funds from sub-head of Section A or B to sub-head of Section C, but not in a reverse way. It means that savings in the administrative budget can be used for work program.
- 19.13 Dr. Safavi, Vice Chairman of the Management Committee, suggested to include at the end of the sentence the requirement for reporting to the next MC for any changes.
- 19.14 Mr. Yamada, the Deputy Executive Director requested correction of the third line of 2.2. of Decision No. 2 mentioned in the report of the BG so that the word 'project' should be replaced by 'area'.
- 19.15 New Zealand commented that the proposal is not intended to control the flexibility of the Executive Director. However, the Executive Director is required to consult with the Chairman and Vice Chairmen of the MC. The intention is to make sure that the flexibility is exercised within the general framework of the approved budget.
- 19.16 Dr. Wee suggested applying the 25% flexibility for one year and if this limits the operations of the APT, the next MC may reconsider this matter.
- 19.17 India pointed out that no restriction should be imposed on the flexibility.
- 19.18 Dr. Safavi agreed with the proposal to give up to 25% after consultation.
- 19.19 Japan proposed to postpone this decision to the next MC.
- 19.20 Vietnam supported the proposal to give the flexibility to exceed the approved budget at the maximum rate of 25% for one year first and the next MC will revisit this matter.
- 19.21 New Zealand supported the proposal by Ad-hoc Group on Budget saying that 25% flexibility is enough if we consider the real expenditure of this year and that in addition consultation process would give the Executive Director further flexibility. He further emphasized that it is useful to have a mechanism of consultation as an ongoing process of improvement.
- 19.22 The Deputy Executive Director explained that the increase of expenditures arises from the number of fellowships given to developing member countries participants. As invitations are sent to all fellowship countries, Secretariat is actually giving fellowships to all countries requesting it without any limitation. When members have much interest in participating meetings, the expenditure will inevitably go up.
- 19.23 Papua New Guinea supported the proposal made by Japan.
- 19.24 Sri Lanka also agreed with the proposal to have an observation period for one year and re-decide whether this 25% is possible.

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- 19.25 The meeting decided to defer the proposal of the Ad-hoc Group on Budget regarding the flexibility given to the Executive Director on the excess of expenditure in the work program activities to the next MC meeting.
- 19.26 The Chairman requested participants to consider the proposal of the Ad-hoc Group on Budget that the APT Newsletter will be produced in electronic format only.
- 19.27 The meeting agreed that the APT Newsletter will be produced in electronic format only. As such, there is no allocation of budget.
- 19.28 New Zealand suggested that the Secretariat should post the newsletter on the website to encourage the non-members learn more about the APT activities.
- 19.29 Pakistan offered to host the Symposium on Telecommunication for Disaster Relief (TDR), Workshop on Policy including USO/USF for GMS, the 11<sup>th</sup> ASTAP Forum and Symposium on Network Security.
- 19.30 The Executive Director replied that the Workshop on Policy including USO/USF is meant for the members of the Greater Maekong Sub-region.
- 19.31 Japan said they would consult with Pakistan and APT Secretariat on the place and date of the meeting.
- 19.32 Pakistan requested the MC to consider giving one full fellowship to the administration and one partial fellowship to affiliate member to encourage new affiliate members.
- 19.33 The Executive Director said that it is needed to develop procedures which should be applicable to existing affiliate members of APT.

The report of the Ad-Hoc Group on Budget is attached as **Annex 6**.

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| <p><b>Decision no. 31 (APT MC/28/BG)</b></p> |
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| <p>31.1 The MC approved the Report of the Ad Hoc Group on Budget.</p> <p>31.2 The MC approved the Expenditure and Auditor's Report for Year 2004.</p> <p>31.3 The MC agreed to the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Group on Budget regarding the treatment of members who are in arrears for two or more consecutive years.</p> <p>31.4 The MC also adopted the target date of 1<sup>st</sup> June 2006 for the implementation on this measures. The Secretariat will further discuss with the respective members regarding their fiscal year and budget constraint if they have any difficulty to make payment by 1<sup>st</sup> of June.</p> <p>31.5 The MC approved the Revised Budget for the Year 2005.</p> <p>31.6 The MC agreed to defer the matter regarding the maximum 25% flexibility on the excess of expenditures on key areas of work program. The MC will revisit the issue in the next meeting.</p> <p>31.7 The MC approved the Estimated Budget for the Year 2006.</p> <p>31.8 The MC agreed that the APT Newsletter to be circulated electronically. The MC suggested that the Newsletter should also be opened to the non-members for the awareness of the APT activities.</p> |
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**XX. DATE AND VENUE OF THE 30<sup>th</sup> SESSION OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE ASIA PACIFIC TELECOMMUNITY.  
(DOC. NO. MC-29/18)**

The MC accepted with thanks the kind offer of Republic of Maldives to host the 30<sup>th</sup> session of the APT Management Committee Meeting. In its correspondence Maldives proposed to hold the meeting in October. The exact dates and venue will be circulated after discussion between the APT Secretariat and the host administration.

**Decision no. 32 (APT MC/29/ 18)**

The MC agreed to hold the 30<sup>th</sup> Session of the APT Management Committee Meeting in Maldives. The exact dates and venue will be circulated after discussion between the APT Secretariat and the host administration.

**XXI. CLOSING OF THE SESSION**

Chairman of the Management Committee thanked PTA, the Government of Pakistan for their generous hospitality which was provided during the General Assembly and Management Committee meetings.

Pakistan appreciated the spirit of cooperation as shown by the distinguished delegates at the General Assembly and Management Committee. Pakistan thanked all the guests on behalf of the Government of Pakistan.

The Republic of Korea thanked the Government of Pakistan and APT for organizing the events. Republic of Korea hoped that the cooperation among the APT member countries would continue.

Malaysia thanked the Government of Pakistan and PTA for the generous hospitality despite the recent earthquake.

China expressed sincere thanks to the Government of Pakistan and APT secretariat for the successful completion of the General Assembly and Management Committee.

Nepal congratulated the Chairman of MC for successful completion of the session. Nepal also appreciated the efforts of the Government of Pakistan and PTA for excellent arrangements.

Japan appreciated the Government of Pakistan for hosting the event despite the huge losses caused by the October earthquake. Japan expressed that the events would always be revealed in their mind as a very good memory.

India conveyed sincere thanks and gratitude for the successful completion of the events. India said that important decisions had been taken. India appreciated the effort of APT and thanked the Chairman of PTA for his generous hospitality.

Chairman of the Management Committee thanked Pakistan for their excellent arrangements. He also thanked delegates for making the event successful.

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Maj. General Shahzada Alam Malik, Chairman of PTA appreciated the works of the delegates. As the President of APT he said that both GA and MC were successful. He mentioned that although there were some differences in views delegates came out with fruitful results of both the events. He thanked the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the Management Committee for their excellent Chairmanships. He appreciated Executive Director and every staff of the Telecommunity for their hard work. He said that everybody wished to see APT in much higher pedestal. He hoped that the outcome of the events would give dynamism to APT and the good experiences from the members could be shared through APT. He once again thanked the delegates for their contribution.

The Executive Director said that APT has now become a much stronger body. He mentioned that this time APT made history in APT events by inauguration by the honourable Prime Minister of Pakistan and presence of HE the president in the social function. He thanked PTA chairman and staff for the excellent arrangements. He mentioned that the success was made only due to the positive and give and take attitude of the delegates. He said that the generous host had made it possible.

The Chairman of the Management Committee declared the closing of the 29<sup>th</sup> Session of the APT Management Committee.