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WELCOME REMARKS

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Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the pleasure to welcome you all again this year to the 2nd Meeting of APT Preparatory Group Meeting for WTSA-16 in this beautiful city of Bangkok. We had the first preparatory meeting on 7 March earlier this year back to back with ASTAP-25 in Bangkok, Thailand.

We are fortunate to have Dr Chae-sub Lee, Director of the TSB, ITU at this meeting. I would like to thank him for making himself available for us in spite of his busy schedule in ITU Telecom World which is being held this week in Budapest, Hungary. We also have a number of office bearers from different groups of ITU-T attending this meeting. It really shows the interest to the preparatory activities of the APT for the coming WTSA-16.

Dear Delegates,

Regional Cooperation for ICT Development is one of the priority areas identified in the Brunei Darussalam Statement and elaborated in the Strategic Plan of APT for 2015 – 2017. *'Enhance closer cooperation in the region to consolidate regional views on ICT issues including the preparation for mainly ITU conferences and assemblies'* has been stated as one of the strategic actions in the Strategic Plan.

APT places a lot of importance on the preparatory works of major ITU Conferences. APT Management Committee has established Work Programmes for the preparation of PP, WRC, WTSA and WTDC.

As we have learnt, the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly 2016 (WTSA-16) will be held in the 4th quarter of 2016. Therefore, we are now at the initial stage of the preparatory works for Assembly. At the last preparatory meeting, we formed the structure of the preparatory group, nominated office bearers, adopted the working method and developed work plan for the preparation of WTSA-16.

In this meeting we expect to discuss the substantial issues pertaining to WTSA-16 based on the issues papers which have been developed by office bearers of each Working Group. Those issues papers have been prepared in order to assist APT Members to prepare contributions for the preparatory meeting and take part in the discussion. I hope all of you have gone through the issue papers and already have the idea what issues are going to be discussed in this 2nd preparatory meeting.

Distinguished Delegates,

The work of the APT Preparatory Groups is driven by the input contributions by APT Members. Without contributions it is extremely difficult to identify important issues and prepare draft proposals that would correctly reflect the view of the region. The role of office bearers is also very important to facilitate and assist the work of the preparatory group. Hence, it is important to have office bearers who are real expert in the work of WTSA.

I am happy to say that we have nominated very able chairman and vice-chairmen for this preparatory group. Mr. Yoichi Maeda is the chairman of this preparatory group. You may know him already as he is the current chairman of ASTAP and also he is the Chairman of ITU-T Review Committee.

We have also nominated Dr. Hyungjun Kim and Ms. Weiling Xu as the vice-chairmen of the group both of whom are experts in the matters of ITU-T. The chairman and vice-chairmen of the three working groups are also experts in the relevant areas. I have full confidence on this leadership for this group for the successful preparation of WTSA-16. APT Secretariat will provide all facilities and assistances to accelerate the work of the preparation.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to remind you that the preparation of WTSA-12 was very much successful due to the good efforts and hard works of the officer bearers and the APT Members. I hope with your cooperation, the new leadership and the office bearers will lead the preparatory group to have a good preparation for WTSA-16 and uphold the regional interest at WTSA-16 and other related activities related to WTSA.

Finally, I hope for a very good outcome at this meeting.

Have a good stay in Bangkok.

Thank you.
