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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 Second Meeting of the APT Conference Preparatory Group for World Radiocommunication Conference 2019 (APG19-2) in this beautiful Bali island, Republic of Indonesia.

First of all, on behalf of the APT and all delegates of this meeting, I would like to express my sincere thank and appreciation to the Ministry of Communication and Information Technology (MCIT), Republic of Indonesia for hosting this meeting. I am grateful for the excellent arrangements and the warm hospitality extended to us all.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Dr. Ir. Ismail, Director General, Resources and Equipment of Postal and Information Technology, Ministry of Communication and Information Technology, Republic of Indonesia for taking time from your busy schedule to be with us today.

I would like to thank the Ministry of Science, ICT and Future Planning, Republic of Korea for the partly support the fellowship for this meeting.

I would also like to thank all participants for your presence in such a large number. We have over 450 registered participants at this meeting. This is an indicator of your great enthusiasm for APG work and for your strong support to the APT activities.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The importance and the role of regional organizations are increasing for the preparation of major ITU Conferences. APT has been playing a key role for the success of the Asia-Pacific region at major ITU Conferences, particularly for World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC). APT Community has always been working harmoniously as a close family, showing mutual respect and accommodation in all our activities. This enthusiasm and cooperation of APT members has made APG one of the most important activities of the APT, not only for a large number of

participants but also a strong desire of APT members to contribute and to bring their expertise in the work in a coordinated manner.

Last year, we started the preparation for WRC-19 with the first meeting of APG-19 in Chengdu, People's Republic of China. APG19-1 elected Chairman and Vice-Chairmen for APG-19, established the structure of APG-19, elected the Chairmen for Working Parties and Editorial Committee, developed the Working Methods and adopted a tentative workplan for APG-19. APG19-1 also unanimously appointed a Special Senior Advisor to APG. This new team will drive our preparatory activities for WRC-19.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Participation of APT Members is an important element for the success of any preparatory meetings. I would like to encourage all APT Members to actively participate by submitting contributions to the meeting. Members need to develop their preliminary views on WRC-19 Agenda Items and submit to APG-19 in order to facilitate the development of regional views.

APT has 38 Member Countries, which constitutes a good number for developing regional views in the context of WRC-19 Agenda Items. In this regard, I would like to encourage every APT Member to organize their national preparatory process for WRC-19. It would help them understand the demands for spectrum for various radiocommunication services in their territories and take appropriate actions to fulfill those demands through regional cooperation.

Since we have now started the preparation work, this would be good time for APT Members to start such preparatory process at national level. APT Secretariat would be pleased to provide advice on such national preparatory process by sharing knowledge and experience. I would like to see contributions from each APT Member for the success of APG-19.

Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

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 inference and many more issues will need significant coordination in the region.

As such, the tasks 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, 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 APG will work through our established principles of working through consensus.

Before I conclude, may I once again express my sincere thanks to Dr. Ir. Ismail for his presence and to our host MCIT for the gracious hosting this meeting. I wish you all a very successful meeting and hope you will also take time to embrace the breezy beaches and natural beauty of Bali.

Thank you.