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WELCOME REMARKS

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Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good Morning to you all!

I am Areewan Haorangsi, the new Secretary General of the APT. I have been elected Secretary General by the 13th Session of the General Assembly of the APT which was held in November 2013 in Yangon, Republic of the Union of Myanmar. I would like to thank all APT Members for electing me as Secretary General of the APT and put their faith on me for the role.

Distinguished Delegates,

Today is a special day for me. My role as Secretary General starts from today. I am very much pleased to get the opportunity to address this huge number of delegates from APT Members and from other regions as my first responsibility for my role as Secretary General for the next three years term.

As Secretary General, I would like to welcome all of you to this 4th Meeting of the APT Conference Preparatory Group for WRC-15 (APG15-4). I would like to convey my sincere gratitude for your participation at a large number at this meeting. We have 390 registered delegates for this meeting. It really shows your confidence for the activities of the APT. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all APT members for extending their support and cooperation for the APT.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

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During my campaign for the election of Secretary General, my vision was “T E A M APT”. The “T” meant Togetherness; “E” meant Efficiency; “A” meant Accountability; and “M” meant Mobilization. Together we are the APT, a single community which is accountable and approachable by all, we ensure transparent governance and work efficiency while mobilizing resources and motivating people inside and outside the organization. Through our extended promotion and partnership and especially our engagement with all relevant stakeholders, APT will gain more visibility and recognition in the area of ICT/ Telecommunications. I wish to get your full cooperation to fulfill my objectives and goals as Secretary General of APT.

Let me also introduce to you the Deputy Secretary General of APT, Mr Masanori Kondo from Japan. Together, we will try to uphold the value of this organization by fulfilling the commitments.

Distinguished Delegates,

The year 2014 was a special year for APT. Two high level events took place to set the guidance and direction for APT as an inter-governmental organization.

The first event was the Asia-Pacific ICT Ministerial Meeting on “Building Smart Digital Economy through ICT” which was held from 10 to 11 September 2014 in Brunei Darussalam. Total 27 Ministers, Vice Ministers and Deputy Ministers from APT Members gathered together to commemorate the 35th Anniversary of the APT and set a high level guideline and commitments for the APT. The Asia-Pacific ICT Ministerial Meeting adopted the Brunei Darussalam Statement to emphasize to work collectively in the region to make a smart digital economy through ICT. They have identified six priorities areas for cooperation.

The second important event of 2014 was the 13th Session of the General Assembly of the APT. The General Assembly adopted the Strategic Plan of the APT for the Period 2015-2017. The strategic Plan included the high level commitments from the Brunei Darussalam Statement and emphasized to work on the six priorities areas. In order to address the priorities, the Strategic Plan has included eight key work items for the year 2015-2017, one of which is Radiocommunication.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Radiocommunication sector has been recognized as one of the major key areas of APT activities. APT is committed to promote applications of radio technologies and facilitate members’ co-operation for spectrum harmonization, and to harmonize the regional views on Radiocommunication matters to present them at the relevant global forum such as the ITU World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC).

Since its inception, APG has been playing a significant role to harmonize the regional views at WRCs. It has been matured by developing more and more common proposals for WRCs for the interest of the region. APG has now become the APT’s largest event attended by a large number of interested public and private sectors as well as delegates from other international and regional organizations. Regional preparations of regional groups like APG are highly appreciated by ITU as they can significantly contribute to the efficiency of the WRC.

Distinguished Delegates,

We are now almost at the final stage of our preparation for the WRC-15. The CPM15-2 is knocking on the door. APT region has considerable stakes in the agenda of the WRC-15 which

covers wide range of subjects, encompassing all types of radiocommunication services. Recognising that the tasks ahead are complex and diverse, we all need to work hard and consolidate our efforts with a view to preparing ourselves for the CPM15-2 and WRC-15, so that aspirations of all members are appropriately met and interests of the region, as a whole, are well protected.

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 on major ITU Conferences, particularly for WRC. APT Community has always been working harmoniously as a close family, showing mutual respect and accommodation in all our activities. The same spirit of solidarity, fraternity and co-existence would be the key to our success in the future as well. I am confident that with your expertise, cooperation and mutual understanding, we will continue to achieve our goals collectively.

Distinguished Delegates,

At the end, I, as your Secretary General, am assuring my full commitment and dedication to make APT an organization for all of you and for the betterment of this region. My team from APT Secretariat will provide full support for your work during this meeting, at CPM15-2, at RA-15, and at WRC-15.

I wish you a very successful meeting.
