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Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good Morning!

It is my great pleasure and honour to welcome all of you to the Fifth and the final meeting of the APT Conference Preparatory Group for WRC-15 in Seoul, Republic of Korea. Four years ago, we also had our Fifth Meeting of the APT Conference Preparatory Group for WRC -12 in Republic of Korea but in Busan.

First of all, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to H.E. Jaeyou Choi, Vice-Minister of Science, ICT and Future Planning, Republic of Korea for graciously accepting to deliver the Inaugural Address at this meeting. It is a great honour for us all.

I would like to convey our special thanks to the Ministry of Science, ICT and Future Planning (MSIP), Republic of Korea for hosting this meeting and for the excellent and impressive arrangements. I would also like to thank RAPA, TTA, ETRI and other sponsors from Republic of Korea for the generous support for this meeting.

I also wish to express my sincere appreciation to all the participants for your presence in such a large number. We have nearly 500 registered delegates at this meeting. We have also received nearly 150 contributions for the work of the meeting. This is an indicator of your enthusiasm for the APG work and for your strong support to the APT activities.

Dear Delegates,

We started APT work in this area with a Preparatory Meeting for the ITU World Administrative Radio Conference (WARC) 92 in Bangkok. Since then, our coordination has continued to develop. Over the years, the APG has matured into a vital and vibrant program of the APT.

The 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 delegates attend the APG meetings, they do so with a strong desire to contribute and to bring their expertise in the work in a coordinated manner.

We thank you Mr. Chairman for your leadership and to the APT Members who not only established the APG but continued to contribute whole heartedly to its work.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Telecommunications have been playing ever increasing role in the socio-economic development of society. Needless to say, radiocommunication is the most important pillar in the modern era with the more and more dependence on mobility, convergence and information. Our region, as ever, has considerable stakes in the Agenda of the WRC which covers wide ranging subjects, encompassing all types of Radiocommunication services, directly or indirectly.

It is well recognised that the tasks before us are difficult and complex. Demands on the radio frequency spectrum and satellite orbital resources are diverse and competing. Requirements and aspirations of administrations are divergent and conflicting. Nevertheless, we will need to consolidate our efforts and work together in the spirit of mutual cooperation and accommodation so as to maximise our outputs by reaching reasonable consensus, despite diversity of perceptions.

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. 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.

Dear Delegates,

We are now at the final stage of preparation for the WRC-15 and RA-15 which are going to be started in October/November in Geneva. The work plan of the APG for WRC-15 was adopted in 2012 immediately after the WRC-12. The four-year preparation plan for WRC-15 and RA-15 has been successfully implemented in timely manner with the cooperation of APT Members. It will bring real success when the common interests of the Asia-Pacific Region will be properly addressed and taken care of at the Conference. As a regional organization, the APT is playing a vital role for the interest of the member countries especially the developing countries, for harmonizing the views on WRC-15 Agenda Items.

Since the last meeting of APG, Working Party Chairs and experts have been working by electronic means. Considering the number of input proposals constitute a great interest shown by member administrations and industries to APT. We are grateful for that and are convinced that we can make a good progress in this meeting.

I hope we can develop a sufficient number of Preliminary APT Common Proposals (PACPs) on WRC-15 and RA-15 Agenda Items as outcomes of this meeting. Once confirmed by the Member Administration, the PACPs will eventually be submitted as APT Common Proposals to the Conference and RA-15. I would like to recall you that the APT submitted 412 APT Common Proposals at WRC-07 and 203 APT Common Proposals at WRC-12.

**Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

The APG activities for WRC-15 have been progressing very well and I hope it will conclude with very successful outcomes. On behalf of the APT Secretariat, I assure you our full support for facilitating your work.

Once again, I wish to thank you Mr. Chairman, Vice Chairmen, Working Party Chairmen, the Chairman of the editorial committee, and all other experts who have been working throughout the year to produce qualitative results. This meeting will set the tone for our preparations for the Conference.

I would like to remind you that this meeting will not conclude our cooperation for the preparation of RA-15 and WRC-15. We will continue our cooperation on the issues during RA-15 and WRC-15 through coordination meetings. The APT Secretariat will schedule a series of coordination meetings during the Conference. I would like to invite you in advance to participate in the APT Coordination Meetings at the venue of RA-15 and WRC-15.

I wish you all a successful meeting and have a nice time both inside and outside the Conference hall.

Thank you.
