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Distinguished Speakers, Participants, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Good Morning and welcome to the seventeenth APT Standardization Program Forum here in the vibrant city of Pattaya, Thailand. We are pleased to see so many delegates here given the recent turmoil in Bangkok and greatly appreciate your attendance.

I am pleased to advise that at the 33<sup>rd</sup> Management Committee meeting that was held in Tehran, Iran, in December 2009, the Management Committee approved the new Structure of ASTAP as recommended by the 16<sup>th</sup> ASTAP meeting. This marked an important step for the new ASTAP.

This ASTAP meeting is therefore really the first meeting of the new harmonized program of ASTAP and Study Groups. Therefore we have to develop new Working Methods and elect new office bearers. This is a real chance where we can streamline procedures and make the new ASTAP more efficient in dealing with the new programs. We look forward to making the concept a reality.

One of the Instructions from the Management Committee for ASTAP is to follow-up on the implementation of the “Plan of Action” that was agreed at the APT Ministerial Meeting that was held in Bali last year. I am very pleased that this was a very successful meeting with the adoption of the Asia Pacific Ministerial Bali Statement and associated Plan of Action.

This was a significant APT meeting, not only for the high-level engagement in the issue, but also for the “Plan of Action” that was developed to guide the region’s future actions to realize the benefits of broadband to the Asia Pacific region.

There has been a lot of interest from APT Members in the Bali Plan of Action and a number of actions in the Bali Action Plan are particularly relevant to ASTAP. A significant outcome of this meeting would therefore be to decide on how to implement the relevant parts of the Plan of Action and to decide the way forward to ensure the momentum is not lost.

Another initiative for this year’s ASTAP Forum, that is designed to enlarge the participation at ASTAP forums, is the inclusion of the Industry Workshop as part of the

ASTAP Forum. The private sector has always been considered to be very important for the development of the infrastructure for telecommunications and ICT and therefore the Industry Workshop seeks to promote greater involvement of the APT Affiliate members in ASTAP activities. I congratulate the program committee of the workshop on its successful agenda for the workshop.

The ITU 4 year cycle means that the ITU will hold the next World Telecommunications Standardization Assembly or WTSA in 2012. This is an important global meeting for standardization and as usual, APT will begin Preparatory meetings for WTSA for the Asia Pacific region next year. These preparatory meetings provide the platform for the regions input to the global arena and therefore you are all asked to prepare for these preparatory meetings

I request that you all participate actively in the meeting and work together for a productive outcome. But at the same time please enjoy your stay in Pattaya.

Thank you