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(WTDC-10)**

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Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good Morning and a very warm welcome to the 3rd APT Preparatory Meeting for the WTDC-10.

The ITU's Fifth World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-10) is very close (Nearly two months, 24 May – 4 June 2010). I am pleased to note that the APT Preparatory Group has been active in preparing for the Conference. Thanks to the Chairperson Ms. Noor Sulyna Abdulla, the Rapporteurs and Assistant Rapports of the three Correspondence Groups, for continuing the momentum after the second Preparatory Meeting in preparing the proposals. May I also thank for all those who have participated and contributed to the work of the Group.

You would recall in the second Preparatory Meeting for WTDC-10 held in Bangkok from 1 to 4 December 2009, the meeting agreed to develop proposals for 12 topics that are of great importance to the region. I am pleased to see that most of the draft proposals are completed and are in good form for discussion and finalization in this meeting.

You would realize that the deadline requested by ITU [in their letter of 18 December 2009] for submitting proposals to WTDC-10 has already passed on 26 February 2010. Therefore, we should try to send the proposals as soon as possible to the ITU. This would require accelerating the approval process. I would seek your guidance

and support in facilitating the earliest transmission of the proposals agreed by this meeting to ITU.

Ladies and gentlemen,

The WTDC-10 will be of extreme importance to the APT members, especially those of our developing and least developed countries. It is important the outcome of the Conference meets the requirements, needs and expectation of the member countries. I would note at this juncture the decisions that were made in Bali by the Ministers responsible for telecommunications and ICT. The Bali statement highlighted 5 areas of great importance to the Asia-Pacific countries.

- A. Widen broadband connectivity
- B. Provide a secure, safe and sustainable environment through ICT initiatives
- C. Facilitate effective convergence of services
- D. Encourage development of content and applications
- E. Develop human resources capacity

Many of these issues are not unique to Asia-Pacific and are broadly elaborated for work of WTDC. For example, cyber security and environmental issues are already part of the global development programmes of the Development Sector. Similarly the broadband access and infrastructure is suggested for inclusion in regional initiatives.

ITU has now concluded its regional preparatory Meetings for WTDC-10. I note most of the regional issues are included in the reports of the RPMs. Our effort here is not to duplicate the work of the RPMs. But to complement any areas that need more emphasis. I'm pleased to note that ITU will be making a presentation on the outcome of the RPMs that would give us opportunity to realign some of our proposal to the WTDC-10 considering the work done so far.

I thank ITU for the support they have always given to APT in the preparatory process and also to CITELE for being with us to share their preparatory work.

I wish you for a very productive and fruitful meeting and a pleasant stay in Bangkok.

Thank you.