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Closing Remarks

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Ms Chairperson,

Ms Secretary-General,

Ladies and gentlemen,

I am thrilled to announce the completion of a crucial stage of the preparatory activity for the upcoming World Radiocommunication Conference. You have successfully approved the CPM Report to WRC-23, and [I echo the words of the Secretary General of the ITU] in congratulating all of you for this notable achievement.

As you know, the global management of the radio-frequency spectrum and satellite orbits have an impact that go far beyond our radiocommunication and ICT community. They enable a more inclusive society, a more protected environment, and the digital economy as a whole.

Distinguished Delegates,

I am aware that this has not been an easy process, but it is certainly a rewarding one. ITU-R Study Groups, Working Parties and Task Group have worked ardently to conduct studies of regulatory, technical, operational, and procedural nature and to develop draft CPM texts. These texts were then consolidated in the draft CPM Report that served as the reference for the work that you have undertaken during the last two weeks.

Delegates from Member States and Sector Members have gathered here in the second session of the Conference Preparatory Meeting and considered over 230 contributions that address a variety of spectrum-related matters enabling coexistence and coordination of radiocommunication services.

In some cases, the CPM reduced the number of methods to address an agenda item by combining/merging different proposals, although in other cases, additional methods, alternatives, and examples were included.

There were some difficult discussions, but also compromises were made to improve the methods and the regulatory framework, to clarify possible solutions, and to identify possibilities for additional studies.

To mention some examples:

- Under Agenda Item 1.2 a new method was added for the allocation to the mobile service and identification to IMT, existing solutions were refined, and regulatory examples were added.
- Under Agenda Item 1.5, on the UHF band, additional views were included throughout the text, and possible alternatives for a secondary allocation to mobile, except aeronautical mobile, were included.
- Under Agenda Item 7, significant improvements were made to the texts of several topics pertaining to fixed satellite networks, including for facilitating the access to the planned bands by new ITU Member States, and for the development of a consultation process for non-GSO systems operators.
- Under Agenda Item 1.17 one method consolidated the several regulatory solutions for space-to-space links.

In addition, new topics have been referenced in Annex 1 as candidate items for the WRC-27 agenda under agenda item 10.

Dear Colleagues,

The CPM Report as it stands will provide guidance to ITU Member States in their preparation for WRC-23, offering the basis for the decisions that will be taken in the Conference. As such, the outcome of this meeting represents a significant step forward.

In the forthcoming months, I invite you to make use of all the information compiled in the CPM Report and make efforts to address the concerns expressed in the countless views when developing solutions that can be adopted during the World Radiocommunication Conference.

Madam Chairperson,

Before concluding, I would like to take this opportunity to inform the CPM participants about a very important milestone achieved in the implementation of a WRC-19 Resolution that is very close to my heart, and for which the Bureau has devoted an enormous amount of time and energy. As you might have guessed, I am talking about Resolution 559, which is so important for so many developing countries. And I am very pleased to report that all the Resolution 559 related requests of 41 Administrations have successfully entered in the Appendices 30 and 30A Lists and have been published in the BR IFIC 2993 last Tuesday.

This milestone allows these Administrations to submit their requests in time to WRC-23 for updating their entries in the BSS and BSS feeder-Link Plans. You can rest assured that, under my direction, the Bureau will continue to provide the required assistance to Administrations until the application of Resolution 559 is successfully completed.

Another very important milestone achieved these days, Madam Chair, relates to the work of the WRC-23 Informal Group. Indeed, this group, composed of representatives of the regional groups under the able chairmanship of Mr. Kavouss Arasteh, met alongside the CPM and agreed to an informal preliminary Structure for WRC-23. This will hopefully pave the way for a smooth conference later this year in Dubai.

Dear friends,

In closing, I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation to our capable Chairperson for her outstanding leadership during the CPM, and for her contribution during the whole preparatory period since WRC-19.

I would also like to thank the CPM-23 Management Team for their guidance in consolidating the draft CPM Report.

I would like to convey my sincere thanks to the ITU staff supporting this meeting (including BR staff, but also IS, C&P, the interpreters, etc.) for their hard work and dedication.

And last, but certainly not least, I wish to thank all delegates and participants for their commitment to the success this major ITU-R event.

Truly, I thank each one of you very much.

I wish you a safe trip back home and I look forward to seeing you in the United Arab Emirates at the RA and the WRC-23, later this year.

Thank you.