

**Radiocommunication Assembly 2019
(RA-19)**

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Closing Remarks

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Excellencies,
Mr Secretary-General,
Chairman of RA-19,
Ladies and gentlemen,
Dear colleagues,

We have come to the end of what has been a challenging, but also a very successful Assembly. You have achieved a great deal in these five days. The results of your work will have a major impact on the activities of the Sector particularly on the activities of the Study Groups for the next four years.

The first key achievements have undoubtedly been the revisions of Res 1-7 (Resolution ITU-R 1-7) and Res 2-7 (Resolution ITU-R 2-7). They will certainly improve the working methods for the RA, the Study Groups, the RAG, and other Groups of the Radiocommunications Sector; and will better organize the work of the Conference Preparatory Meeting and guide the preparation of a more informative and user-friendly CPM Report.

Another achievement was the revision of Recommendation ITU-R M.1036 that deals with frequency arrangements in the bands identified for IMT in the Radio Regulations (RR).

Moreover, a new Resolution on the future of Broadcasting was approved to encourage the development of globally harmonized broadcasting standards and promote deeper cooperation among the Sectors and with external standard organizations.

This Resolution, together with others, provides a solid ground for the Study Group activities setting the framework for detailed studies in the coming Study Period.

Other topics including Intelligent Transport Systems and Railway Systems between Train and Trackside will continue to be considered during the next Study period.

Finally, you have elected the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Study Groups, the CPM and the RAG. The RA was blessed with numerous nominations of candidates with high levels of expertise for a limited number of leadership positions. I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation to all those that have collaborated in coming to a final agreement having in mind the best interests of the ITU-R community.

As requested by this Assembly, to further enhance the quality of the work of the sector, the BR will conduct training sessions alongside the study group meetings to encourage experts from both developed and developing countries to become chairs of the various ITU-R groups and ensure their success.

Whilst I could mention several other notable achievements, I will not take up more time of this plenary. I would only like to mention the remarkable skills of the chairman in bringing this event to such a successful conclusion. Dr Pastukh (Chairman RA-19) has masterfully guided us to a positive outcome and I can only express my admiration and thanks for his outstanding support during this assembly.

I would like to express our appreciation to the host country for all the facilities and services that they have graciously put at our disposal to ensure a smooth Assembly.

Last but not least, thanks to all of you for your support in helping to bring the 2019 Radiocommunication Assembly to such a success.

I certainly look forward to an equally successful WRC-19 during the coming weeks.

Thank you.