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### **Opening Remarks**

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Madam Chair,  
Secretary General, fellow Directors,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Good morning.

It is my pleasure to address you today. Let me start by emphasizing the good collaboration between the Development and the Radiocommunication Sectors of the Union. Cosmas and I are aligned on this, and both Bureaus are committed to delivering tangible results to you, our Membership.

The Kigali Action Plan, approved in 2022, reinforces the work that we need to continue doing together.

This comprehensive plan encompasses the priority areas, new and revised resolutions and recommendations, regional initiatives, and questions to be studied by ITU-D study groups.

Interestingly, radiocommunications and spectrum management play a prominent role within the Kigali Action Plan.

Indeed, within the realm of regional initiatives, are spectrum-management issues, including radio-frequency planning, harmonization of spectrum allocation and identification, enhancement of spectrum-monitoring systems, and implementation of decisions of world radiocommunication conferences. There is also the development of recommendations for new technologies, such as IoT, including the industrial Internet, smart cities and communities, and 5G or IMT-2020.

Following the instructions of Resolution 9 on the participation of countries, particularly developing countries, in spectrum management, the BR has conducted several actions.

- Firstly, with regards to the provision of assistance to Member States, in particular developing countries, in the implementation of the outcomes of WRCs:
  - ✓ During the last few years, the ITU-R has assisted 41 African countries in the implementation of Resolution 559 of WRC-19. This will allow them to benefit from the replacement of satellite resources in the Broadcasting Satellite Service Plans. The BR will continue to provide these countries with the necessary assistance until the application of Resolution 559 is successfully completed.
  - ✓ We have also provided training on the use of the RR5 Table of Frequency allocations Software, which allows a country to extract its National Table of Frequency Allocations, based on the provisions of Article 5 of the Radio Regulations. This will facilitate greatly the incorporation of international regulations into the national framework after each World Radiocommunications Conference.
- Second, with regards to the organization of presentations on issues of interest for developing countries through seminars and workshops:
  - ✓ The BR has continued its capacity-building efforts through long-established practices like the Radiocommunication Regional Seminar.
  - ✓ In addition, the BR and the BDT have worked together to deliver events, such as the Workshop on space systems and space regulatory frameworks organized by CRASA. This was done for regulators of Southern Africa, but we would be happy to support similar initiatives by other interested Administrations.

- Third, regarding the development of appropriate documents, that cater to the specific needs of developing countries:
  - ✓ BR continues to participate regularly in the meetings of ITU-D Study Groups and presents updates on the ongoing ITU-R work, the relevant Questions of each Study Group, as well as the progress on topics of mutual interest. I am very pleased to say that there is a healthy collaboration and exchange between ITU-R and ITU-D Study Groups.
  - ✓ BR also updates and publishes online a list of recently approved ITU-R outputs and publications and maps the information for the relevant Questions of ITU-D Study Groups.

However, our efforts do not end here.

Looking towards the future, we intend to continue our work to disseminate information about the proper application of the Radio Regulations, including the allocation of frequencies, definition of power limits, coordination, recording of frequency assignments and monitoring.

As space gains more and more importance, we intend to use the ITU Academy platform to offer more training and to ensure that all countries are acquainted with the impressive innovations in the space industry, that they have the most up-to-date information about the ITU procedures and can properly file frequency requests to the ITU.

We also note the need to continue the work on spectrum valuation and spectrum pricing. If there are other specific needs of developing countries in the area of spectrum management, you are very welcome to bring them to my attention, and together with the Director of the BDT, we will be more than happy to consider how to address your concern as we plan ahead.

Dear Colleagues,

As you can see, the BR and the BDT are committed to leveraging the technical expertise of BR engineers, with the know-how of BDT to deliver capacity building and technical assistance to ITU members and help countries be better positioned to leverage the mechanisms established in the Radio Regulations to ensure interference-free operation of radiocommunication services.

While ITU-D and ITU-R have specific mandates and areas of focus, we must unite to deliver on the broader objectives of the Union. I, therefore, count on you, to ensure that the work of the Sectors is complementary and to effectively coordinate the efforts of the relevant study groups of ITU-R and ITU-D through the Advisory Groups and the leadership of the Sectors.

I hope to see you all later this year, in November, at the World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-23) in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

I thank you very much and I look forwards to continuing this fruitful collaboration with ITU-D.