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OPENING REMARKS

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Mr Chairman,
Mr Secretary-General,
Mr Deputy Secretary-General,
Director of TSB,
Excellencies,
Distinguished colleagues,
Ladies and gentlemen,

- I would like also to welcome you all, dear friends, to this second session of the Conference Preparatory Meeting for WRC-15.
- This CPM15-2 is without doubt a major step in the preparation for WRC-15, which will take place in Geneva from 2 to 27 November 2015.
- The extent of interest in the matters to be discussed is clearly evident from the numbers present in this Room as well as in the adjacent room 2 and online listening to the webcast.
- The first session of CPM for WRC-15, held immediately after WRC-12, identified the studies to be carried out by the ITU-R study groups in preparation for the next WRC.
It agreed on a structure for the draft CPM Report to WRC-15, and

appointed rapporteurs for the six chapters of the report to assist the chairman and vice-chairmen in managing the development of the draft CPM Report.

- All the ITU-R study groups have been involved in one way or another in the preparation for this meeting, and all of the draft CPM texts were completed before the agreed deadline of 15 August 2014.

- After more than three years of intensive and exhaustive preparatory studies, with for instance more than 2000 pages included in the JTG 4-5-6-7 Reports,

I would like to express my deep appreciation for all the successful work carried out by you, our membership, under the excellent leadership of the responsible groups Chairmen.

Also, I very am confident that the remaining ITU-R Recommendations and Reports referred to in the CPM Report will be adopted prior to RA-15.

- The draft CPM Report constitutes Document 1 of this session. I would like also to draw your attention to the Report from the Special Committee on Regulatory and Procedural Matters which in Document 2 and represents another important element for your work.

- The Radiocommunication Bureau, for its part, has also prepared several documents which will be presented at the appropriate time.

- The items addressed in all the contributions before you are numerous and far-reaching.

Almost all the radiocommunication services and many different frequency bands are either explicitly referred to in, or concerned by one or several WRC-15 agenda items.

- Many of these items relate to complex and delicate issues of frequency sharing, seeking to allow services with significantly differing characteristics to coexist in the same part of the spectrum.
- Other items touch on the future development of radiocommunication technologies and the convergence of applications. As such, they are vital to the world's future needs and for meeting the expectations of telecommunication development.
- A specific Item has been added to WRC-15 Agenda by PP14, relating to Global Flight Tracking. The CPM will also have to consider this issue, taking into account several contributions received on this topic.

Ladies and gentlemen,

- I will not go into the detail of the key subjects that you will be discussing over the next two weeks, but I would like to remind you that CPM is not a radiocommunication conference where final treaty decisions are made.
- Following the working methods of the ITU-R study groups, CPM's task is to deliver a Report to WRC setting out the technical, operational, regulatory and procedural information on the basis of which the Member States will prepare their proposals to the conference.
- The information to be included in the Report should represent, to the extent possible, reconciled differences in approaches as contained in the source material, or, in the case where the approaches cannot be reconciled, the differing views and their justification.

- The report will also provide useful information for the deliberations at the conference itself.
- The CPM reports to the past six world radiocommunication conferences were used extensively by administrations and delegates in their preparations for, and participation in, these conferences.
- I am confident, Mr Chairman, that you will do everything you can to ensure that this second session of CPM-15, works as efficiently as possible during these two weeks.
- Your deliberations will certainly pave the way to a successful world radiocommunication conference later this year. With all the expertise present in this room I am also very optimistic on the outcome of the work that will be accomplished during the coming days.
- As always, the secretariat is ready to assist in whatever way it can. The teams in ITU have been working hard for many months to make this meeting a success. They are at your disposal.

In conclusion, I wish this second session of CPM-15, every success and I thank you very much for your attention.

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