

**Opening Remarks of the Director, BR**

**Radiocommunication Assembly (RA-15)**

**Monday, 26 October 2015, 10:00 hours**

Excellencies,  
Mr Secretary-General,  
Mr Deputy Secretary-General,  
Fellow Directors,  
Ladies and gentlemen,  
Dear colleagues,

It is a pleasure and an honour to address the 2015 Radiocommunication Assembly. I would like to welcome you in Geneva. I hope you will have a nice stay and will find that the facilities provided during the Assembly meet your expectations.

The Radiocommunication Assembly marks the end of a study period and the start of a new one. It represents a point of transition in the life of the Sector and thereby provides a suitable occasion to review what has been achieved, to look ahead to what needs to be done, and to define the structure in which it shall be undertaken. In essence, this describes the business that you are facing for the next five days.

You have an opportunity to review the instruments upon which the Study Group activities are based, namely the ITU-R Resolutions. Such a review should constantly seek to increase efficiency both in the working methods of the Study Groups and when planning future work

programmes. It is important that the ITU-R Resolutions provide clear guidance upon which the Study Groups can pursue their activities without imposing unnecessary bureaucracy which can so easily retard progress in the studies.

You will also have the delicate task of electing Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen to the Study Groups and to the CCV, CPM, RAG and SC. In this respect, due attention will need to be taken of the guidance provided in Resolution 166 (Rev. Busan, 2014).

At this Assembly, you will also have to consider a number of draft Recommendations developed by the Study Groups. In some cases, their submission to the Assembly is a result of difficulties experienced by administrations with their adoption or approval. Whilst fully appreciating such difficulties, I would nevertheless appeal to you to find solutions this week. To return these drafts to the Study Groups would not be an option. Reaching agreement will be a clear demonstration of the continuing strength of our Sector in adapting new standards and best practices on the use of spectrum and orbit resources.

You have only five days to accomplish your task – the time available for each item of business is extremely short and the time management of the meetings will have to be done with the utmost care. As always, you can rely on the staff of the Radiocommunication Bureau to provide every assistance. I am confident that with the good will that always prevails at events such as this one, together with the sound leadership of your Chairman, we can look forward to a rewarding Assembly and to a fruitful outcome on Friday.