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Trends in radiocommunications development in the light of WRC-15 and RA-15 results
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Introductory remarks
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Dear Mr Tadevosian, Vice-Minister Communication and Informatization of the Ministry of Transport and Communication of the Republic of Armenia,

Dear Mr Nalbandian, chairman of the RCC working group on preparations for WRC-19 and RA-19,

Dear colleagues and friends,

It is a great pleasure for me to be with you at this ITU regional workshop on trends in radiocommunications in the light of WRC-15 and RA-15 results here in Yerevan, and to address you at this event.

Let me first express my sincere appreciation on behalf of the ITU Secretary General, Mr Houlin Zhao, to the Ministry of Transport and Communication of the Republic of Armenia for hosting this important event.

The role of the ITU is to pave the way for the most efficient and economic use of spectrum and ensure that the best practices on the use of spectrum are available for all countries in the world at the most affordable cost.

It is a great pleasure for me personally to be present this week and participate in the discussions on the results of WRC-15, on the ways of implementation of the Conference decisions and preparations to WRC-19. This meeting will probably need to address also the most important spectrum management activities, in particular digital switchover, which is a pre-requisite for the implementation of the digital dividend and the most efficient use of the UHF band.

In this respect, I would like to congratulate the Ministry of Transport and Communication of Armenia with very good results you are obtaining in the transition to digital television, with expected completion of the switch off of analogue television in a few weeks.

With these new openings made possible by the decisions of WRC-15, it is particular timely for all of you to gather in Yerevan this week to discuss what can be done to obtain the best usage of

available spectrum and new technologies in a harmonized way, which ensures affordable prices for entire population and which is one of the key objectives of the ITU.

Once again I would like to thank the government of the Republic of Armenia for hosting this event and making this meeting possible. I wish you a very fruitful meeting that will be helpful in the implementation of WRC-15 decisions. I understand that we start the meeting in a very good spirit, since it immediately follows the visit of the Pope Francis in Armenia.

Thank you very much.