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Distinguished Speakers and Delegates,

Good morning.

It is my great pleasure to welcome you all to the 21st APT Telecommunication/ICT Development Forum (ADF-21) in Jakarta, Indonesia

I extend my sincere thanks to the Ministry of Communications and Informatics Indonesia for hosting this hybrid meeting and for their excellent preparation and hospitality.

ADF is a vital platform for sharing information and best practices to promote ICT development, such as infrastructure and relevant services and applications in the Asia-Pacific region, with special attention to the rural areas to assist members in bridging the digital divide.

Last November we had the 16th Session of the General Assembly that adopted the APT Strategic Plan for 2024-2026. This plan outlines our vision, objectives, and

action plans to address the priorities of our members, with the ADF being one of the key platforms for implementing our strategic initiatives.

This ADF-21 focuses on numerous up-to-date interesting sessions that cover policy trends, such as high-speed digital infrastructure, satellite communications, the latest AI technology, digital transformation, the role of ICT in disaster management, and promoting digital inclusivity, etc.

Distinguished Delegates,

APT has been working on supporting ICT development in Asia and the Pacific region. Specifically, ADF focuses on development aspects and shares the experiences of pilot projects supported by Extra Budgetary Contributions. In this regard, on behalf of all APT members, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the donor countries that have extended the Extra-Budgetary Contributions for implementing these pilot projects, namely People's Republic of China (EBC-C), Japan (EBC-J), and Republic of Korea (EBC-K). I also appreciate the efforts of the experts who were involved in these projects. Their dedication has greatly contributed to the achievements of significant outcomes.

I would also like to thank all speakers for their kind contributions and sharing their knowledge and experience.

I strongly believe that ADF is playing an essential role to APT members in the aspect of ICT development. The degree of success and usefulness of ADF depends on the degree of your active participation and contribution.

I wish you fruitful deliberation and discussion and hope to see you find many takeaways from this ADF for your future endeavors.

Thank you very much.