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## **WELCOME ADDRESS**

H. E. Mr Hamid Fattahi, Deputy Minister of ICT and President of the Communication Regulatory Authority of Islamic Republic of Iran

Respected high level officials and guests from the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Distinguished Delegates from SATRC Members and other APT members,

Good morning to you all. I am pleased to welcome you all to this opening ceremony of the SATRC Workshop on Recent Trends and Technologies, to be held in this historical and heritage city of Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to H. E. Mr Hamid Fattahi, Deputy Minister of ICT and President of the Communication Regulatory Authority, for being present with us here today despite his busy schedule.

I also sincerely thank the Communication Regulatory Authority of the Islamic Republic of Iran for making an excellent hosting arrangement for this workshop. I would also like to thank the generous support of the Government of Japan through their extra-budgetary contributions (EBC-J) towards the activities of SATRC.

Distinguished delegates,

As you know, this year is the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the APT and SATRC has been an important sub-regional programme of the APT since its establishment in 1997. It has become a platform for regulators from nine South Asian countries to discuss and cooperate on important telecommunications and ICT related issues in the South Asian region.

The 24th Meeting of SATRC held in 2023 in Dhaka, Bangladesh approved the SATRC Action Plan Phase IX for the implementation period of 2024-2025. This Action Plan consists of four basic activities: working groups, capacity buildings, web portal, and web dialogue. SATRC Workshops are organized as part of capacity-building initiatives focusing on the issues associated with the common interests of all SATRC Members. This workshop on recent trends and technologies is in align with and contributes to this Action Plan Phase IX.

Dear Delegates,

The telecommunication sector is at the forefront of technological innovation, driving significant changes in how we connect and interact with the world. As we continue to embrace these trends and technologies, we can look forward to a more connected, efficient, and inclusive future. The Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT) is working with governments, organizations and industry in the efforts to ensure that everyone can benefit from the digital economy.

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The background for setting this workshop under the Action Plan is that SATRC Members know the importance of understanding recent trends and technologies and preparing for the development of appropriate regulatory mechanisms to maximize the social benefits of these new technologies.

Therefore, this workshop will address a number of important trends and technologies. During this workshop, participants will share experiences from the regulator's perspective on those new technologies. A number of speakers from the industry will introduce those new trends and technologies and share their views on their appropriate usage.

I hope this workshop will be fruitful, allowing all participants to share information and experiences and adopt the knowledge learned for the benefit of each country in the region.

Thank you very much.

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