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Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good morning, and Good afternoon. A warm welcome to the second meeting of the APT Preparatory Group for the ITU World Telecommunication Development Conference 2025 (APT WTDC25-2).

The World Telecommunication Development Conference 2025 (WTDC-25) is scheduled to be held in Baku, Azerbaijan, from 17 to 28 November 2025 and we already started our preparation process for this Conference in July this year.

The 1st preparatory meeting elected the Chair of APT-WTDC, established the structure of the Working Groups and appointed the Office Bearers of each the Working Group.

Next year, towards the WTDC, we expect to organize three (3) preparatory meetings, which provide a platform for discussion and coordination among APT members in order to harmonize regional views and interests that are essential to our members. Through this process, APT will develop the APT Common Proposals for submission to WTDC-25. As Asia-Pacific is a region with dynamic and diverse countries, the proposals from APT would contribute to providing various aspects of ICT-related issues to the Conference to be discussed.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The main objectives of this meeting are to identify regional priorities for the work of ITU in coming years and to discuss initial thoughts for the draft Regional Initiatives of the Asia-Pacific region. As the ITU Regional Preparatory Meeting for Asia and the Pacific (RPM-ASP) is scheduled to take place from 20 to 21 March 2025 just after our 3rd APT preparatory meeting, this 2nd preparatory meeting is expected to identify the issues of regional priorities as much as possible and it is encouraged to formulate our views to be submitted to the RPM.

I would like to urge all participants to engage actively, share your insights, and work together in the spirit of cooperation that has always been the hallmark of APT. Let us use this opportunity to advance our region's interests and contribute to the global telecommunication development agenda.

In conclusion, I sincerely thank all participants for attending this important meeting. Please also be assured that APT Secretariat will provide necessary assistance and support for your work.

I wish you fruitful deliberations.

Thank you.
