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Thank you to all of you!

It is with great joy that I take the floor today. It is an honour for my Region, for my country and for me to have been elected by you.

I wish to thank particularly those who supported me, and first of all, the French Government, which placed its trust in me.

Thanks also to the other two candidates, Ms Rawat and Mr Leite, who by also running in this election have led me to give the best of myself and better understand the aspirations of the Member States of the Union.

It is also a great honour to succeed a man of the calibre of Valery Timofeev, to whom I would like to pay tribute here. It is also a great honour to be part of this formidable team under the leadership of our dear Secretary-General, Dr Hamadoun Touré, who in four years has allowed ITU to take a great step forward.

I assure you that I will give the best of myself to meet the expectations you have placed in me with today's election. I am fully aware that in the coming years, many countries will have to make difficult choices in the field of radiocommunications.

You can be assured that I will do everything that is in my power to help you cope with these challenges, especially in so far as the transition to digital television and future generations of mobile radiocommunications are concerned. These challenges are not only technical or financial, but also social and political. The Union will have an essential role to play in taking up these challenges.

Rest assured of my full support in this context. I will also need your support.

So, once again, thank you to you all!