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Good morning ladies and gentlemen and welcome to this 2014 edition of ITU World Radiocommunication Seminar here in Geneva from 8 to 12 December.

The ITU organizes World Radiocommunication Seminars (WRS) on a biennial basis. These Seminars deal with the use of the radio-frequency spectrum and the satellite orbits, and, in particular, with the application of the provisions of the ITU Radio Regulations.

The Radio Regulations and the associated Rules of Procedure constitute the basic texts which enable Administrations throughout the world to obtain and maintain rights of use for spectrum in such a way that they can operate their radiocommunication networks without causing and without suffering harmful interference, while benefitting from worldwide spectrum harmonization and the corresponding economies of scale.

Your presence here in Geneva at this World Radiocommunication Seminar is the indication that you are playing an active role in this essential process which enables every citizen in the world to have access to information anywhere, anytime, at an affordable price and in a sustainable manner.

The ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-14) which was recently held in Busan, Republic of Korea adopted the new strategic plan for the ITU for the period 2016-2019. This strategic plan comprises four Union-level strategic goals which are: growth, inclusiveness, sustainability and innovation. I believe that in participating in this Seminar you are contributing to achieving each of these four goals.

Radiocommunications today are undergoing constant changes.

These changes occur as a result of technological improvements and changes in practices and they need to be reflected in the international regulations on spectrum.

This is the purpose of World Radiocommunication Conferences.

These changes also need to be reflected in the ITU Radiocommunication Recommendations, and best practices on spectrum use.

And they also need to be reflected in the software tools that we are using in the ITU Radiocommunication Bureau to process in an efficient and reliable way the thousands of

notices that we receive from you every week.

This number is actually increasing as a result of the massification of radiocommunication applications.

It is therefore of great importance for the ITU Membership to be regularly updated in what is going on in all these fields.

That is the purpose of the World Radiocommunication Seminars.

This 2014 edition has been structured in two parts:

The first two days will be devoted to PLENARY SESSIONS which will cover the basic concepts related to Spectrum Management as well as the procedures associated to the management of the Master International Frequency Register.

These Plenary Sessions will be followed by the review of:

- the modifications to the Radio Regulations adopted by the last World Radiocommunication Conference in 2012 (WRC-12), and by
- the agenda of WRC-15

The programme will also cover the current regulatory framework for the international frequency management and the ITU-R Recommendations and tools regarding the use of spectrum for both terrestrial and space services, including basic training on ICT Tools developed by the ITU for frequency notifications and for technical examinations.

The second part of this Seminar for 2014 will be three days of WORKSHOPS with hands-on exercise in order to enable you to master both the procedures and the software tools that we are using to process your rights. Workshops will enable participants to prepare their own schedule, based on their interest, alternating between space and terrestrial services and between lectures and practical sessions.

These workshops will allow you, 'dear' participants, to get hands-on experience with ITU notification procedures as well as with the software and electronic publications made available by the Radiocommunication Bureau to the Member States and to the ITU-R Sector Members.

I sincerely hope that this 2014 edition of the ITU World Radiocommunication Seminar will be successful and profitable to you and I would like to thank you for helping the ITU to connect the world.

Thank you.