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Distinguished delegates

Ladies and gentlemen

Once again, welcome to WTIM 2012. It is my profound pleasure and privilege to address you this morning. As you recall, WTIM-2011 was hosted by the ICT Agency of Mauritius. The meeting adopted a number of recommendations with respect to future work on ICT statistics. My aim is to recap and to report on the progress made in implementing the recommendations.

1. **Expert Group on Telecommunication/ICT Indicators (EGTI):** I am pleased to inform you that since WTIM 2011, EGTI was at work leading to this meeting through the online discussion forum. EGTI's membership has grown to over 300 members representing more than 100 countries, several international organizations and

private sector members. The group's discussions focused on topics identified in Mauritius that include **measuring broadband capacity, data traffic, quality of service, investment and revenue indicators**.

2. **Change of Chairmanship of the EGTI**: In the interim, the then Chair of EGTI, Mr. Hock Eng. Koay from the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission retired. Mr. Iñigo Herguera from CMT Spain, assumed the Chairmanship of the Group. He thus chaired the EGTI 2012 here in Bangkok during the past two days. We will hear from him when he reports on the outcome of that meeting in upcoming sessions of the WTIM.
3. **Expert Group on Household Indicators (EGH)**: WTIM 2011 also recommended that a new Expert Group should be established to revise the household ICT indicators and the ITU Manual for Measuring ICT Access and Use by Households and Individuals. The EGH was thus established in May 2012 and already started its work. The group's membership has already grown to 97 representing 45 countries. Chair of the EGH, Mr. Alexandre Barbosa from Brazil, will report on the work of the Group later on during WTIM.
4. **Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development**: WTIM-2012 recommended that ITU should continue working with other international and regional organizations. ITU continues to be an active member of the Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development. Yesterday, a meeting by partners who are attending the WTIM was held. **If I may add**: One of the important areas of the work of the Partnership, and ITU concerns the assessment of the World Summit on the Information Society

outcomes. This is all the more important with the upcoming WSIS+10 Review which will call for reporting on the implementation of WSIS outcomes. At this year's WSIS Forum held in May in Geneva, the Partnership presented its roadmap for the WSIS+10 review. The Partnership plans to present a major report in 2014.

Further, the partnership attended the UN Statistical Commission meeting in New York. The Commission is the highest UN authority when it comes to statistics. The Partnership, under the leadership of ITU, submitted a substantive report to the Commission on the subject of ICT statistics. The UN Statistical Commission, in its final decision, fully endorsed the revised and extended core list of ICT indicators and asked the Partnership to continue reviewing the indicators in light of rapid technological advances and wide use of ICT technology.

5. **Embracing New Tools:** ITU is continuously revamping the ICT Eye public website with the aim of enhancing data collection and dissemination. ITU recently entered into an agreement with Google paving way for the dissemination of some of ITU data via their Pedometer (PDE). We will showcase these online technologies later this week.
6. **ITU Activities:** Since WTIM 2011, ITU released a number of statistical publications that include:

- **The annual Yearbook of Statistics.**
- **The “Little Data Book on ICT 2012”,** a joint statistical publication by ITU and the World Bank.

- **The WTI database** which was released in June 2012.
- **The Measuring the Information Society Report 2012** will be launched on 11 October 2012. This report features two well-known benchmarking tools, [the ICT Development Index \(IDI\)](#) and [the ICT Price Basket \(IPB\)](#).

In his statement this morning, the Director of the BDT highlighted that we have introduced some new features to this year's WTIM. The high-level panel that will follow immediately is a clear indication of where we are heading. The idea is to make this event a [trailblazer](#), a [beacon](#) and a [barometer](#) on developments in the ICT Sector as we move towards the Knowledge Society.

Distinguished Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I may as well end here. End here with the words: the introduction into the WTIM and its subsequent conferences of a [High-Level Panel](#), from which we shall shortly hear, underlines our determination to ensure that [national coordination](#) in [data collection](#) and [processing](#) becomes a reality.

I thank you.