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Opening Remarks

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Mr. Alexandre Kühn, Chair of CPM-27,

Distinguished Delegates,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you this morning, this time for the holding of the first session of the Conference Preparatory Meeting for WRC-27.

I hope that you have started to recover well from the efforts carried out during the last five weeks, which resulted in a great success for both RA-23 and WRC-23.

These two major events of the ITU Radiocommunication Sector were ably chaired by Ms. Carol WILSON from Australia, and Mr. Mohammed AL RAMSI from the UAE, respectively. I would like to thank them both again for their great work.

I take this opportunity to congratulate Mr. Kühn, from Germany, on his recent appointment as Chair of the CPM-27. I am confident that he will carry out his duties diligently and efficiently.

I would also like to congratulate all the newly appointed Chairs of the Study Groups who, along with the Chairs of the Working Parties, will play a key role in the coming years. I am sure that this morning we are all ready to work together to prepare the best organization possible for the work to be carried out during the study cycle starting today until the holding of WRC-27.

Mr. Chair,

Within the Radiocommunications Bureau, our immediate focus will be to review the Provisional Final Acts to ensure that the decisions of WRC-23 are accurately captured and published in the Final Acts of the Conference. These definitive Final Acts will be the basis for preparing the 2024 edition of the ITU Radio Regulations, which should be published before the end of next year.

WRC-23 decisions will require extensive software development in the BR. For that, significant financial resources are needed, as indicated in the report of the Chair of WRC-23 Committee 3. I count on the support of all Member States to ensure these resources are accorded by Council at its 2024 session.

At the national level, Member States will implement the WRC-23 changes to the Radio Regulations by adapting domestic regulations and licensing procedures to align with the international framework set by the treaty.

A new cycle has also started in ITU-R.

ITU-R study groups and working parties will commence the development of technical, operational, and regulatory studies and develop recommendations and reports on radiocommunication matters, as well as the draft CPM texts on the various WRC-27 agenda items.

The results of these studies will then be examined at the second session of CPM-27 and will be used by the ITU Member States in preparing their proposals or common proposals to WRC-27, where decisions will be made on the various WRC-27 agenda items.

Regarding the organization and conduct of the preparatory studies for WRC-27, I would like to bring to your attention two recent decisions on the work of the CPM and of the ITU-R study groups:

- The first one is the Revision of Resolution ITU-R 2 approved in the Radiocommunication Assembly 2023, which includes some new elements as well as some clarifications to the CPM working methods.

The second, are the best practices included in the Minutes of the WRC-23
Plenary that aim at facilitating sharing and compatibility studies relevant to WRC agenda items.

These important decisions create the framework necessary for the study cycle of 2024-2027.

Dear colleagues,

The World Radiocommunication Conference has identified 19 new specific agenda items for WRC-27, in addition to the standing agenda items and the 14 items on the WRC-31 preliminary agenda.

This CPM27-1 is called upon to distribute the workload of the WRC-27 agenda amongst the ITU-R study groups considering their respective mandates.

Mr. Chair,

I am confident that, once again, ITU-R will continue to successfully address and complete the preparatory activities for the next conferences, with the support and cooperation of the regional groups.

I wish you a most successful meeting.

Thank you for your attention.