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Distinguished Speakers, Guests and Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a pleasure for me to provide some closing remarks on behalf of the International Telecommunication Union. It is not necessary to add other words to those said by my colleague Gonzalo about this event but leave me to say something that I hope could complement them.

During these three days we heard and discussed about national and international strategies concerning the protection of critic infrastructures, management of incidents, legal and governmental issues in the common effort to guarantee a free but also secure cyberspace. We saw how this common effort needs to be developed looking at a common basics legal framework, the cooperation of all the involved stakeholders, the exchange of experiences to face incidents and a close cooperation in the studies of standards.

All these efforts need, anyway, the development on a large scale of a culture of cybersecurity that has to involve political, legal, technical and commercial entities and all at the same time to create an effective barrier against the cyber crime.

The above are some of the steps made all around the world on this subject in common with the creation of initiatives of cooperation as the one in Europe and the CICTE here in the Americas region as signed in Mar del Plata. The hope is that during these three days we put another brick in the wall under construction to guarantee the cybersecurity and to disseminate, when back in our respective countries, what we learnt here with so high level speakers for an efficient and effective implementation.

To conclude, I would like to reaffirm here the commitment of the ITU in be an important part in this fighting as the international focal point and reference on cybersecurity and, to finish, really, I would like to thank the Secreteria de Comunicaciones de la Republica de Argentina and in particular the Architect Carlos Lisandro Salas, Secretario de Comunicaciones and the Comisión Nacional de Comunicaciones, and in particular Ing. Gonzalo Heredia, Coordinator of the National Program for the Information Society in Argentina for having hosted this event, thanking also, for their efficient support in the overall local organization Lic. Luis Carranza and Lic. Maria Victoria Sukenik.

I would also like to thank all the excellent speakers we had in this event and the interpreters. But let me also thank all of you, dear participants, for your support and attention, sure that your efforts, back in your country, will represent the best success of events like this.

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