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**Closing Remarks  
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Chairmen, speakers, experts and participants,  
Ladies and gentlemen,

First of all, I am very impressed by the way in which you all demonstrated your active participation and strong attention to this Forum until very late evening, despite many of you started very early at 03:00 am today.

I am pleased to inform you that 105 participants from 17 countries, 10 Sector Members and 25 other ICT-related organizations attended this Forum.

To capture and help you understand what we have discussed for the last three full days, let me try to highlight the main points and suggestions from the various sessions in this RDF-2009, as follows, among many others: e.g.,

1. Close partnership for promoting broadband access and preparation for Handbook on NGN Migration and Deployment.
2. Participation in ITU-D activities and contribution to its Study Groups for sharing experiences, building human capacity and increasing the understanding and application of ITU Recommendations for practical use and benefits.
3. Active participation in the NGN standardization process through relevant ITU-T Study Groups.
4. Participation in ITU-R activities and its Study Groups on the standardization of broadband wireless access systems and related spectrum issues.
5. Active coordination and partnership with external ICT developmental agencies to optimize the resources.

6. Harmonization of interfaces standards to allow interoperability (e.g. UNI and NNI interfaces).
7. Ensure conformance to standards in order to increase the probability of interoperability.
8. Close collaboration among regulators to establish common regulatory frameworks for NGN deployment and operation
9. Capacity building, promotion and awareness of all stakeholders in all stages of transition towards the NGN.
10. Development and availability of practical guidelines on NGN migration subject to each country's environment.
11. Meetings and trainings addressing various NGN-related issues from technical to regulatory issues.
12. Actions of policy makers, regulators, and operators to migrate towards the NGN by ensuring its quality and security in particular among many others.

As presented at this Forum, ITU – our regional and area offices in Asia and the Pacific *inter alia* – have been engaged and will continue to carry out various activities from trainings to projects in order to assist our members in the Asia-Pacific region in the smooth migration towards the NGN and broadband for new services with better quality and more choices of services to all in both urban and rural areas.

Moreover, as the scope of Universal Service Obligation (USO) is being extended not merely from voice telephony to broadband in some pioneering countries, I would like to emphasize that appropriate policy with a vision by the national leaders and transparent regulatory frameworks with harmonized standards and efficient spectrum management could be critical enablers to deploy and migrate towards the NGN for a safer and secure cyberspace for all. As a result, it would offer better job opportunities, improved quality of life, and increased investment especially at the time of economic challenge, as demonstrated by some leading Member States in Asia and the Pacific.

Dear ladies and gentlemen,

I can't close this meeting without expressing my sincere appreciations to:

First, all the officials from the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology led by Director General, Dr. Basuki Yusuf Iskandar as well as all involved from the government of the Special Province Area of Yogyakarta for the kind host and hospitality;

Second, all the technicians and supporting team behind the scene to ensure efficient logistics and facilities throughout the Forum;

Third, as I mentioned in the opening, this Forum unlike most of other ITU-D activities has been prepared and conducted by all Sectors in the ITU. In this regard, my special thanks go to my colleagues led by Dr. Hughes from BR and TSB at the Headquarters for their strong support and sharing their in-depth knowledge on various aspects of NGN relating to standardization and radiocommunication as well as colleagues from both Bangkok and Jakarta offices.

Last but not least, this Forum would not be successful without you – delegates – for your active participation with in-depth contribution. Thus, I am expressing my cordial gratitude again to you all.

Finally, before closing this Forum, I have the pleasure to share with you all about the recent ITU Award of Excellence Performance 2009, which was awarded to all ITU Asia-Pacific Regional and Area office staffs in Bangkok and Jakarta, thanks to the kind support and recognition from the Member States and Sector Members especially in the Asia-Pacific region. Having been unable to meet the colleagues from Jakarta Area Office until this event, on behalf of ITU Secretary-General, Dr. Hamadoun Toure, I would like to take this excellent opportunity to deliver the Awards to Ms. Aurora Rubio and Ms. Amie Budiarto with a gold medal for their excellent performance.

I once again thank you all for your active cooperation, whilst hoping that you have learned as well as enjoyed the RDF-2009 on NGN and Broadband.

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