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ITU Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group

30 May – 2 June 2023

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Distinguished colleagues and friends,

Good morning. It is my great pleasure to welcome you all to this meeting of TSAG.

I am very much looking forward to our work together, and I thank you for your support.

My priority is to ensure that the ITU standardization platform continues to attract leading experts, and that our standards achieve the global impact required for every region to benefit from the latest advances in ICT.

TSAG and WTSA review our strategy, structure and working methods to ensure that ITU continues to offer reliability and consistency to the international standardization community.

Your work is crucial in helping ITU standardization to remain efficient, effective, and attuned to the needs of our interconnected – but highly diverse – world.

We need to continue bringing together experts from different disciplines and building bridges between countries at different stages of economic development.

All stakeholders must be able to influence our work, and resulting ITU standards must deliver meaningful, lasting value.

The upward trend in ITU-T membership is certain to continue. The strong participation in our focus groups, and breadth of topics under study, are a clear indication of the expanding variety of stakeholders in ITU standardization.

Advances in AI and other new frontiers in technology have ignited passionate debate around our hopes and fears for our high-tech future.

Calls for commitment to international cooperation are growing louder than ever.

I hope to see ITU members demonstrating the spirit of cooperation that our world so desperately needs at this time.

TSAG and WTSA are key venues to do exactly that, and I wish you every success.

Thank you.

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