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Radio Frequency Spectrum and Satellite Orbits**

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***Opening Remarks***

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Mr. Talan Kalykov, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Digital Development of the Republic of Kyrgyzstan,

Mr. Valery Butenko, Chairman of the RCC Commission on the Regulation of the Usage of the Radio Frequency Spectrum and Satellite Orbits,

Mr. Alexander Klrichenko, Representative of the Executive Committee of the Regional Commonwealth in the Field of Communications,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good afternoon to all of you,

I would like to start by thanking the RCC for inviting me to deliver opening remarks at this meeting of the RCC Commission on the use of radio frequency spectrum and satellite orbits.

I am very glad to see that the RCC is gradually returning to physical meetings with remote participation. This format combines the advantages of face-to-face communications, flexibilities of virtual participation and extended attendance. Today, this format allows me to deliver my speech, to see you and to greet you from Geneva.

Dear colleagues,

As for the ITU, we are following the same path. Several large events have been successfully held physically in Geneva during recent months. These include the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly and the 2022 session of the Council that took place in March. ITU-R Working Parties block meetings are being held in the ITU Headquarters starting from April.

Although remote participation facilities were provided for all these events, many delegates attended them in-person without any significant health-related consequence. These delegates provided very positive feedback and confirmed that face-to-face communications help to resolve difficult issues in a friendly and constructive manner and reach compromise solutions in an easier way.

For the year 2022, all remaining ITU-R meetings are planned to be held physically, with remote participation. This will assist in reducing travel costs and overcoming travel restrictions. You may note that the delegates participating remotely should follow the normal working hours for meetings at the ITU headquarters.

Moreover, we are making every effort to ensure that delegates present in the room and those connected remotely can participate in the meeting discussions on an equal footing.

As you know, in 2023, the ITU will begin the construction of the new building and there will be a significant reduction of meeting rooms availability in ITU Headquarters. The CICG will continue to be an option, whenever it is vacant, since the facility is shared by all the international organizations based in Geneva.

We are therefore encouraging Administrations, especially those from countries not too far away from Geneva, to host Working Party and StudyGroup meetings during the period of construction of ITU's new building.

In case of unavailability of rooms in the ITU and in CICG, and without countries volunteering to host ITU-R meetings, we might need to revert back to holding fully virtual meetings throughout the preparatory period for the WRC-27. I hope that all together we can avoid this situation.

Dear delegates,

One of the main activities of ITU's Radiocommunication Sector relates to the preparations for the World Radiocommunication Conferences and Radiocommunication Assemblies. Regarding WRC-23 preparations, the work has been advancing and some important milestones have been achieved. ITU-R Study Groups are now finalizing ITU-R Recommendations, Reports and other supporting documents for WRC-23.

I recognize that several WRC-23 agenda items are of special importance for the RCC countries. These are, for example, agenda items 1.2, 1.3 and 1.5 on mobile services and future of television broadcasting, agenda items 1.15 and 1.16 on ESIMs, and topics of agenda item 7 related to non-geostationary systems. By coincidence, these will be some of the most challenging issues at WRC-23.

Another matter which deserves attention is Article 21.5 limit for IMT Active Antenna Systems (AAS). This issue is not explicitly included in the WRC-23 agenda but could take some precious time of the Conference. The power limit of No. 21.5 of the Radio Regulations is crucial, because it protects satellite receivers from emissions of terrestrial stations.

For the BR, it is very important that the approach for the application of No. 21.5 to IMT Advanced Antenna Systems is clearly defined, which will make it relatively simple to assist administrations in the notification process.

I encourage the delegates to follow our common successful practice in WRC preparations, where the CPM Report should present the description and feasibility of the competing methods to satisfy each Agenda Item and, if necessary, accommodate the conflicting views on complex issues.

Dear colleagues,

Concerning the dates and the venue of the Second Session of the Conference Preparatory Meeting, the CPM23-2 will be held at the end of March 2023, in the CICG.

This gives all responsible groups around 5 months to finalize draft CPM texts and grants sufficient time for the required translation of hundreds of pages.

We have received requests to give additional time for specific groups, and this is being considered, having in mind the constraint of Resolution ITU-R 2-8 which states that the consolidated draft CPM Report shall be translated into the 6 languages and made available a minimum of two months prior to CPM23-2.

As you know, the dates of the WRC have been confirmed from the 20 November to 15 December 2023, in the United Arab Emirates.

The ITU website for WRC-23 is available and will provide direct and continually updated access to information on the preparations for the conference.

As always, I count very much on a constructive input from the RCC administrations to the WRC-23 preparatory work. I have noted that the RCC has developed preliminary positions for many agenda items and may work on common proposals for various WRC issues.

Mr. Chairman,

Apart from the WRC-23 preparations, your Commission continues to carry out very important work in the groups on Spectrum Management and Broadcasting Matters.

The activities of the Working Group on Spectrum Management, including the development of the RCC Table of Frequency Allocations, recommendations on utilization of bands for 5G/IMT, allocation of identification codes for LTE and some other deliverables, are essential for regional spectrum harmonization and enabling affordable communications in your countries.

As for the Broadcasting Group, I recognize its efforts in creating common approaches for the introduction of digital sound and multimedia broadcasting in VHF band and in searching additional channels for digital terrestrial television in the band 470 - 694 MHz, in order to rearrange and harmonize the utilization of the 700 and 800 MHz bands. BR's staff closely follows these activities and is ready to assist in the organization of multilateral coordination meetings, when you

deem necessary.

As for the Commission, Mr. Chairman, it plays a crucial role by determining the regional strategy in radiocommunications, coordinating RCC activities on the use of the frequency and orbital resources in your region and approving the deliverables of the Working Groups.

I wish you a very fruitful continuation of your meeting.

Thank you very much.