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Radio Frequency Spectrum and Satellite Orbits**

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Delegates from the Member States,

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

The regional organizations have been playing a vital role in promoting modern radio technologies and establishing responsive spectrum regulations. These tasks require extensive international cooperation, which begins at the regional and sub-regional levels.

In fact, complex issues at ITU conferences have been resolved thanks to the efforts of the regional representatives. Thus, close cooperation of administrations within the RCC, particularly within the Commission responsible for frequency and orbit utilization, remains critically important.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Regarding the upcoming World Radiocommunication Conference of 2027 and the Radiocommunication Assembly, as you may know, the ITU has received expressions of interest from Rwanda and China to host these conferences. Council is requested to adopt a new Decision which should include the exact date and precise venue of RA-27, WRC-27 and CPM31-1.

Concerning CPM-27, the Management Team have agreed on a deadline of 23 October 2026 for the preparation of the draft CPM text. This deadline is based on the possibility of planning the second session of the CPM-27 in April 2027.

We count on you, our ITU-R Members, to provide contributions to the concerned working parties to advance their work. I am pleased to see the usual commitment of the RCC members in this regard, with the numerous constructive contributions already provided.

In the coming months, particular attention must be given to sharing studies, to reduce the risk of harmful interference in the future.

The BR has also provided several contributions to assist the preparatory studies for WRC-27, including within WP 4A, dealing with WRC-27 agenda item 7 and other specific agenda items on satellite-related aspects.

For RA-27, activities have initiated within the RAG Correspondence Group to consider further improvements to ITU-R Resolution 2 on the CPM process, with special consideration on the second session of the CPM. This will be considered at the upcoming RAG meeting next week.

In response to ITU PP-22 Resolution 219 and RA-23 Resolution 74, an ITU Space Sustainability Forum was held September 2024. The event demonstrated a broad consensus among governments and the industry on the need for coordinated, pragmatic, and inclusive actions to ensure the long-term viability of space systems for current and future generations. The next ITU Space Sustainability Forum is planned for October 2025.

Dear Colleagues,

Regarding ITU's budget, ITU is currently reviewing the methodology to compute the cost recovery fees associated to satellite networks, which was not significantly updated since the early 2000s. The goal is to update Council Decision 482 to properly reflect the current costs, taking into account the evolution in complexity of NGSO Satellite Constellations and GSO satellite networks.

The draft Budget for 2026-2027 will be discussed at the Council this year. As always, I count on the support of the RCC administrations to ensure that the Radiocommunication Bureau has the necessary resources to continue delivering its mandate.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Lately, there has been an increasing number of incidents of interference to aviation, maritime, and other satellite telecommunications services. The harmful interference occurs in the form of jamming and spoofing that disrupt Global Navigation Satellite Systems operating in the frequency bands allocated to the Radio Navigation Satellite Service. Such systems are critical to our safety on land, at sea, and in the air.

The protection of radiocommunication systems from harmful interference is at the core of ITU's mandate. Therefore, ITU invites all Member States to urgently make efforts to ensure an environment free from harmful interference, especially for the operation of a safety of life systems, such as the RNSS.

Mr. Chairman,

Beyond the WRC-27 preparations, your Commission continues to carry out very important work in the groups on Spectrum Management and Broadcasting Matters.

Come to mind the activities of the Spectrum management Working Group, including further development of the RCC Table of Frequency Allocations, the recommendation on border coordination in complex terrain conditions, broadband satellite, and 5G systems. This work will certainly assist in promoting regional harmonization and enable more affordable communications for the population of your countries.

Regarding the Working Group on Broadcasting, I recognize its efforts in creating standards for the transition of digital television to high definition and ultra-high definition, and the evolution of digital sound broadcasting. This Group also develops recommendations on the possible implementation of 5G technology and IP standards for television broadcasting.

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

At the Radiocommunication Bureau, we remain at your disposal to provide assistance in any radiocommunication related matters.

I would like to thank the RCC for the opportunity to address the meeting and wish you constructive and fruitful discussions.

Thank you very much.