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Radio Frequency Spectrum and Satellite Orbits**

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Prerecorded Opening Remarks

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Delegates from the Member States,

I am pleased to address you today, at the 28th meeting of the RCC Commission
on the radio frequency spectrum and satellite orbits.

It is hard to overestimate the importance of regional cooperation, especially in
the area of wireless communications, where radio waves do not recognize
national borders.

During recent decades, we have been witnessing ever-increasing benefits of
regional cooperation. Specific examples of such benefits include the
harmonization of spectrum use, which result in economies of scale and bringing
down the terminal and equipment price, facilitation of border coordination, and
extended utilization of best practices in accommodating new radio technologies.

Dear Colleagues,

I had the pleasure of addressing your Commission many times over the years,
always starting with the preparations to World Radiocommunication
Conferences. This time, let me change the tradition and begin with other
activities undertaken by your Commission.

With respect to the Working Group on Spectrum Management, it pursues its activities in full compliance with the Radio Regulations, WRC decisions and ITU recommendations. The Group applies these provisions and adapts them to regional requirements and specifics.

The Group has recently developed several important deliverables that assist RCC countries in the sustainable development of radiocommunications in the region, establish conditions for coordinated frequency use, and ensure compatible operation of radio stations.

A significant advantage of these RCC deliverables is that most of them contain practically oriented recommendations on spectrum utilization that can be used by your administration for frequency coordination and concluding bi-lateral agreements.

The Group also maintains the regional Common Frequency Allocation Table, collect best radio practices on radio monitoring, summarises experience in spectrum management, and works on the development of a regional concept of 5G deployment.

As for the Broadcasting Working Group, it works in a quite difficult period of rapid changes in broadcasting trends. The share of free-to air television is decreasing worldwide, despite its social and cultural importance for many administrations, including RCC countries.

TV broadcasting is gradually overtaken by mobile broadband streaming that allows on-demand content consumption. Other ways of delivery are also used, including OTT and satellite. There is a clear shift in user habits, followed by changes in content formats, platforms and devices.

In this situation, innovative approaches are needed to keep broadcasting content relevant. Your Working Group is tackling this challenge. It works on IP based protocols for television, considers options for the introduction of advanced TV systems, and has started to work on digital sound broadcasting.

We are pleased to see that both Working Groups actively promote innovation, and facilitate access to digital technologies to enable more affordable communications for the population of your countries.

Dear delegates,

As you know, the preparations for the 2027 World Radiocommunication Conference remain a primary activity of ITU's Radiocommunication Sector. WRC-27 agenda was already confirmed at the 2024 session of the ITU Council.

In June this year, the Council accepted the invitation from China to host RA-27, WRC-27 and CPM31-1 in Shanghai. This decision must be consulted with all ITU Member States. To this end, the ITU issued Circular letter CL-25/40 on the precise place and exact dates of Conference. The deadline for replies to this consultation is the 20th of October 2025.

Preparations for WRC-27 are currently underway within the relevant ITU-R working parties. A meeting of the CPM Steering Committee took place on 3 July 2025 to evaluate the preparatory studies. It noted the completion of studies by ITU-R Study Group 3 on propagation matters. No requests were made to change the contributing groups list or the 1st of July 2025 deadline for providing characteristics.

Please be informed that the first ITU Inter-regional Information Session on WRC-27 preparation will take place in Geneva from 3 to 5 December this year. It will assess the progress of ITU-R preparatory studies, focusing on the most difficult agenda items. This event will provide a platform for exchanging views among regional groups and other stakeholders. Everyone is invited to attend this event.

In addition, you are invited to the second edition of the ITU Space Sustainability Forum in Geneva on 7 and 8 October 2025. This event will discuss coordinated, pragmatic, and inclusive actions to ensure the long-term viability of space radiocommunications systems for current and future generations.

Dear Participants,

I would also like to draw your attention to some outcomes of the April 2025 meeting of the Radiocommunication Advisory Group. The RAG agreed to continue the work of its Correspondence Group on Improving the CPM Process, with special consideration of the second session of the CPM. The RAG also agreed to create a new Correspondence Group on the ITU Strategic Plan 2028-

2031. I invite your administrations to actively participate in and contribute to these Correspondence Groups.

Finally, Council-25 approved a new revision of Decision 482 on the methodology to calculate the cost recovery fees for processing of satellite network filings. This new revision will enter into force on 1st of January 2026. The goal is to properly reflect the costs of processing filings, in view of the evolution and complexity of non-GSO satellite constellations and GSO satellite networks.

Mr. Chairman,

In concluding, 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.