

**ADDRESS BY CHAIRMAN WRC-15 AT THE**  
**EXTRAORDINARY PLENARY MEETING**  
**16<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2015**

Distinguish delegates and colleagues,

I welcome you to this extraordinary plenary meeting, which has been convened following the coordinated multiple terrorist attacks that were carried out in Paris on Friday night. We are therefore gathered this morning at this extraordinary plenary meeting, to express our solidarity to the victims, their families, as well as the Government and people of France.

With a deep feeling of pain and grief, On behalf of all delegates and participants to the ITU 2015 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-15), I would like to express our sincere condolences to the Government and people of France and in particular, the French delegation present at this WRC-15 for this tragedy.

It is true that we live in a dynamic world of telecommunications and ICTs; it is equally true that evil and wickedness have also continued to increase in sophistication and extra-ordinarily dreadful dimensions. I believe that present in this conference are bright minds and smart people with diverse expertise and ideas that can help in the design of solutions that would help humanity and greatly reduce

to the barest minimum this type of ugly incident in our society. I therefore urge us as individuals, corporate entities and Administrations to make every effort to assist humanity in this direction. You may wish to recall that, we just did it for the aviation industry through our response in the allocation of spectrum to facilitate global flight tracking (GFT) in response to the unfortunate incident of the disappearance of the Malaysian airline, Flight MH370 on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

I want to assure the French delegation that I and the entire delegation present at this WRC-15 share in your pains for this great loss. I pray that the Almighty God grant us all the comfort and peace we all need to overcome this tragedy.

Permit me therefore at this point in time, to request that we all stand up for one minute silence in honour of all the departed. We may now rise.

Thank You.