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MINISTER'S REMARKS **(3 minutes)**

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Your Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates, Colleagues, and Friends.

Let me begin by expressing our sincere appreciation to the Government of Azerbaijan for the warm hospitality and excellent arrangements in hosting this important conference.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

1. The WTDC-25's theme, “**Universal, Meaningful, and Affordable Connectivity for an Inclusive and Sustainable Digital Future,**” strongly resonates with Malaysia’s vision of **Inclusivity for an Equitable Future.**
2. Malaysia’s Partner2Connect (P2C) pledges embody this commitment through initiatives such as the National Digital Network Plan (JENDELA), the National Information Dissemination Centre (NADI), and the KITAR (E-Waste) initiative; all designed to expand broadband access, enhance affordability, and promote sustainability through responsible digital transformation.
3. We are proud that both JENDELA and NADI were recognised among the WSIS Prizes Winners, reaffirming Malaysia’s belief that digital inclusion and innovation are key to empowering people and transforming lives.
4. Yet, as connectivity expands, trust must grow. This is why ASEAN, under the Malaysian Chairmanship, adopted the Kuala Lumpur Declaration on the Safe and Responsible Use of Social Media Platforms for ASEAN at the 47th ASEAN Summit this year.

5. Malaysia is also proud to have spearheaded the development of the Guidelines for the Safe and Responsible Use of Social Media Platforms for ASEAN, uniting member states in promoting online safety, accountability, and cross-border cooperation.
6. At home, Malaysia continues to strengthen its cybersecurity, privacy, and data protection frameworks. Through our nationwide Online Safety Campaign (KIS), we empower users to navigate the internet safely by raising awareness of online risks such as scams, cyberbullying, and child exploitation.

Ladies and gentlemen,

7. Malaysia is pleased to announce its candidature for re-election to the ITU Council for the 2027–2030 term. Our campaign is founded on the belief that a truly equitable future begins with ensuring that everyone is **connected, included, and safe** in the digital world.
8. Malaysia pledges to continue advancing the ITU's global mandate by:
 - a. Promoting universal and affordable connectivity through collaboration;
 - b. Strengthening digital trust and cybersecurity resilience;
 - c. Advancing capacity-building and digital skills for all; and
 - d. Deepening regional and multi-stakeholder cooperation for an inclusive digital economy.
9. Our vision remains clear: to build a digital future where everyone is Connected, Inclusive, and Safe anytime, anywhere. To this end, Malaysia humbly seeks the valuable support of all Member States for our candidature to the ITU Council for the 2027–2030 term. Thank you.