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**Honourable Chair,
Distinguished delegates,**

On behalf of the State of Israel, I would like to express our deep appreciation to the Government and the people of Azerbaijan, for their warm and kind hospitality as well as the excellent preparations for this important event in the beautiful and welcoming city of Baku. We also congratulate H.E. Mr. Asadov and wish you, Chair, great success.

We thank the ITU for the outstanding leadership and vision of Secretary-General and the Director of the BDT.

Israel fully shares the vision that connectivity is not merely about access — it is about opportunities, resilience, and shared prosperity. In this spirit, Israel has continued to strengthen its digital ecosystem, guided by the same principles that underpin the ITU's development agenda.



Our national broadband strategy is based on the extensive deployment of fiber-optic infrastructure.

I am proud to say that within just a few years, we have achieved over 90% broadband coverage across the country, ensuring fast and reliable internet access for all — including those living in remote areas — through a collaborative incentive model between the public and private sectors.

By the end of 2024, 63 percent of the population already use fiber-based internet in a highly competitive market environment, with more than two separate fiber networks deployed, on average, to each household.

This infrastructure has become the foundation for education, healthcare, innovation, and entrepreneurship, helping bridge economic and social gaps and enabling large participation in the digital economy.



The Ministry of Communications, together with the Innovation Authority, funded 5G pilot programs, which have not only tested new technologies, but also helped create an innovation ecosystem where startups, academia and government, work together to develop applications that serve society — from smart mobility and digital health to public safety and environmental monitoring.

[in recent years] MOC has invested significant efforts in protecting critical telecommunication infrastructures, ensuring continuity of service during emergencies, and sharing expertise internationally to strengthen collective resilience.

The State of Israel acknowledges the importance of telecommunication infrastructure and services both to Israelis and to the Palestinians. Despite the tragic events on October 7th 2023, and during the past 2 years, Israel and the Palestinian Authority continued the efforts to find the right path to address the telecommunication needs of the PA.



In the past year, Israel and the PA worked together and achieved good progress in introduction of advanced cellular technologies, while finding solutions to many issues.

As part of the implementation of the principles agreement, we can now share that the agreements with the managing company were reached recently and will allow the deployment of advanced networks. we will continue these efforts to resolve the remaining matters in the near future.

Mr. Chair,

Let me conclude by re-affirming Israel's commitment to ITU endeavors, and our readiness to continue contributing to programs that support the WTDC Action Plan.

Thank you.