

## **World Radiocommunication Conference WRC-23**

### **Statement by H. E. Majed Al Mesmar, Director-General, United Arab Emirates Telecommunications and Digital Government Regulatory Authority (TDRA)**

In the name of God, the most merciful, the most compassionate.

Your Highness, Sheikh Ahmed bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Second Deputy Ruler of Dubai, Chairman of the Dubai Media Council,

Your Excellency, Doreen Bogdan Martin, Secretary-General of the International Telecommunications Union,

Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen, distinguished heads, and Members of Delegations,

May the peace, blessings and mercy of God be upon you.

The holding of the World Radiocommunication Conference in the United Arab Emirates comes just days away from our celebrations of our 52nd National Day renewing our remembrance of the historical and close relationship between the UAE and the International Telecommunications Union going back to only a few months after our state's founding.

This decision was but an expression of a forward-looking vision from the country's leadership regarding the importance of the Communications Sector in building the present and the future and laying the foundations for Sustainable Development for all of humanity.

These are the same directions that we are working towards today with a more ambitious National vision called: We the UAE 2031, which aims to achieve the most prosperous society, consolidate the country's position as a global centre for the new economy, enhance the UAE's role as the most prominent supporter of International Cooperation, and create the world's most pioneering and excellent system.

The UAE has always placed exceptional importance on the telecommunications and information Sector, and this interest was evident in the close relationship with the International Telecommunications Union whereby the UAE, by hosting this Conference today, becomes the only country in the world to have hosted all the important events and conferences of the ITU.

We move forward with this relationship based on our conviction that the way of the future is for the development that is based on Digital Technologies.

Ladies and gentlemen, while today's world is full of challenges, this Conference comes to set the course and direct the compass towards sustainable human development by updating the Radio Regulations and establishing international consensus on the frequencies necessary for the coming era, with the broad Horizons it brings in the fields of Smart Cities, the digital economy, digital society and inter alia, we're confident the Conference will meet the expectations and aspirations of our peoples.

I wish you success in your discussions and I should not fail to thank all those who are responsible for organizing and managing this Conference whether on the ITU side or on the Emirati one.

May God's mercy and blessings be upon you.

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