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***Closing Remarks***

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Mr Chairman,  
Mr Secretary-General,  
Excellencies,  
Distinguished colleagues,  
Ladies and gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure for me to declare that a very important stage of the preparatory activity for the coming WRC has been implemented with great success.

Dear Participants,

You have just completed two intense weeks of debate and discussion, and your “reward” is evident in the CPM Report to WRC-19.

The preparatory process of WRCs carried out by ITU-R has been improved over the years. These last two weeks, you have been 1304 delegates from 107 countries and 83 sector members addressing 198 contributions. These figures very well reflect the growing importance that the CPM has taken in this preparatory process during the last years.

As you all know, the CPM Report was first conceived immediately after WRC-15. From that moment, the ITU-R membership, through the ITU-R Study Groups, Working Parties and Task Group, started pursuing the tasks assigned in relation to the various WRC-19 agenda items and issues, with the objective of completing texts for the draft CPM Report by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018.

Mr. Chairman,

That objective was achieved well on time and the draft CPM Report was consolidated by the CPM-19 Management Team under your able chairmanship with the help of the vice-chairmen and of the chairmen of the study groups and responsible ITU-R groups. This document became the basic reference for our work over the past two weeks, and of course it has now been improved by the many valuable contributions from the membership.

One of the principal objectives of the CPM Report is not merely to describe the results of the studies that have taken place with respect to each agenda item, but moreover to serve as guidance to administrations in their preparation for WRC-19, by providing them with realistic options through which the agenda items may be satisfied.

In this way, it may be said that the CPM Report provides a complete and up-to-date description of the technical, operational, procedural and regulatory environment, upon which the Member States of the ITU can base their proposals to WRC-19.

The outcome of this meeting thus represents a major step in the preparations for WRC-19, the landmark event for the advancement of radiocommunications that will take place in the fall of this year.

Considerable progress has been made towards a successful outcome at the forthcoming WRC-19, concerning, in particular, the identification or use of frequency bands for the development of IMT-2020, high altitude platforms, as well as new satellite or terrestrial applications.

Important improvements of the international regulatory framework have also been identified for non-GSO and GSO satellite coordination and notification procedures, as well as for maritime, aeronautical communications and the development of new technologies.

Conditions to protect existing services, in general, and passive services, in particular, have been extensively discussed during this meeting.

I am pleased to note that CPM19-2 consolidated and agreed on single possible solutions to address a number of issues on the WRC-19 Agenda, dealing for example with:

- Some of the candidate bands under agenda items 1.13 or 1.16 (for IMT-2020, no identification in the band around 32 GHz) (for WAS/RLAN: no change in 5 250-5 470 and 5 850-5 925 MHz);
- And several of the regulatory issues under agenda item 7 (i.e. issues B, C, E, H, K).

I am also pleased to note the agreed conclusions and way forward on several of the issues identified under agenda item 9.1, for example:

- On issue 9.1.4 (on board sub-orbital vehicles);
- On issue 9.1.6 (Wireless Power Transmission for Electric Vehicles);
- Or on issue 9.1.8 (spectrum to support the implementation of narrowband and broadband machine-type communication infrastructures).

While not expecting changes to the RR, these conclusions highlight the on-going ITU-R studies on these topics.

Many of the WRC-19 agenda items are complex and linked with major technological developments in key areas of radiocommunication. The importance of these new initiatives for administrations is probably reflected in the significant proportion of regulatory material contained within the current Report.

Although our working methods are those of any ITU-R Study Group, this CPM has again been conducted in the six official languages of the Union with most of the documents translated for the benefit of the membership.

Dear Colleagues,

I would like to take the opportunity to convey my sincere thanks to the ITU staff supporting this meeting, including the BR staff and the Conferences and IS Departments for their untiring support, both before and during the CPM, as without their dedication, the texts of the Report would not have been available on time, for all the participants to enjoy in the six languages of the Union.

I wish of course to thank all delegates and participants for their support and dedication to this major ITU-R event which is in itself a demonstration of the health of the Sector and the contribution that it makes to the work of the Union as a whole.

And last but not least, let me wholeheartedly thank you, Mr Chairman, for everything you have done to help advance our work, not only during the last two weeks of the CPM19-2 but during the whole preparatory period since WRC-15.

Let me finish my remarks by wishing all the delegates, colleagues and friends a safe trip back home, and I hope to see you all at the coming conference in Sharm el-Sheikh, in Egypt later this year.

Thank you very much.