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Ladies and gentlemen, good afternoon.

On behalf of ANATEL, it is a great honor to welcome you all to the opening of this important event, the BRICS Digital Forum and Exhibition — a strategic discussion that brings together technological innovation, international cooperation, and a forward-looking vision.

I would like to begin by extending my special thanks to the Minister of Communications, Mr. Frederico de Siqueira, for the kind invitation to take part in this event and for his leadership in advancing such relevant topics. I also congratulate the Ministry and the entire organizing team for the excellent preparation of this Forum, which offers us a valuable setting for dialogue, reflection, and the development of joint solutions.

I warmly greet all the authorities, experts, representatives of international organizations, and participants who are part of today's program. The diversity of perspectives and experiences gathered here greatly enriches this debate.

This year, under Brazil's presidency, the BRICS ICT Working Group is focusing on key topics shaping the current era: the role of ICTs in environmental sustainability; universal and meaningful connectivity; space sustainability; and the new challenges of the digital ecosystem.

In the virtual event on environmental sustainability, held earlier this year, BRICS members showcased their climate action initiatives. The discussions demonstrated that technology can be leveraged not only to mitigate the negative impacts of climate change but also to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Regarding universal and meaningful connectivity, the work of the BRICS ICT Working Group focuses on the critical task of identifying and measuring existing gaps. Effective public policies require accurate information to guide decision-making. Moreover, connectivity serves as a foundational layer, influencing the adoption of other emerging technologies, such as artificial intelligence.

About space sustainability, it's important to highlight that we live in a time when outer space has become an essential infrastructure for modern life. Communications, environmental monitoring, weather forecasting, security, and digital inclusion increasingly rely on space-based technologies. However, this central role is accompanied by significant challenges: the growing occupation of orbital paths, the risk of collisions, and the accumulation of debris that threatens the continuity of space operations.

This is, therefore, a domain that demands not only technical advancement but, above all, shared, responsible, and sustainability-driven governance. In this sense, initiatives like the discussion that will be held during today's event are fundamental: by promoting dialogue among regulatory authorities, experts, industry, and

international institutions, BRICS reaffirms its commitment to building concrete solutions anchored in cooperation and public interest.

Space sustainability is not merely a technical imperative — it is a generational commitment. It means ensuring that future generations can benefit from the vast potential of space safely, responsibly, and equitably. This calls for the harmonization of rules, the development of standards, the promotion of best practices, and the incorporation of innovations such as artificial intelligence into the monitoring and management of spectrum and orbits.

On the topic of the digital ecosystem, the BRICS ICT Working Group is conducting a survey to map the different strategies adopted by the governments of the bloc. This initiative is a valuable step toward promoting digital inclusion across the vibrant, emerging economies that make up the BRICS.

May this event be a fertile ground for qualified debate, exchange of experiences, and the strengthening of a shared agenda, one that rises to meet the pressing challenges of our time.

Thank you very much, and I wish you all an excellent and productive Forum.