Brief Statement of Mr. Yerlan Abil, Rector of the Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the nominee to the Governing Council of APCICT

I am applying to the Governing Council of APCICT (the Council) as the Rector of the Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan (the Academy) and hereby I would like to express my interest to represent Kazakhstan in the Council.

In this regard, it is worth mentioning that the Academy is the institution of higher education that has unique status and provides training, retraining and advanced training for civil servants in Kazakhstan. The Academy positions itself as a "think tank" that provides research and expert-analytical support to the ongoing reforms in the country in the field of public administration and combating corruption. It combines the academic excellence with a commitment to producing the highly motivated, well-rounded and socially engaged future leaders. The purpose of the Academy is the implementation of educational programs of postgraduate and additional education (training, retraining and advanced training of civil servants), creation of a methodological and scientific basis for public administration and combating corruption, as well as the development and implementation of project management in public administration. The main task of the Academy is to build a unique and advanced educational and research school, the potential and capabilities of which are capable of providing the state with highly professional civil servants. The Academy takes into account international experience, modern and future needs of the public service in developing new educational programs. The mission of the Academy is to create, preserve and disseminate knowledge for the benefit of the country and the world.

The transformation and reforms in Kazakhstan, especially digitalization in the field of public administration and governance couples with the mission of the Academy. "Digital Academy" project is one of such transformation projects that currently is being implemented in the Academy with comprehensive use of IT technology and introduction of new technological and management solutions as well as active use of digital learning technology. Educational programs of the Academy include courses such as decision-making based on data analysis, IT in state institutions.

We strongly believe that presence of Kazakhstani government in the Council would enhance and strengthen these initiatives. Furthermore, it will contribute to the exchange of experiences and dissemination of world best practices of the capacity building on digital technologies for sustainable development.

In a rapidly changing world with its global economic and political challenges, it is very important to recognize new opportunities, make effective decisions in a timely manner and with the least risks, and carry out activities at a high quality level.

Recognizing the important responsibility that I undertake, I hereby personally pledge to promote good relations and an effective means of communication between board and the country I represent, as well as to carry out in a diligent manner all the duties and obligations inherent in my role.