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Note by the Secretary-General

CANDIDACY FOR THE POST OF MEMBER OF THE RADIO REGULATIONS BOARD (RRB)

Further to the information published in Document 3, I have pleasure in transmitting to the Conference, in annex, the candidacy of:

Mr Yvon Henri (France)

for the post of member of the Radio Regulations Board.

Houlin ZHAO
Secretary-General

Annex: 1

ANNEX

To: The secretariat of the International Telecommunication Union, Geneva
From: The Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations Office in Geneva and other international organizations in Switzerland

The Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations Office in Geneva and other international organizations in Switzerland presents its compliments to the secretariat of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and, with a view to the elections to be held during the 18th ITU plenipotentiary conference to be held from 29 October to 16 November 2018 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, has the honour to inform it of the candidacy of Mr Yvon HENRI for election to the Radio Regulations Board.

The Permanent Mission of France has pleasure in appending hereto the curriculum vitae of Mr Yvon Henri — a highly regarded expert in radiocommunications who spent most of his career at ITU, including as head of the Space Services Department.

The Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations Office in Geneva and other international organizations in Switzerland avails itself of this opportunity to assure the ITU secretariat of its highest consideration.

(Official seal of the Permanent Mission of France)

Geneva, 13 February 2018

VISION

Yvon Henri has dedicated most of his professional career to the development of competition and the promotion of affordable access to high-quality broadband communication services for all. He has proven his outstanding skills in managing and solving highly complex commercial and political situations through his ability to build consensus and achieve results, especially in cases involving sensitive satellite harmful-interference issues and difficult inter-satellite coordination.

If elected as a Member of the Board, Mr. Henri commits to:

- > Ensuring that the RRB continues to fulfill the expectations of the ITU Member States, in accordance with the ITU Constitution and Convention,
- > Sparing no effort in ensuring the effective application of the ITU Radio Regulations in a fair, collegial and independent manner,
- > Continuing all actions required to enhance access to the global information network by all Member States within the Radio Regulations framework,
- > Serving the ITU Member States through attentiveness to their needs and rapid action whenever required.

Family status: Married

Nationality: French

Age: 62 years old

Education: Engineer, graduate of the Institut National des Sciences Appliquées (Toulouse, 1979)

Languages: French, English, Spanish (basic knowledge)

Publications:

Articles on non-geostationary constellations and international regulations in magazines such as *Global Communications*, *Space Business*, *CommsMEA*, *Space Policy*

Conference results in *AIR & Space LAW*, 2016

“Economic methods of improving efficient use of the orbit/spectrum resource by satellite systems” in *Space Policy*, 2012

Co-author of “Small Satellites, Regulatory Challenges and Chances”, “Routledge Handbook of Space Law” 2016



Yvon HENRI

CANDIDATE TO THE POST
OF MEMBER OF THE RADIO
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OF THE INTERNATIONAL
TELECOMMUNICATION UNION



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YVON HENRI CANDIDATE TO THE POST OF MEMBER OF THE RADIO REGULATIONS BOARD

Mr. Henri has held various high-level management positions in both the public and private sectors as well as in intergovernmental organizations including the Radiocommunication Bureau.

Throughout his professional career, Mr. Yvon Henri has always strived to initiate, develop and promote policies to enhance the opportunities afforded by the telecommunication/ICT sector, in particular for the global harmonization of space and terrestrial applications, with particular focus on the adaptation of space services to the constantly evolving world.

He has also been actively involved in the definition, development and implementation of numerous national, regional and international satellite network programmes, dealing with governments and industry at political and senior level in both developed and developing countries.

He has been constantly committed to durably strengthen countries' space capabilities over the five continents and has been assisting them with the application of the ITU regulations and with the preservation of their satellite communication rights.

He has been able to acquire a thorough knowledge of space regulations and a comprehensive understanding of the functioning of the RRB thanks to his many years of experience working for the Radiocommunication Bureau.

The Radio Regulations Board (RRB) is a specific body within the Radiocommunication Sector of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), which is dedicated to the resolution of conflicts that may occur while implementing the provisions of the Radio Regulations. As such, it has been working together with the ITU Member States and the Radiocommunication Bureau to carry out its mission and objectives.

It plays a key role in the adaptation of the international regulation to the new regulatory paradigms arising from the rapid evolution of the satellite industry and offers timely and effective responses to these issues, which cannot afford to wait for a World Radio Conference (WRC) to be dealt with.

Mr. Henri believes that the RRB is a unique and indispensable ITU body, where developing and developed countries can submit their concerns regarding the implementation of the provisions of the Radio Regulations.

Thanks to his experience of 30 years in the telecommunication sector and in particular to the 14 years spent as Chief of the Space Services Department of the Radiocommunication Bureau, he wishes to make his expertise available to the ITU, the RRB and the Member States, covering technical, regulatory, managerial, policy and diplomatic aspects alike, in order to provide them with suitable responses.

30 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN THE ICT SECTOR

1995-2017 > ITU Radiocommunication Bureau

Mr. Henri has been successively engineer, then Head of the Space Systems Coordination Division (SSC) between 1995 and 2003, before he became Chief of the Space Services Department (SSD) between 2003 and 2017. In this capacity, he was responsible for the international registration, recognition and protection of frequency assignments to all satellite systems and networks, whether commercial, governmental or scientific. As SSD Chief, Mr. Yvon Henri has acquired far-reaching knowledge of the needs and challenges faced by all the Member States, in particular underserved communities worldwide, in their efforts to access the radio-frequency spectrum and satellite orbit resources. He has assisted and supported the development of space projects enabling communications in remote areas.

1993-1995 > France Télécom

Mr. Henri developed and actively promoted consensual positions at several ITU World Administrative Radiocommunication Conferences (WARC) and played an active role in reshaping the international regulatory framework for satellite networks as defined by the ITU, working closely with all administrations, the industry, the satellite operators, and regional and international organizations.

1989-1993 > INTELSAT

Mr. Henri has successfully worked to enhance and improve the organization's status with the ITU, and also succeeded at WARC-92 in gaining additional Ku-band spectrum (13.75-14 GHz).

1981-1989 > Direction Générale des Télécommunications (DGT) then France Télécom

Mr. Henri has been successively network engineer, then engineer in charge of preparations for ITU space conferences.

1979-1981 > Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Libreville, Gabon)

In charge of the technical cooperation aspects at both the Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Ingénieurs de Libreville (ENSIL) and the Omar Bongo Technical High School, Mr. Henri's first position for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs destined him to an internationally oriented career.