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Note by the Secretary-General

CANDIDACY FOR THE POST OF DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL

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

Mr Malcolm Johnson (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

for the post of Deputy Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union.

Houlin Zhao
Secretary-General

Annex: 1

7 March 2018

Mr Houlin Zhao
Secretary-General of the International
Telecommunication Union
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Secretary of State

Dear Mr Secretary - General,

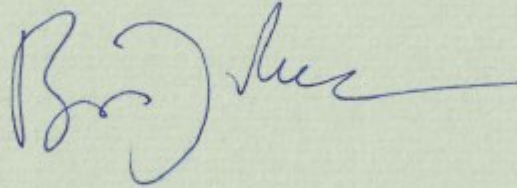
On behalf of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, I have the honour to confirm that the Government of the United Kingdom is formally supporting the candidature of Malcolm Johnson for the position of Deputy Secretary-General at the elections to be held during the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-18) that will take place in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, from 29 October to 16 November 2018.

Since he was first elected as Deputy Secretary General in 2014, and previously as Director of Standardization, Malcolm Johnson has made a significant contribution to the work of the ITU. During his first term as Deputy Secretary General he has demonstrated the strengths which make him the ideal candidate to support the Secretary General in delivering the ITU's strategic goals. He is well-placed to continue the improvements to ITU processes and procedures which benefit all the ITU membership and respond to the current major challenges of the telecommunications and ICT environment.

Malcolm Johnson stands out for his deep understanding and appreciation of the wider issues facing the Union and the concerns of its diverse membership, combined with a clear strategic vision, proven management skills, and diplomacy. He is recognised for delivering new and original ideas, developing them through consensus building, finding common ground in difficult negotiations, fully consulting and taking advice of staff, being sensitive to the interests of the developing countries, and embracing the full range of technical, regulatory, procedural, and commercial factors that run through ITU activities.

Malcolm has shown strong leadership of the ITU and, in particular the General Secretariat, to secure and implement a number of key deliverables. The clearest illustration of this is his work to achieve Council agreement to a new headquarters building for ITU after many years of discussion. Under Malcolm's leadership this, the ITU's largest ever project, will provide a modern, sustainable and long-term headquarters for the Union.

May I take this opportunity, on behalf of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, to express our appreciation for your commitment to the goals of the ITU, and to assure you of our highest regards.

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THE RT HON BORIS JOHNSON MP

Malcolm Johnson

Candidate for re-election to the
post of Deputy Secretary-General

International
Telecommunication
Union



Foreword - Candidature of Malcolm Johnson



The Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon

Minister of State for the Commonwealth
and the United Nations
Foreign and Commonwealth Office



Rt Hon Matt Hancock MP

Minister for Digital and Culture,
Department for Digital,
Culture, Media & Sport

We are delighted to endorse Malcolm Johnson for a second term as Deputy Secretary General of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

Malcolm has:

- the right qualities, skills and experience necessary to ensure that the ITU continues to serve the needs of all its members and to build a strong and successful future for the Union.
- an in-depth understanding of ITU's diverse membership, including the needs of developing countries, combined with a clear strategic vision, proven management skills and diplomacy.
- played a critical role in securing the success of the new ITU headquarters project and is committed to ensuring it delivers an outstanding new building that will serve the ITU membership and staff well in the years ahead.
- an effective, inclusive and innovative approach that has delivered improvements and efficiencies at the ITU, helping to put the Union on a stronger financial footing.

- developed new ideas through consultation and cooperation, collaborating with developing countries and embracing the full range of technical, regulatory and commercial factors that run through ITU activities.

Malcolm Johnson has excellent relationships across the whole of the ITU. Since his time as Director of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Bureau (TSB) he has continued to reach out to ITU members in all regions in a spirit of friendship and common purpose.

It is with great pleasure, therefore, that we commend Malcolm Johnson to you as the candidate with the commitment and vision to continue to support the Secretary-General. We hope you will join us in supporting Malcolm's candidature for re-election as Deputy Secretary-General.

My Commitment

Malcolm Johnson



My vision

An interconnected world where ICTs underpin social, economic and environmentally sustainable growth to provide a fairer and more empowered information society for all, and where the ITU plays its full part in delivering that.

My commitment

Connecting the unconnected will create high-impact entrepreneurship and socio-economic growth. Delivering affordable and readily available access to broadband networks will ensure the necessary scaling up of key areas such as e-learning, e-health and mobile financial services, as well as other ways that ICTs in general can assist communities across the world. In particular, ICTs will fundamentally support the achievement of the UN's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and ITU will play its full part in ensuring this, working to achieve key initiatives such as the Connect 2020 Agenda.

Collaboration, cooperation and coordination, within the ITU family and with other UN agencies and standards development organisations, is a key role of the post of Deputy Secretary-General and one that requires proven management and diplomatic skills, good team spirit, and a respect for the diverse views of the membership and other stakeholders. My door is always open to new ideas and ways for the ITU to deliver on its remit to the benefit of all its membership. Also, I will continue to

advocate ITU's gender and diversity policy, something that I have pursued successfully during my time in ITU.

I am dedicated to advancing the many initiatives I have launched during my first term. This includes driving the reform of the ITU including its finances, and the successful delivery of a new "smart" headquarters building, which will be built, to schedule and on budget. I promise to ensure this is a building, which will inspire and enhance the working environment for all ITU membership, our stakeholders and especially the ITU staff.

I am fully committed to continue my excellent working relationship with the Secretary-General and the other members of the new team to meet these challenges. I pledge to ensure that the ITU is at the forefront to serve the global community and the whole of its membership in the years to come.

Yours sincerely

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Experience & Achievements

Malcolm Johnson

- » Elected Deputy Secretary-General of the ITU at the 2014 Plenipotentiary Conference. Previously elected ITU Director for Standardization (2007-14), leading ITU's work on bridging the standardization gap and other initiatives.
- » Delivered balanced budgets to Council, without any withdrawal from the reserve fund, and ensured that ITU continues to be financially prudent.
- » Led the Management Board for the ITU's new headquarters building, delivering proposals that resulted in a potential saving of over CHF120 million.
- » Ensured ITU is on track to implement the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) recommendations, promoting ITU's ranking to 5th within UN agencies. The JIU now recognises ITU as "the model agency".
- » Successfully performed the duties of DSG in accordance with CS77, supervised the C&P and IS Departments.
- » Successfully performed the duties of the Secretary-General in his absence and represented the ITU at high-level events including: UN General Assembly; COP; G20 ministerial; BRICS ministerial; and the Internet Governance Forum.
- » Effectively coordinated preparations for the WSIS Forum, Council and work on the Connect 2020 Agenda and the UN's 2030 sustainable development goals.
- » Modernised ITU physical security and developed an Organizational Resilience Management System for business continuity and disaster recovery.

Born:

Trallwng, Wales, 19 June 1947

Status:

Married, with one daughter

Languages:

English, French and some Spanish

Education:

Master of Science Degree, Bachelor of Science degree (1st class honours), University of Wales; Chartered Engineer; Fellow of Institution of Engineering and Technology.

- **2015 to present:** ITU Deputy Secretary-General
- **2007 to 2014:** Director of ITU's Telecommunication Standardization Bureau
- **2003 to 2007:** International Coordinator at the United Kingdom's Office of Communications (Ofcom)
- **1992 to 2003:** Director of the United Kingdom's Radiocommunications Agency
- **1988 to 1992:** European Commission, Telecommunication Regulations Division