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**Note by the Secretary-General**

CANDIDACY FOR THE POST OF DIRECTOR OF THE  
RADIOCOMMUNICATION BUREAU (BR)

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

**Mr Mario MANIEWICZ (Eastern Republic of Uruguay)**

for the post of Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau of the International Telecommunication Union.

Houlin ZHAO  
Secretary-General

Annex: 1

*Misión Permanente del Uruguay  
ante la Oficina de Naciones Unidas y  
Organismos Especializados*



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The Permanent Mission of the Eastern Republic of Uruguay to the United Nations Office and the Other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Secretary General of the International Telecommunications Union, Houlin Zhao, and has the honour to inform the decision of the Government of the Eastern Republic of Uruguay to present the candidature of Ing. Mario Maniewicz for the post of Director of the ITU Radiocommunication Bureau for the term 2019-2022; to be elected during the next ITU Plenipotentiary Conference in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, which will take place from 29 October to 16 November 2018.

In this regard, the Permanent Mission of the Eastern Republic of Uruguay to the United Nations Office and the Other International Organizations in Geneva, wishes to stress the qualifications, experience and leadership that Ing. Mario Maniewicz has developed over the past 30 years of service in ITU, becoming a naturally suitable candidate to perform the post of Director of the ITU Radiocommunication Bureau. We attach hereby the curriculum vitae and vision statement from the candidate.

The Permanent Mission of the Eastern Republic of Uruguay to the United Nations Office and the Other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary General of the International Telecommunications Union, Houlin Zhao, the assurances of its highest consideration.



Geneva, 1st October 2018

To the Secretary General of the International Telecommunications Union, Houlin Zhao.  
International Telecommunications Union  
Geneva



## Mario Maniewicz

### Candidate of Uruguay for the post of Director of the ITU Radiocommunication Bureau 2019-2022

Mr. Mario Maniewicz's commitment to the ITU has been appreciated over the past 30 years in which he has served this institution.

- He is currently the Deputy-Director of the ITU Radiocommunication Bureau (BR), which puts him in the best position to comprehend its roles. During the last 4 years, he has in particular supported the Director and the Membership in the vital function of global management of the radiofrequency spectrum and satellite orbits. Having worked with all Administrations, he will be a key player in supporting their efforts to transition to the digital economy.
- Previously, Mr. Maniewicz served at the ITU Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT), which conferred him a deep understanding of the needs of all nations. In light of his extensive experience in capacity building, he will strive to further the development of human resources and help empower developing countries to promote the growth of radiocommunication services, which are the driving force behind the digital ecosystem.
- During his time in the ITU Regional Offices, he worked closely with governments, regulators and operators in order to develop strategic policies and regulations to enable the modernization of the telecommunication sector in Latin American countries. By contributing his ability to foster collaboration among different stakeholders, he will ensure that the BR is capable of supporting the relevant players in their efforts to reduce the digital divide.
- Mr. Maniewicz is an electronic engineer, specialized in Telecommunications. He has worked as an Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Engineering of Uruguay's leading University, as well as in that country's main telecommunications operator. This grants him the technical background and experience to understand current technological developments in the field of radiocommunication and the corresponding regulatory provisions relating to BR's mandate.

Mr. Maniewicz has comprehensive knowledge of the ITU, and broad experience in the telecommunications sector. Having worked in the BR, the BDT as well as the ITU Regional Offices, he understands the rapidly changing telecommunications/ICT environment and its challenges. He has the necessary leadership and managerial skills to assume the position of BR Director and deliver on the expectations of the Member States, Sector Members and Academia.

# Background and Career Highlights

Nationality: Uruguayan

Date of Birth: 13 November 1958

Marital Status: married, two children

Languages: Spanish, English, French and Portuguese

## EDUCATION

- Electronic engineer specialized in Telecommunications, graduated from Universidad de la República – Montevideo, Uruguay (1984)

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

### International Telecommunication Union (1988 – present)

Deputy Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau (since 2014)

- Assists the Director of the BR, Member States, Sector Members, Associates and Academia in the vital function of global management of the radiofrequency spectrum and satellite orbits
- Heads the Informatics, Administration and Publication Department
- Was the overall organizer of the World Radiocommunication Conference 2015 (WRC-15)
- Played a key role in WRC-15 serving as the Secretary of the Conference

Chief of Infrastructure, Enabling Environment and E-Applications Department (2011 – 2014)

- Directed the efforts to assist developing countries in bridging the digital divide by promoting the use of ICT-based networks, services and applications, while ensuring the use of appropriate technologies to build or extend their information and communication infrastructure, as well as adapt to the rapidly changing telecommunication/ICT environment.
- Led activities aimed at providing guidelines and tools for the development of policy and regulatory frameworks, financing policies and development strategies. These included promotion of pervasive broadband deployment, transition from analogue to digital broadcasting, spectrum management and monitoring, as well as other areas of ICT development such as deployment of telecommunication and IP-based networks and use of reliable and cost-effective ICT applications while enhancing cyber-security.
- Promoted access and use of telecommunications and ICTs for groups that have been marginalized in their access to current mainstream ICT services, including women, youth, indigenous people, persons with disabilities and people living in remote communities.

Chief of Policies and Strategies Department (2007 – 2011)

- Led the development of telecommunications and ICT policies and regulations to assist developing countries in promoting investment and enhancing their networks and services.
- Responsible for the organization of the Global Symposium for Regulators, enhanced the event by incorporating the Chief Regulatory Officers and the Regional Regulatory Associations meetings.

- Directed other activities in the policy and regulatory domain, as well as in the areas of ICT statistical data collection and analysis, Internet and IP networks development, and human capacity building.

#### Head of Human Capacity Building Division (2000 – 2007)

- Designed strategies and implemented projects on training, human resources management and development, organizational development and managerial development for telecommunications
- Assisted governments, regulators and operators of developing countries in the definition of their organizational and managerial strategies and policies, the identification of their Human Resource and Organizational Development needs, including training of top level managers in modern management and competitive transformation related aspects.

#### Regional Administrator, Brazil Regional Office (1993 – 2000)

- Managed projects in various fields such as rural telecommunication development, frequency management and monitoring, transformation of the telecommunication sector, strengthening of regulatory agencies and transformation of telecommunication operators, among others.
- Played a key role in the definition of policies and regulatory frameworks for the opening of the telecommunication sector to competition in the Americas Region.

#### Regional Administrator, Chile Area Office (1990 – 1993)

- Managed projects for the modernization and reorganization of incumbent telecommunication operators in the Americas Region.
- Attended to the sectorial development needs of the countries in the region.

#### Regional Expert, Field Office in Peru (1988 – 1990)

- Responsible for the assistance to operators and regulators in developing and implementing methodologies for production and delivery of modular training in telecommunications.
- Provided assistance to the countries in the region in the preparation of their top managers to face the changes in the sector, such as convergence and competition.

#### **ANTEL (Telecommunications Operator of Uruguay) (1979 – 1988)**

Director, ANTEL Training Centre (1987 – 1988)

Telecommunication Engineer (1985 – 1987)

Engineering Assistant (1979 – 1985)

#### **Universidad de la República (Uruguay) (1984 – 1986)**

Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Engineering, for the chair of Electronics & Circuits, as well as for the chair of Circuits & Electric Measurements (1984 – 1986)

## Vision Statement

Telecommunications/ICT are a key enabler to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and to build a world where social, economic, environmental, and technological development is sustainable and available for everyone, everywhere.

Technologies such as mobile communications, the Internet of Things, connected cars and cities, the fourth industrial revolution and artificial intelligence, all depend on telecommunication networks, services and applications, and increasingly rely on radiocommunications to provide the basis for ubiquitous connectivity.

The ITU Radiocommunication Sector plays a vital role in this ecosystem: managing frequency spectrum and satellite orbits, as well as developing globally harmonized regulations and standards, are fundamental in order to ensure accessible and affordable telecommunications to all.

In order to achieve this goal, many challenges lay ahead of us:

- Reducing the digital divide and providing global connectivity,
- Striking the right balance between protecting investments and fostering innovation,
- Providing timely access to spectrum/orbits resources.

Having worked in the Telecommunication Sector for over 30 years, I understand and embrace these challenges. Moreover, my leadership will abide by the principles of transparency, efficiency and inclusiveness by:

- Applying the Radio Regulations in a fair and transparent manner,
- Implementing a digital transformation to increase the efficiency of the BR,
- Empowering developing countries, least developed countries and small island states.

The achievement of the SDGs can only be accomplished by the joint work of governments and the private sector, with the support of the Radiocommunication Bureau and in close collaboration with the Telecommunication Development Bureau.

Let us unite our strengths to foster affordable connectivity to all citizens, enable the connection of billions of devices and accelerate the realization of the SDGs by using Telecommunications and ICTs.

# Commitment

## Transparency

- Focus on the core mandate of the ITU-R
- Ensure the procedures of the Radio Regulations are applied in a fair and transparent manner
- Leverage the expertise, impartiality and reliability of the ITU-R
- Provide a neutral platform for all countries to collaborate
- Support the development of globally harmonized regulations and standards
- Deliver the technical assistance required by Member States

## Efficiency

- Implement a digital transformation and increase the agility of ITU-R's processes
- Modernize the ITU-R databases and practises
- Improve response times, in compliance with regulatory deadlines
- Incorporate data and analytics to the decision-making process

## Inclusiveness

- Improve the Bureau's receptiveness to all Members' needs
  - Further promote the participation of developing, least developed countries, and small island states in the work of the ITU-R
  - Empower ITU-R Members to make decisions that will have a positive impact on ICT and the digital ecosystem
  - Ensure the information produced by the ITU-R, the Radio Regulations, Resolutions, Reports, Recommendations, and Handbooks are disseminated to all countries
  - Support concrete projects and initiatives towards bridging the digital divide
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