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| **Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-18)Dubai, 29 October – 16 November 2018** |  |
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| PLENARY MEETING | **Document 176-E** |
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| minutesOF THEnineteenth PLENARY MEETING |
| Friday, 16 November 2018, at 1505 hours |
| **Chairman:** Mr Majed ALMESMAR (United Arab Emirates) |

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# 1 Additional declarations ([Document 168](https://www.itu.int/md/S18-PP-C-0168/en))

1.1 The additional declarations contained in Document 168 were **noted**.

# 2 Final Acts signing ceremony

2.1 The **Secretary of the Plenary** called the roll, in French alphabetical order, of those delegations whose credentials had been found to be in order.

2.2 The Final Acts were signed by 145 delegations, as follows:

Albania (Republic of), Algeria (People's Democratic Republic of), Germany (Federal Republic of), Andorra (Principality of), Angola (Republic of), Saudi Arabia (Kingdom of), Argentine Republic, Armenia (Republic of), Australia, Austria, Azerbaijani Republic, Bahamas (Commonwealth of), Bahrain (Kingdom of), Bangladesh (People's Republic of), Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Bhutan (Kingdom of), Botswana (Republic of), Brazil (Federative Republic of), Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria (Republic of), Burkina Faso, Burundi (Republic of), Cambodia (Kingdom of), Cameroon (Republic of), Canada, Central African Republic, Chile, China (People's Republic of), Cyprus (Republic of), Vatican City State, Colombia (Republic of), Korea (Republic of), Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire (Republic of), Croatia (Republic of), Cuba, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Egypt (Arab Republic of), El Salvador (Republic of), United Arab Emirates, Ecuador, Spain, Estonia (Republic of), Eswatini (Kingdom of), United States of America, Russian Federation, Fiji (Republic of), Finland, France, Gabonese Republic, Gambia (Republic of the), Ghana, Greece, Guatemala (Republic of), Equatorial Guinea (Republic of), Guyana, Haiti (Republic of), Hungary, India (Republic of), Indonesia (Republic of), Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq (Republic of), Ireland, Iceland, Israel (State of), Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan (Hashemite Kingdom of), Kazakhstan (Republic of), Kenya (Republic of), Kuwait (State of), Lesotho (Kingdom of), Latvia (Republic of), The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Liberia (Republic of), Liechtenstein (Principality of), Lithuania (Republic of), Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malawi, Mali (Republic of), Malta, Morocco (Kingdom of), Marshall Islands (Republic of the), Mexico, Moldova (Republic of), Monaco (Principality of), Mozambique (Republic of), Namibia (Republic of), Nepal (Federal Democratic Republic of), Niger (Republic of the), Nigeria (Federal Republic of), Norway, New Zealand, Oman (Sultanate of), Uganda (Republic of), Uzbekistan (Republic of), Pakistan (Islamic Republic of), Papua New Guinea, Paraguay (Republic of), Netherlands (Kingdom of the), Peru, Philippines (Republic of the), Poland (Republic of), Portugal, Qatar (State of), Syrian Arab Republic, Kyrgyz Republic, Slovak Republic, Czech Republic, Romania, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Rwanda (Republic of), San Marino (Republic of), Senegal (Republic of), Serbia (Republic of), Seychelles (Republic of), Singapore (Republic of), Slovenia (Republic of), Somalia (Federal Republic of), Sudan (Republic of the), South Sudan (Republic of), Sri Lanka (Socialist Democratic Republic of), South Africa (Republic of), Sweden, Switzerland (Confederation of), Suriname (Republic of), Tajikistan (Republic of), Tanzania (United Republic of), Chad (Republic of), Thailand, Timor-Leste (Democratic Republic of), Togolese Republic, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, Uruguay (Eastern Republic of), Viet Nam (Socialist Republic of), Yemen (Republic of), Zambia (Republic of) and Zimbabwe (Republic of).

# 3 Closure of the conference

3.1 The **Director General of the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority of the United Arab Emirates** delivered the address available at: <https://www.itu.int/web/pp-18/en/page/215-other-speeches>**.**

3.2 The **Secretary-General** delivered the address available at: https://www.itu.int/web/pp-18/en/page/215-other-speeches. He presented the Chairman with the ITU Gold Medal and a certificate in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the work of the Union and the excellent manner in which he had steered the conference’s work. He then presented all the committee chairmen with certificates in appreciation for their efforts during the conference.

3.3 The outgoing **Director of BR** delivered the address available at: <https://www.itu.int/web/pp-18/en/speech/215>.

3.4 The outgoing **Director of BDT** delivered the address available at: <https://www.itu.int/web/pp-18/en/speech/216>.

3.5 The **Chairman** delivered the address available at: <https://www.itu.int/web/pp-18/en/page/215-other-speeches>.

3.6 The **delegates of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Egypt, Kenya**, speaking also on behalf of the African group, the **Russian Federation**, speaking also on behalf of RCC, **Malaysia**, speaking also on behalf of APT, **Canada**, speaking also on behalf of CITEL, **Romania**, speaking also on behalf of CEPT, **Brazil, Indonesia, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Bahrain, the United States, Azerbaijan** and **the Republic of Korea** expressed deep gratitude to the people and Government of the United Arab Emirates for the outstanding conference arrangements and warm welcome provided to all participants. Particular appreciation was expressed to the Chairman, who had navigated the conference through sometimes turbulent waters with patience, wisdom, flexibility and humour; tothe Director General of the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority of the United Arab Emirates; and to Mr Tariq Al Awadhi of the United Arab Emirates delegation. While it had not been possible to reach agreement on all matters, the work done on even the most contentious would serve as a basis for future progress, as all involved departed with a greater understanding of the issues at stake. Among the many achievements of the conference, one that particularly stood out was the election of a woman to serve as an elected official for the first time in the Union’s history. The resolutions and decisions adopted by the conference – by consensus in every case – would cement the Union’s position at the forefront of work to develop information and communication technology, including new and emerging technologies such as over-the-top, and bridge the digital divide around the world.

3.7 The **delegate of the United Arab Emirates**, speaking on behalf of the Arab group, welcomed the outcomes of the conference, particularly in important areas such as over-the-top technologies and the adoption of strategic and financial plans for the Union for the coming years. In his national capacity, he added his thanks to all those who had ensured the smooth running of the conference, which had achieved environmental sustainability certification, and applauded the election of a woman to a senior management position for the first time.

3.8 **A four-minute video was shown on the main highlights of the three weeks of the conference.**

3.9 The **Chairman**, thanking all the participants, declared closed the 2018 Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union.

**The meeting rose at 1755 hours.**

The Secretary-General: The Chairman:

H. ZHAO M. ALMESMAR

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