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Note by the Secretary-General

CANDIDACY FOR THE POST OF MEMBER OF THE RADIO REGULATIONS BOARD

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



**THE PERMANENT MISSION
OF FRANCE TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE
IN GENEVA AND OTHER
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
IN SWITZERLAND**

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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 in Bucharest during the plenipotentiary conference (26 September to 14 October 2022), has the honour to inform it of the candidacy of Mr Yvon HENRI for re-election to the Radio Regulations Board for the period 2023-2026.

The Permanent Mission of France avails itself of this opportunity to assure the ITU secretariat of its highest consideration.



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MY PROFILE AND OBJECTIVES

With my creativity and listening skills, I am particularly drawn to innovative projects that operate in a dynamic environment. Having extensive professional experience, my objective is to move towards a position of active support, expert consultancy and assistance for regulatory, technical and business teams.

Yvon Henri Senior adviser on regulatory matters

Expert on national and international regulation for spectrum/orbital resources; strategic consultancy; lobbying; development of standards, regulations and procedures; technology watch; communication

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

(since 2019)

Member of the Radio Regulations Board (RRB) International Telecommunication Union (ITU), Geneva

- Ensuring the application of the ITU Radio Regulations (RR) in an equitable, cooperative and independent manner
- Improving access to the worldwide information network and the spectrum/orbit resources for all Member States of the Union

(Since June 2021)

President YHConseil, France

(2018-04/2020)

Chief, Regulatory Advisor OneWeb, USA/UK

- Representing, advocating for and defending the strategic interests of OneWeb linked to the spectrum and to orbits and regulation by interacting with the competent national and international authorities
- Anticipating, adapting and influencing legislative and regulatory developments
- Lobbying for the amendment or elimination of laws and regulations
- Contributing to defining a strategic orientation with the regulatory, technical and business teams

(2003 - 2017)

Chief, Space Services Department International Telecommunication Union (ITU), Geneva

- Initiating, developing and promoting policies to improve and adapt space regulations for the needs of all countries
- Defining, developing and implementing national satellite network programmes

- Resolving complex business and policy situations (harmful interference, coordination between satellite networks)
Earlier

Head, Space Systems Coordination Division ITU, Geneva (1995-2003)

Head of engineering regulatory matters France Telecom, Paris (1993-1995)

Head of engineering regulatory matters Intelsat, Washington DC (1989-1993)

Telecommunication engineer ENSIL (Gabon), France Telecom (Paris) (1979-1989)

COMPETENCIES

- Providing project leadership, making strategic choices and reporting
- Embracing innovation, conducting research to understand and adapt the existing space ecosystem appropriately
- Initiating, conceptualizing, developing and implementing new proposals; being proactive
- Communicating information and experiences, sharing, listening, showing an open mind, performing the role of mediator
- Bringing together stakeholders, coordinating with others within the organization but also with national, regional and international players

Languages:

- French, mother tongue

EDUCATION

1979

Engineering diploma from INSA, the Institut National des Sciences Appliquées in Toulouse

INTERESTS

Innovation
Dynamism
Teamwork
Communication
Music
Cinema
Travel

STRENGTHS

-Enterprising
-Innovative
-Rigorous
-Dynamic
-Optimistic
-Engaged

Publications

- Economic Methods of Improving Efficient Use of the Orbit Spectrum by Satellite Systems (Space Policy, 2012)
- WRC-2015 results (Air & Space Law, 2016)
- Small Satellites, Regulatory Challenges and Chances (Routledge Handbook of Space Law, 2016)
- Space Security and Frequency Management (Handbook on Space Security, Springer, 2019)
- OneWeb Satellite System (Handbook on small Satellites, Springer, 2020)
- ITU Regulatory Regime to Non-GSO FSS, RNSS and SDM systems (Vol. on Space Laws, University of Brest, 2020)

Candidate's statement

Yvon Henri has dedicated most of his professional career to the promotion of equitable access to the spectrum and the development of high-quality broadband communication services for all. He has proven his skills in managing and solving highly complex situations through his ability to build consensus and achieve mutually acceptable results, especially in sensitive cases involving harmful-interference issues and difficult coordination between satellite networks and systems.

During his first term on the Radio Regulations Board, which capped a 35-year career in telecommunications, including 14 years as Head of the Space Systems Coordination Division, Mr Henri put his technical, regulatory, managerial, policy and diplomatic expertise at the service of the Board and the Member States, striving to find solutions to their differences with a view to achieving balanced and appropriate solutions. Among his accomplishments is the collegial response to the difficulties that administrations have encountered with the regulatory deadlines for their satellite networks as a result of the world pandemic, much-appreciated assistance to the Bureau in putting into place Resolution 559 (WRC-19) to help administrations identify viable frequencies in the Appendix 30 and 30A Plans, and proposals for balanced solutions to resolve harmful-interference problems and persistent disagreements regarding the coordination of satellite networks between Member States. As Chairman of the Board's Working Group on the Rules of Procedure, he successfully managed the Board's work on updating the rules in the light of the decisions of WRC-19 and drawing up rules for more sensitive questions such as that of frequency assignments to stations situated on disputed territories.

Mr Henri is convinced that the Board is a unique and indispensable ITU body, to which developing and developed countries can refer their difficulties in regard to the implementation of provisions of the Radio Regulations.

If re-elected as a member of the Board, Mr Henri commits to:

1. Ensuring that the RRB continues to fulfil the expectations of the ITU Member States, in accordance with the ITU Constitution and Convention,
2. Sparing no effort in ensuring the effective application of the ITU Radio Regulations in a fair, collegial and independent manner,
3. Continuing all actions required to enhance access to the global information network by all Member States within the Radio Regulations framework,
4. Serving the ITU Member States by being attentive to their needs and ensuring rapid action by the Board whenever required.
