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| PLENARY MEETING | **Addendum 16 to Document 68-E** |
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| ITU Member States, members of the Regional Commonwealth in the field of Communications (RCC) | |
| Draft New PP-22 Resolution | |
| ON TERMS OF OFFICE FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE UNION | |
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| Summary  This draft new Resolution aims to improve the effectiveness with which the Union is managed.  Action required  The Plenipotentiary Conference is invited to **consider** this proposal and **take a decision with the aim of fostering broader participation by developing countries**.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  References  - |

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Draft New Resolution [RCC-2]

On terms of office for elected officials of the Union

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Bucharest, 2022),

recalling

*a)* that all Member States have the right to nominate candidates for election as elected officials of the Union (CS 26);

*b)* that the Plenipotentiary Conference elects the Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General and the Directors of the Bureaux as elected officials of the Union (CS 55);

*c)* that the Plenipotentiary Conference provides any general directives dealing with the staffing of the Union and, if necessary, fixes the basic salaries, the salary scales and the system of allowances and pensions for all the officials of the Union (CS 52);

*d)* that the paramount consideration in the recruitment of staff and in the determination of the conditions of service is the necessity of securing for the Union the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity. Due regard is to be paid to the importance of recruiting the staff on as wide a geographical basis as possible;

*e)* Article 9 of the ITU Constitution, on principles concerning elections and related matters;

*f)* the section on elected officials of Article 2 of the ITU Convention (CV 13-19),

taking into account

*a)* that the Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General and the Directors of the Bureaux take up their duties on the dates determined by the Plenipotentiary Conference at the time of their election;

*b)* that the Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General and the Directors of the Bureaux normally remain in office until dates determined by the following plenipotentiary conference, and shall be eligible for re-election once only for the same post;

*c)* that re-election of elected officials of the Union means that it is possible once only and only for a second term, regardless of whether it is consecutive or not;

*d)* that the nomination of candidates from developing countries[[1]](#footnote-1)1 for the post of Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau shall facilitate both the effective participation by developing countries in the activities of the Union and the development of telecommunications/ICTs, taking into account the needs of developing countries and the special geographical situation of some countries,

resolves

1 that the election and/or re-election of the same candidate to any post as an elected official of the Union – the posts of Secretary-General, Deputy Secretary-General and Directors of the Bureaux – shall not exceed two terms in total;

2 that a term of office for one election to any post as an elected official of the Union (for example, Director of a Bureau) shall count towards the term of office for another election to a post as an elected official of the Union (for example, Deputy Secretary-General);

3 that *resolves*1 and 2 above shall enter into force for new candidates elected at the 2026 Plenipotentiary Conference and subsequent plenipotentiary conferences;

4 that for all candidates elected for the first time to posts as elected officials of the Union before the 2026 Plenipotentiary Conference, *resolves* 1 and 2 above shall not apply,

invites Member States

1 to facilitate the most effective possible rotation of elected officials, with special consideration for equitable geographical distribution among the regions of the world and the principles set out in No. 154 of the Constitution;

2 to exercise responsibly their right to nominate candidates for election as elected officials of the Union;

3 to be guided by the provisions of this Resolution, both in nominating their own candidates for posts as elected officials of the Union and in considering and electing other candidates;

4 to actively nominate candidates who meet all the requirements of the Union for election to the post of Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau in order to contribute as much as possible to more effective discharge of the functions of the Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D) in fulfilling the purposes of the Union, as stated in Article 1 of the Constitution, and in implementing, within the specific sphere of competence of ITU-D, projects under the United Nations development system or other funding arrangements so as to facilitate and enhance telecommunication development by offering, organizing and coordinating technical cooperation and assistance activities, primarily for developing countries and countries in need.

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1. 1 These include the least developed countries, small island developing states, landlocked developing countries and countries with economies in transition. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)