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| **PLENARY MEETING** | **Document 139-E** |
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| MINUTES  OF THE  Sixth PLENARY MEETING | |
| Thursday, 29 September 2022, at 0930 hours | |
| **Chairman**: Mr S. SĂRMAȘ (Romania) | |

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|  | **Subjects discussed** | **Documents** |
| 1 | Election of the Secretary-General | [98](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-PP-C-0098/en), [99](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-PP-C-0099/en), [100](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-PP-C-0100/en), [102](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-PP-C-0102/en), [110](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-PP-C-0110/en) |

1. **Election of the Secretary-General (Documents** [**98**](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-PP-C-0098/en)**,** [**99**](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-PP-C-0099/en)**,** [**100**](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-PP-C-0100/en)**,** [**102**](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-PP-C-0102/en) **and** [**110**](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-PP-C-0110/en)**)** 
   1. The **Secretary of the Plenary** reported that, as indicated in Documents 98, 99, 100 and 102, respectively, the Marshall Islands had transferred its powers to the United States, Tuvalu its powers to Australia, Costa Rica its powers to the Dominican Republic and Sao Tome and Principe its powers to Portugal.
   2. The transfers of powers were **noted**.
   3. The **Secretary of the Plenary** announced that the five tellers representing the five administrative regions were in their positions, and outlined the voting procedure. Each delegation had been issued with a ballot paper for the election of the Secretary-General. She called the roll of the delegations entitled to vote (Document 110) and invited them to deposit their ballot papers in the designated ballot boxes.
   4. Candidates for the post of Secretary-General: Ms Doreen Bogdan-Martin (United States) and Mr Rashid Ismailov (Russian Federation).
   5. Results of the vote:

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| Number of ballot papers deposited: | 172 |
| Number of invalid ballot papers: | 4 |
| Abstentions: | 4 |
| Number of delegations present and voting (number of ballot papers used to compute the required majority): | 164 |
| Required majority: | 83 |
| Number of votes obtained: |  |
| Ms D. Bogdan-Martin: | 139 votes |
| Mr R. Ismailov: | 25 votes |

* 1. **Ms D. Bogdan-Martin (United States) was elected Secretary-General.**
  2. The **Secretary-General** **elect** said that she was deeply humbled by her election. She thanked delegates for placing their confidence in her and expressed profound gratitude to the Government of the United States for supporting her candidature. She delivered the address available at: <https://pp22.itu.int/en/itu_policy_statements/itu-sg-elect-doreen-acceptance-speech/>.
  3. The **delegate of the United States** congratulated Ms Bogdan-Martin on her historic election as the first woman to serve as Secretary-General of ITU. The United States strongly supported her vision and looked forward to working with her to close the digital divide and chart a new course for an innovative and inclusive ITU.
  4. **Mr Ismailov** congratulated Ms Bogdan-Martin on her election and wished her every success. He thanked those who had supported his candidature.

1.10 The **delegate of the Russian Federation** expressed her country’s congratulations to Ms Bogdan-Martin and thanked countries that had supported Mr Ismailov. The Russian Federation stood ready to work with the Secretary-General elect on the basis of mutual respect and equality. Her country would continue to contribute intellectually and financially to ITU, with a view to strengthening the Union’s work.

* 1. The **Secretary-General** expressed sincere congratulations to Ms Bogdan-Martin on her election, which marked the start of a new era with more women in leadership and would inspire more women to contribute to the Union’s business.

1.12 The **delegates of Romania**, speaking on behalf of CEPT, **Canada, s**peaking on behalf of CITEL,the **United Arab Emirates**, speaking on behalf of the Arab group, **Azerbaijan**,the **Republic of Korea**, **Saudi Arabia**, **China**, **India**,the **Czech Republic**, speaking on behalf of the European Union, the **Bahamas**, **Brazil**, **Nigeria**, **Argentina**, **Mexico**, **Papua New Guinea**, speaking on behalf of APT**,** the **Philippines**, **Jordan**, **Japan**, **Switzerland**, **Pakistan**, **Australia**, **Thailand**, **Rwanda**, **Ghana**, **Egypt**, **Colombia**, **South Africa**, **Senegal**, **Uzbekistan**,speaking also on behalf of Kyrgyzstan, **Gambia**, **Türkiye**, **Belize**, **Paraguay**, **Mauritius**, **Uganda**, **Burundi**, **Ukraine**, **Somalia**,the **Plurinational State of Bolivia**, **Ecuador**, **Algeria**, speaking on behalf ofATU, **Trinidad and Tobago**, speakingon behalf of the Caribbean Community, **Iraq**, **Vanuatu**, **Samoa**, **Uruguay**, **Tunisia**, **Indonesia**, **Peru**, **Malaysia**,the **Syrian Arab Republic**, **North Macedonia**, **Botswana**, **Guinea**, **Namibia**, **Israel**, **Chad**, **Burkina Faso**, **Fiji**, **Liberia**, **South Sudan** and **Kenya** and the **observer for the State of Palestine** warmlycongratulated Ms Bogdan-Martin on her historic election and assured her of their full support in delivering her important vision. Many also took the opportunity to commend the outgoing Secretary-General, Mr Zhao, for his excellent leadership and valuable contribution to ITU, and to thank Mr Ismailov for the commitment to ITU shown in his candidature and campaign and for his integrity in the election process. They wished him well in his future endeavours.

**The meeting rose at 1245 hours.**

The Secretary-General: The Chairman:  
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