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| PLENARY MEETING | **Document 141-E** |
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| MINUTES  OF THE  EIGHTH PLENARY MEETING | |
| Friday, 30 September 2022, at 0910 hours | |
| **Chairman**: Mr S. SĂRMAȘ (Romania) | |

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1. **General policy statements (continued)**

1.1 The following speakers made general policy statements:

* **Mr Karim BIBI TRIKI, Minister, Ministry of Post and Telecommunications (Algeria)** (see <https://pp22.itu.int/en/itu_policy_statements/karim-bibi-triki-algeria/>);
* **Mr Gospel KAZAKO, Minister, Ministry of Information and Digitalization (Malawi)** (see <https://pp22.itu.int/en/itu_policy_statements/gospel-kazako-malawi/>);
* Mr Michel CHEBAT, Minister, Ministry of Public Utilities, Energy, Logistics and E-Governance (Belize) (see <https://pp22.itu.int/en/itu_policy_statements/michel-chebat-belize/>);
* Mr Konris MAYNARD, Minister, Ministry of Information and Communication Technologies (Saint Kitts and Nevis) (see <https://pp22.itu.int/en/itu_policy_statements/konris-maynard-saint-kitts-and-nevis/>);
* Mr Oscar GEORGE, Minister of State in the Office of the Prime Minister, with responsibility for Telecommunications and Broadcasting (Dominica) (see <https://pp22.itu.int/en/itu_policy_statements/oscar-george-dominica/>);
* Mr Papa DIOP, Ambassador of Senegal in Romania, Ministry of the Digital Economy and Telecommunications (Senegal) (see <https://pp22.itu.int/en/itu_policy_statements/papa-diop-senegal/>);
* Mr Sumbue ANTAS, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative to the United Nations and other international organizations in Geneva and to the World Trade Organization, Ambassador to the Swiss Confederation (Vanuatu) (see <https://pp22.itu.int/en/itu_policy_statements/sumbue-antas-vanuatu/>);
* **Mr Pyong Du RI, Ambassador, Embassy of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea in Romania (Democratic People’s Republic of Korea)** (see <https://pp22.itu.int/en/itu_policy_statements/pyong-du-ri-dem-peoples-rep-of-korea/>);
* Mr Athanasios **STAVERIS-POLYKALAS,** Secretary-General of Telecommunications and Post, **Ministry of Digital Governance (Greece)** (see <https://pp22.itu.int/en/itu_policy_statements/athanasios-staveris-polykalas-greece/>);
* **Ms Karen GROGAN,** Senator and Chair of the Senate Committees on Environment and Communications (Australia) (see <https://pp22.itu.int/en/itu_policy_statements/karen-grogan-australia/>);
* **Mr Victor MARTINEZ, Director, National Telecommunications Commission** (**Paraguay)** (see <https://pp22.itu.int/en/itu_policy_statements/victor-martinez-paraguay/>);
* **Ms Mariam ALI MOUSSA**, Ambassador of Chad to Germany (Chad) (see <https://pp22.itu.int/en/itu_policy_statements/mariam-ali-moussa-chad/>);
* **Mr Zenebe KEBEDE KORCHO, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative to the United Nations Office at Geneva and other international organizations in Switzerland and Vienna (Ethiopia)** (see <https://pp22.itu.int/en/itu_policy_statements/zenebe-kebede-korcho-ethiopia/>);
* Mr Sambel Bana DIALLO, Chief of Staff, Ministry of Communication, Digital Economy and the Modernization of Administration (Mali) (see <https://pp22.itu.int/en/itu_policy_statements/sambel-bana-diallo-mali/>).

**2 Presentation of the ITU gold medal**

2.1 The **Secretary-General** awarded the ITU gold medal to the Chairman of the Council Working Group on international Internet public policy issues, Mr M. Al-Mazyed, in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the Union.

2.2 **Mr Al-Mazyed** said that he was deeply touched. He had learned much from his work with ITU and highlighted the great value of collaboration with the Union, including for young people.

**3 Election of the Directors of the Bureaux (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)**,** [**110 (Rev.3)**](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-PP-C-0110/en) **and** [**113**](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-PP-C-0113/en)**)**

3.1 The **Secretary of the Plenary** recalled that the conference had already noted the transfers of powers from the Marshall Islands to the United States (Document 98), from Tuvalu to Australia (Document 99), from Costa Rica to the Dominican Republic (Document 100) and from Sao Tome and Principe to Portugal (Document 102), and the proxy given by Kiribati to New Zealand to exercise its vote for the remaining elections (Document 113).

3.2 She 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 three ballot papers, marked for the elections of the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau, the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau and the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau, respectively. She called the roll of the delegations entitled to vote (Document 110 (Rev.3)) and invited them to deposit their ballot papers in the designated ballot boxes.

3.3 Candidate for the post of Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau (BR):  
Mr Mario Maniewicz (Uruguay).

3.4 Results of the vote:

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| Number of ballot papers deposited: | 181 |
| Number of invalid ballot papers: | 2 |
| Abstentions: | 5 |
| Number of delegations present and voting (number of ballot papers used to compute the required majority): | 174 |
| Required majority: | 88 |
| Number of votes obtained: |  |
| Mr M. Maniewicz | 174 votes |

3.5 **Mr M. Maniewicz (Uruguay) was elected Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau.**

3.6 **Mr Maniewicz** thanked delegates for the confidence which they had placed in him by re-electing him as Director of BR and gave the address available at: <https://pp22.itu.int/en/itu_policy_statements/itu-re-elected-director-br/>.

3.7 The **delegate of Uruguay**, extending her country’s congratulations to Mr Maniewicz on his re-election, thanked delegates for the trust they had placed in him. As the first Director of BR from a developing country, Mr Maniewicz was committed to inclusion. She was convinced that, with his leadership skills, experience and sufficient resources, BR would accomplish its tasks.

3.8 The **Secretary-General** congratulated Mr Maniewicz on his re-election. He was confident that BR would be in excellent hands over the next four years.

3.9 Candidates for the post of Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau (TSB): Mr Bilel Jamoussi (Tunisia), Mr Seizo Onoe (Japan) and Mr Tomas Zielke (Germany).

3.10 Results of the vote:

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| Number of ballot papers deposited: | 181 |
| Number of invalid ballot papers: | 2 |
| Abstentions: | 0 |
| Number of delegations present and voting (number of ballot papers used to compute the required majority): | 179 |
| Required majority: | 90 |
| Number of votes obtained: |  |
| Mr T. Zielke | 21 votes |
| Mr B. Jamoussi | 65 votes |
| Mr S. Onoe | 93 votes |

3.11 **Mr S. Onoe (Japan) was elected Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau.**

3.12 **Mr Onoe** thanked all those who had supported himand assured delegates that he would strive to make ITU-T the very best that it could be. He thanked the other candidates for their campaigns, commended the outgoing elected officials for their dedication to ITU and said that he looked forward to working with the new management team. He also expressed gratitude to the Government of Japan for supporting his candidature. He gave the address available at: <https://pp22.itu.int/en/itu_policy_statements/director-elect-tsb/>.

3.13 **Mr Zielke**, praising the integrity of the election process, congratulated Mr Onoe on his election and Mr Jamoussi on having conducted a worthy campaign.

3.14 **Mr Jamoussi** also congratulated Mr Onoe on his election and thanked all those who had participated in the voting process. He wished the new management team every success.

3.15 The **delegate of Japan** expressed his country’s appreciation for the confidence placed in Mr Onoe and commended the other candidates on their worthy campaigns. He thanked the outgoing management team for their excellent service to ITU. His country looked forward to working with the newly elected officials.

3.16 The **Secretary-General** congratulated the Director elect of TSB on his election. Recalling that Mr Onoe was known in the industry as the “Father of 5G”, he said that he was confident that TSB would be well positioned to continue its work. He also paid tribute to the other candidates for their campaigns and wished them well in their future endeavours.

3.17 Candidates for the post of Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT): Ms Stephen Bereaux (Bahamas), Mr Muhammadou Kah (Gambia), Ms Anusha Rahman Khan (Pakistan), Mr Jean Kissangou (Republic of the Congo), Mr Alexander Ntoko (Cameroon) and Mr Cosmas Zavazava (Zimbabwe).

3.18 Results of the vote:

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| Number of ballot papers deposited: | 181 |
| Number of invalid ballot papers: | 1 |
| Abstentions: | 0 |
| Number of delegations present and voting (number of ballot papers used to compute the required majority): | 180 |
| Required majority: | 91 |
| Number of votes obtained: |  |
| Mr J. Kissangou | 8 votes |
| Mr A. Ntoko | 11 votes |
| Ms A. Khan | 20 votes |
| Mr M. Kah | 35 votes |
| Mr S. Bereaux | 47 votes |
| Mr C. Zavazava | 59 votes |

3.19 The **Chairman**, observing that no candidate had obtained the required majority, said that a second round of voting was required. Recalling No. 191 of the General Rules of conferences, assemblies and meetings, he sought the agreement of the Plenary to hold the second round of voting at the next plenary meeting later that day (no earlier than 1530 hours). If a Member State wished to withdraw a candidature, the head of the delegation concerned should inform the Chairman by not later than 1430 hours.

3.20 It was so **agreed**.

**The meeting rose at 1255 hours.**

The Secretary-General: The Chairman:  
H. ZHAO S. SĂRMAŞ

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