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| SUMMARY RECORD OF THE EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE COUNCIL |
| Friday, 16 November 2018, from 0955 to 1200 hours |
| **Chairman:** Mr E. AZZOUZ (Egypt) |

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**1 Opening of the session**

1.1 The Secretary-General welcomed participants and declared the extraordinary session of the Council open.

# 2 Election of the chairman and vice-chairman of the extraordinary session and 2019 session of the Council

2.1 The Secretary-General, recalling that the vice-chairman of the Council traditionally took on the role of chairman the following year, suggested that the Council elect Mr E. Azzouz (Egypt) as chairman of the extraordinary session and of the 2019 session of the Council.

2.2 **Mr E. Azzouz was elected by acclamation and took the chair**.

2.3 The Secretary-General said that, according to the principle of geographic rotation, the vice-chairmanship of the 2019 session of the Council should be assumed by a country from Region E (Asia and Australasia). Further to consultations, he proposed that Mr S. Bin Ghelaita (United Arab Emirates) serve as vice-chairman of the 2019 session of the Council.

2.4 **Mr S. Bin Ghelaita was elected by acclamation**.

2.5 Numerous councillors and an observer congratulated the chairman and vice-chairman on their appointment, the re-elected and newly elected Council Member States and the re-elected and newly elected members of the ITU senior management team. They thanked the outgoing Directors of BR and BDT for their contribution to the work of ITU, and commended the United Arab Emirates on the excellent organization of PP-18.

# 3 Address by the Secretary-General

3.1 The Secretary-General delivered the address reproduced at <https://www.itu.int/en/council/2019/Documents/SG-speech_e.pdf>.

# 4 Address by the Chairman

4.1 The Chairman delivered the address reproduced at <https://www.itu.int/en/council/2019/Documents/Chair19-speech_e.docx>.

# 5 Election of the chairman and vice-chairmen of the Standing Committee on Administration and Management

5.1 The Secretary-General recalled that the chairman and two vice-chairmen of the Standing Committee on Administration and Management were elected for a two-year term of office in order to ensure a degree of continuity while respecting the principles of geographic rotation and representation. Further to consultations, he proposed that Ms S. Erebor (Nigeria) from Region D be elected chairman and that Mr D.-O. von der Emden (Switzerland) continue to serve as vice-chairman. The second vice-chairman post would be occupied by a member from Region E.

5.2 It was so **agreed** by acclamation.

# 6 Decisions of the plenipotentiary conference calling for action to be taken by the Council at its extraordinary session

6.1 The Chairman noted that there were no decisions of PP-18 calling for action to be taken by the Council at its extraordinary session.

# 7 Appointment of the chairmen and vice-chairmen of Council working groups and expert groups

7.1 The Secretary-General read out the list of names of the chairmen and vice-chairmen of Council working groups (CWGs) and expert groups, which had been posted on the website. He invited the regional coordinators to confirm the names of the chairmen and to nominate candidates for any vacant positions.

7.2 A number of councillors took the floor to confirm the names of the chairmen and vice-chairmen of the CWGs and expert groups. One councillor said that she looked forward to more women occupying leadership positions in the CWGs.

7.3 Responding to questions from councillors, the Secretary-General said that the secretariat would work closely with regional coordinators to ensure that any vacant positions were filled with due regard for regional balance. In accordance with Resolution 146 (Rev. Dubai, 2018), the Expert Group on the International Telecommunication Regulations (EG-ITRs) would be reconvened and its terms of reference reviewed by Council-19. With the draft strategic and financial plans having been presented to PP-18, the Council Working Group for Strategic and Financial Plans for 2020–2023 had completed its work and would cease to operate. He trusted that Council-19 would provide clear guidance on the World Telecommunication/Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Policy Forum (WTPF) 2021 so that preparations for that important event could begin. He was confident that the same spirit of cooperation that had existed at WTPF-13 would prevail.

7.4 One councillor said that any preliminary information on the proposed structure of EG-ITRs would facilitate the Council’s discussion of the group’s terms of reference.

7.5 The Secretary-General, noting with satisfaction that the names of all the chairmen of the CWGs and expert groups had been confirmed in the course of the exchange, invited them to begin working with the secretariat to prepare for the first round of meetings.

7.6 The Chairman invited councillors to determine the dates of the first cluster of CWG and expert group meetings in 2019, recalling the proposed dates of 21 January-1 February or 28 January-8 February.

7.7 Responding to a question, the councillor from Germany said that the Member States Advisory Group would meet according to the schedule of the headquarters project and not necessarily during CWG clusters.

7.8 One councillor pointed out that the later dates conflicted with a traditional festival in a number of countries. Others suggested that the meetings should be held the week beginning 11 February to allow more time for the submission of contributions. Two further councillors asked that care be taken to ensure that any new dates did not conflict with meetings at other organizations.

7.9 The Secretary-General said that the secretariat would look into the availability of meeting rooms and advise councillors accordingly.

# 8 Appointment of representatives of Council Member States on the ITU Staff Pension Committee (Document [C19-EXT/2](https://www.itu.int/md/S18-CEXT19-C-0002/en))

8.1 The Chief of the Human Resources Management Department, introducing Document C19‑EXT/2, recalled that at each extraordinary session following a plenipotentiary conference the Council was required to appoint three of its Member States to sit on the Pension Committee as members, and three others to serve as alternates. Further to the consultations he had held on behalf of the Secretary-General, it was proposed that Burkina Faso, the United States and the Czech Republic should represent the Member States as members of the Pension Committee, and that Canada, India and Italy should serve as alternates. He thanked the outgoing Member States, namely Bulgaria and Mexico, for their valuable contributions.

8.2 The proposed appointments were **approved**.

8.3 Taking into account the approved appointments, the draft resolution annexed to Document C19-EXT/2 was **adopted**.

8.3 The councillors from Burkina Faso and the Czech Republic expressed appreciation at having been appointed to serve on the Pension Committee, as did the councillor from India, who also welcomed the decision taken by Council-18 at its final meeting to approve the establishment of an ITU area office for South Asia.

# 9 Closure

9.1 The Chairman thanked all participants for their contributions and closed the extraordinary session.

The Secretary-General: The Chairman:
H. ZHAO E. AZZOUZ

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