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Note by the Secretary-General

**CANDIDACY FOR THE POST OF MEMBER OF
THE RADIO REGULATIONS BOARD (RRB)**

Further to the information published in Document 3, I have pleasure in transmitting to the Conference, in annex, the candidacy of:

Mr Oscar Martín González (Argentine Republic)

for the post of member of the Radio Regulations Board.

Houlin ZHAO
Secretary-General

Annex: 1

Presidencia de la República Argentina
Ministerio de Modernización

Buenos Aires, 17 January 2018

Mr Houlin ZHAO
Secretary-General
International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

Dear Mr Secretary-General,

I am writing to you regarding the next Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-18) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), to be celebrated in the city of Dubai (United Arab Emirates), from 29 October to 16 November 2018.

As you know, this Conference will elect, among other top executive posts, the members of the Radio Regulations Board for the period 2019-2022; and in this respect, I am pleased to inform the decision of the Argentine Administration to submit the candidacy of Mr Oscar Martín González to be part of said Board.

It is worth pointing out that the Argentine Republic has continuously made available its most prominent and experienced professionals in the field of telecommunications/information and communication technologies (ICT) to serve ITU, the Member States and sector members who comprise it, always meeting its cooperation and technical requirements.

In this respect, the Argentine Administration is pleased to renew, once again, its commitment to the International Telecommunication Union by submitting the candidacy of Mr González, an expert official of the Secretariat for Information and Communication Technologies, with qualified experience in telecommunications/ICT, who has reached top levels of excellence in the technical and regulatory aspects of radiocommunications, with a proven track record both at national and international level.

Lastly, pursuant to and in compliance with the provisions made in the Constitution, the Convention and the General Rules of conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union, attached you will find the curriculum vitae and the declaration of principles of Mr Oscar Martín González, candidate of the Argentine Republic, for the consideration of the Member States of ITU.

Yours faithfully,

Andrés Ibarra
Ministro de Modernización de la República Argentina



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PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Oscar Martín González is a lawyer and legal representative, graduated at the National University of Córdoba in 1991. He has taken postgraduate studies at Maastricht University (Netherlands).

His career spans more than 20 years with vast experience in telecommunications, both in the public and the private sector.

Among other relevant aspects of his career stand out his experience in the celebration of the bidding contract to award orbital positions for the development of the Argentine domestic geostationary satellite system, Nahuelsat; the regulatory advice provided during the negotiation of the reciprocity agreement in satellite-related matters and the coordination of the orbital position of 81^o West between Argentina and the United States; the satellite services reciprocity agreement between the Argentine Republic and Canada; the regulatory advice provided to international satellite operators; the participation in the awarding and putting into effect of the frequency tender to deploy the first national network for the provision of mobile telephony in the Argentine Republic; and an important regulatory experience in the development of low-orbit satellite projects for fixed and mobile services, including the negotiation for the coordination of frequencies with the Argentine Republic, and of a High Altitude Platform Stations project.

On the international stage, he has participated in different fora, meetings as well as international, regional and subregional conferences, mainly focused on the regulation of telecommunications and radiocommunications, as member of the Argentine Delegation, including the 1994 ITU Plenipotentiary Conference; the 1994 Assembly of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL) of the Organization of American States (OAS), and the first World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC), celebrated in Argentina in 1994. In his capacity as advisor and consultant in the private sector, he also took part in the 1997 ITU World Radiocommunication Conference. He had active participation in the Legal Affairs Group of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL) of the Organization of American States (OAS) and in the Telecommunication Commission of MERCOSUR between 1994 and 1995.

Mr González chaired the 2017 ITU World Telecommunication Development Conference, also celebrated in the Argentine Republic.

Since 2016, he has held the position of Regulation Under-Secretary at the Secretariat for Information & Communication Technologies, under the scope of the Ministry of Modernization of the Argentine Republic. He is in charge of elaborating normative-related proposals and projects with relation to telecommunications, ICT, satellite services and, postal and logistic services. Additionally, he is a former member of the Board of Directors of Empresa Argentina de Soluciones Satelitales S. A. (ARSAT) who participated in the design and implementation of the Argentine satellite policy.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Current occupation

Ministry of Modernization, Argentina

- ✓ Regulation Under-Secretary

Responsible for the Under-Secretariat in charge of assisting the Secretary for Information & Communication Technologies in updating the telecommunication, information technologies and postal regulatory frameworks according to the policies determined by the Minister of Modernization. In addition, he is in charge of advising the Secretary in the updating of rules and regulations within his jurisdiction; and of the proposals for the interpretation of Acts 19.798, 20.216, 26.522 and 27.078; of promoting the issuance of standards tending to promote and stimulate competition, as well as to prevent and discourage monopolistic practices and behaviours that are anticompetitive, predatory and/or abusive of a dominant position; and of assisting the Secretary in the issuance of standards to promote postal services as well as in the development of lightweight logistics distribution.

Previous occupation

Empresa Argentina de Soluciones Satelitales S. A. (ARSAT), Argentina (Dec. 2015 - Jan. 2016)

- ✓ Member of the Board of Directors

The Senate (Dec. 2013 - Dec. 2015)

- ✓ Advisor to Senator Diego Santilli at the IT, Communication Media and Freedom of Expression Commission, assisting the PRO Senate bloc during the parliamentary debate of the "Argentina Digital" Law Nº 27.078.

The Honourable House of Representatives (Dec. 2001 - Jan. 2005)

- ✓ Advisor to the Chair of the Communications and IT Commission

International Telecommunication Union (ITU), Switzerland (May 1998 - Oct. 1999)

- ✓ Senior Consultant for the Development of the Telecommunication Regulatory Framework of the Argentine Republic.

Comisión Nacional de Telecomunicaciones (CNC) (National Communication Commission), Argentina (Mar. 1994 - Sept. 1995)

- ✓ Advisor to the Board of Directors

PARTICIPATION IN ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- ✓ Former Chairman and current member of the Steering Committee of the Argentine Association of Telecommunication Law.
- ✓ Member of the Bar Association of the Federal Capital, Argentina.

GRADUATE STUDIES

Lawyer and legal representative (1986 - 1991)

National University of Córdoba, Province of Córdoba, Argentina.

Master in International, Comparative and European Law (1992 - 1993)

Maastricht University, Netherlands.

Thesis: "Protection of Competition and Development of the Industrial Policy in European Community Law"

LANGUAGES

Spanish: native

English: advanced

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

1999 - Current: Professor of the Annual course on Deepening Telecommunication Law, *Asociación Argentina del Derecho de las Telecomunicaciones*. Responsible for dictating classes on the radio spectrum.

2005: Professor of Integration Theory at the "Magister in Management for Regional Integration", *Universidad de Playa Ancha de Ciencias de la Educación de Valparaíso*, in cooperation with ALADI, *Universidad de Valparaíso*, *Universidad Técnica Federico Santa María* and *Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso*.

2002 - 2003: Academic Coordinator of the Postgraduate course on Economic Regulation (e-Learning), *Universidad Nacional de Córdoba* and Virtual Campus of the Government and Administration Virtual School, directed by Domingo Sesin.

1997 - 1998: Professor of the course on Specialization in Telecommunication Law, *Universidad Argentina de la Empresa*, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

PUBLISHED, TO BE PUBLISHED OR UNPUBLISHED WORKS

- ✓ "*Un aporte más a la confusión general (Parte II)*". [One more contribution to overall confusion (Part II)] Co-authored with Alejandro Fabio Pereyra. *El Cronista Comercial*. 30 October 2014.

- ✓ *“La Culpa la Tiene la Tecnología”*. [Technology is to blame] Co-authored with Alejandro Fabio Pereyra. August 2014.
- ✓ *“Peor el Remedio que la Enfermedad. Las Comunicaciones Móviles un Servicio Público?”* [The cure is worse than the disease. Mobile communications, a public service?] Co-authored with Alejandro Fabio Pereyra. June 2014.
- ✓ *“Regulación del Espectro Radioeléctrico: Una Oportunidad para Mejores Prácticas”*. [Regulation of the radio spectrum: an opportunity for best practices] Magazine of the Communications Law Institute, School of Law of the University of Buenos Aires, 2005.
- ✓ *“La Regulación del Espectro Radioeléctrico en el Ámbito de las Telecomunicaciones en la República Argentina. Consideraciones Generales”*. [The regulation of the radio spectrum in the field of telecommunications in the Argentine Republic] Electronic publication of the *Asociación Argentina del Derecho de las Telecomunicaciones* www.aadtel.org.ar. 2005.
- ✓ *“La Dimensión Regional en la Coparticipación Federal de Impuestos”*. [The regional dimension in federal tax co-participation] Co-authored with José Emilio Ortega. *La Ley Magazine*, Year LXIX N° 188, September 2005.
- ✓ *“Sobre la necesidad de profundizar la integración regional del centro a partir de emprendimientos concretos”* [About the need to deepen the centre’s regional integration with actual ventures]- Co-authored with José Emilio Ortega. *Derecho del MERCOSUR Magazine*, Year 4 - N° 5, La Ley. October 2000.
- ✓ *“Argentina: Un Modelo Exitoso. Perspectivas de la Regulación del Mercado de las Telecomunicaciones”*. [Argentina: a successful model. Perspectives of the telecommunication market regulation] *Telepress Latinoamérica Magazine*. 1995.

PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

2017: Chairman of the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-17), of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), celebrated in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

2016-2019: Vice-Chairman of the Radiocommunication Advisory Group (RAG) of the Radiocommunication Sector of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

Aug. 1994 – Sept. 1995: Representative of the Argentine Administration in the Legal Affairs Ad-hoc Group on the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL), Organization of American States (OAS).

Feb. 1994 – Apr. 1995: Member of the Argentine Representation in the Telecommunication Commission of MERCOSUR 's Sub-working Group N° 3: Technical Standards.

1995: Member of the Argentine delegation at the Latin American Telecommunications Summit 1995, organized by the United States Department of Commerce in Santiago, Chile.

1994: Member of the Argentine delegation at the Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), Kyoto (Japan), where Argentina was elected member of the ITU Council.

1994: Member of the Argentine delegation at the first World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC), organized by the Telecommunication Development Bureau of the International Telecommunication Union in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

1994: Alternate Head of the Argentine Delegation at the Regular Assembly of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL/OAS), Montevideo (Uruguay) where Argentina was incorporated to its Permanent Executive Committee (COM/CITEL) I.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC

Candidacy to the post of Member of the Radio Regulations Board:

Mr Oscar Martín González

VISION

The RADIO REGULATIONS BOARD of the INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION (ITU) approves the technical criteria to be used by the Radiocommunication Bureau for the implementation of the Radio Regulations through the Rules of Procedure.

In addition, it examines matters that cannot be solved by the mere implementation of the Radio Regulations or the existing Rules of Procedure, and that require a balanced interpretation of the group of rules currently in force as well as an analysis of the cases of harmful interference, formulating recommendations to resolve them.

The RADIO REGULATIONS BOARD plays the role of independent interpreter and mediator, whose decisions can only be modified by a World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC).

It is also in charge of giving advice to the Radiocommunication Conferences and Assemblies. Similarly, it takes part in the event of possible conflict between Administrations during the processes of coordination, notification and bringing into service satellite networks, always within the jurisdiction and in accordance to the rules of ITU-R, in order to help make good use of the orbit – spectrum resource, free from interferences.

It is essential to meet these obligations to establish a regulatory practice within the international legal and regulatory framework to enable the development of new technologies and systems, in order to protect the existing systems and services, taking into account the benefits and investments they imply.

Also, various of those obligations and commitments will yet require the revision and approval of the Rules of Procedure that allow solving the difficulties that BR may have in the enforcement of the Radio Regulations, including for example, those derived of potential ambiguities or different provisions, as well as those difficulties in the enforcement of regional agreements and plans in the framework of the ITU Radio Regulations, bearing in mind that this text is the result of the consensus of the Member States in the subsequent World Radiocommunication Conferences.

On another note, the relentless and fast-paced radiocommunication development seen over the last few years poses challenges and lead Administrations, and thus the private sector, to increasingly depend on the management of spectral and orbital resources. This dynamic is also reflected on the international regulation scenario; and it is precisely there where the role of the Radio Regulations Board is vital, since certain cases require real-time solutions, without the possibility to wait to be addressed during the next World Radiocommunication Conference.

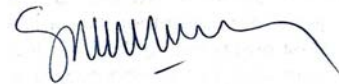
The work of the Board must accompany and help the Radiocommunication Bureau to sustain equal access of the Member states of ITU to the orbital resources for the deployment of satellite networks, thus contributing to the international legal security that is necessary to maintain investments in the sector, as well as the necessary regional and global balance that characterize ITU.

Also, it must stimulate the development of the radiocommunication sector, and the associated social and economic benefits, especially for the developing countries and the least developed countries, without forgetting that the scenario to come will be increasingly complex at technical level, and also at the regulatory and legal levels.

In this respect, the quality of the work and the decisions of the Board also depend on the qualifications and experience of its members. Such an important instance requires vast professional knowledge, thorough understanding of the Radio Regulations and the procedures of ITU, as well as life experience, righteousness in conduct and the ability to be part of a multicultural team and to seek balance and consensus in an international environment. These requirements have been taken into account by the Administration of the ARGENTINE REPUBLIC at the time of submitting my candidacy to be a member of the RADIO REGULATIONS BOARD.

Also, still many of the obligations and commitments will require the review or approval of the Rules of Procedure in order to solve the difficulties that the Bureau may have in the implementation of the Radio Regulations, including for example, those derived of potential ambiguities or inconsistencies among different provisions, as well as those difficulties in the implementation of regional agreements and plans in the framework of the ITU Radio Regulations, keeping in mind that this text is the outcome of all the sectors represented by their Member States in subsequent World Radiocommunication Conferences.

Should I be elected at the PP-18, I assume the commitment before of all the Member States, to make the best of my efforts during the next four years to perform the tasks detailed above and those that could be entrusted to me, based on the criteria and principles contained herein and in the framework of the rules and principles of the Constitution, the Convention and the ITU Radio Regulations, contributing to the spirit of cooperation, consensus and harmony that must reign among all the Administrations to achieve equal access and efficient use of the orbital resources and the radio spectrum.



Dr. Oscar Martín González