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| CANDIDACY FOR THE POST OF MEMBER OF  THE RADIO REGULATIONS BOARD (RRB) | |
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Further to the information published in Document 3, I have pleasure in transmitting to the Conference, in annex, the candidacy of:

**Mr Samuel Mandla Mchunu (Republic of South Africa)**

for the post of member of the Radio Regulations Board.

Houlin ZHAO  
 Secretary-General

**Annex:** 1

ANNEX



Curriculum vitae and Vision Statement of Mr. Samuel Mandla Mchunu, the candidate of the Republic of South Africa for the post of member of the Radio Regulations Board (RRB) (Africa Region)

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|  | **Name**: Samuel Mandla Mchunu  **Nationality:** South African  **Date of birth**:02 October 1968  **Civil status**:Married  **Languages:** English  **Contact** : E-mail: [mmchunu@icasa.org.za](mailto:mmchunu@icasa.org.za) |

**EXPERIENCE IN THE FIELD OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS****.**

Mr. Mchunu has more than 20 years experience in Radiocommunications and Telecommunications in general. He was part of the team that made contributions to the development of the first South African National radio frequency bands replanning exercice in 1996 and its subsequent revisions to the current National Radio Frequency Plan 2018. He served on the committees of the then Telecommunications Regulatory Associations of Southern Africa (TRASA) which developed the harmonized Radio Frequency plans for Southern African countries.

Mr. Mchunu was part of a radio frequency spectrum coordinating committee which developed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with neighboring countries dealing with crossborder radio frequency spillage of mobile networks. He has been part of a South African delegation to every ITU World Radiocommunication Conferences (WRC’s) since 1997.

He is currently employed by the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA), a Regulatory Authority, as a Manager responsible for radiocommunications. His responsibilities, amongst others, include the development of national radio regulations, authorization/licensing of radio frequency use and international radio frequency coordination.

**ITU experience**

As a representative of the African Telecommunication Union (ATU) at the World Radiocommunication Conference 2015 (WRC 15) he presented input proposals on WRC-15 agenda item 7 dealing with Satellite Regulatory issues.

He is a regular participant at ITU-R Working Party 5D dealing with International Mobile Telephony (IMT) issues and Working Party 4A dealing with Satellite issues. He has participated as a speaker and a panel member at ITU Workshop on Spectrum Management for the Internet of Things Deployment Geneva, 22 November 2016 and at the 1st ITU Inter-regional Workshop on WRC-19 Preparation - Geneva, Switzerland, 21-22 November 2017. He is responsible for the processing of BR International Frequency Information Circulars (BRIFIC) and notification of space networks where the Republic of South Africa is the notifying administration.

He is currently a Rapporteur for WRC-19 Preparations representing Southern African Development Community (SADC) and the African Telecommunication Union (ATU) on WRC 19 agenda item 7 (Satellite Regulatory issues),

**ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS AND TRAINING**

* Degree in Bachelor of Science, University of Zululand
* Advanced post-graduate Diploma in Telecommunications, Cable & Wireless College, United Kingdom
* Training on the deployment of Satellite Networks, United States Telecommunications Training Institute (USTTI)
* Training on spectrum management Policy and Regulatory issues
* Training on international Radiocommunication coordination

**Vision Statement**

**in support of the candidacy of Mr. Samuel Mandla Mchunu of the Republic of South Africa for the post of member of the Radio Regulations Board (RRB) for the Africa Region.**

The Radio Regulations (RR) seeks to strike a fine balance between the radio spectrum needs of wide variety of radiocommunications services and are much needed to ensure stable and predictable global regulatory framework which protects rights of ITU Member States. On many occasions the Radio Regulations Board (RRB) is called upon to adjudicate in conflicts arising from the application of the Radio Regulations, resolving difficulties encountered by the BR in the application of Radio Regulations etc. This calls for collective wisdom and fairness in the manner the RRB carry out its responsibilities.

The developments in the radiocommunications sector call for more sharing of the limited radio frequency spectrum and satellite orbits. These developments are going to require continuous review and evaluation of the Rules of Procedure (RoP), which complement the Radio Regulations, to ensure that they are adequate in addressing current and future challenges on the application of the Radio Regulations.

I’m seeking election to the Radio Regulation Board to serve the global community using my experience, professional knowledge and thorough understanding of the ITU Radio Regulations and associated procedures.