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| **Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-18) Dubai, 29 October – 16 November 2018** |  |
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| PLENARY MEETING | **Document 99-E** |
|  | **6 November 2018** |
|  | **Original: English** |
| minutes  OF THE  sixth PLENARY MEETING | |
| Thursday, 1 November 2018, at 0945 hours | |
| **Chairman:** Mr Majed ALMESMAR (United Arab Emirates) | |

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|  | Subjects discussed | Documents |
| 1 | Election of the Secretary-General and Deputy Secretary-General | [75](https://www.itu.int/md/S18-PP-C-0075/en), [78](https://www.itu.int/md/S18-PP-C-0078/en), [86](https://www.itu.int/md/S18-PP-C-0086/en) |
| 2 | General policy statements (continued) | – |
| 3 | Member States' contributory units | [INF/7](https://www.itu.int/md/S18-PP-INF-0007/en) |

**1 Election of the Secretary-General and Deputy Secretary-General  
(Documents** [**75**](https://www.itu.int/md/S18-PP-C-0075/en)**,** [**78**](https://www.itu.int/md/S18-PP-C-0078/en) **and** [**86**](https://www.itu.int/md/S18-PP-C-0086/en)**)**

1.1 The **Chairman of Committee 2** reported that, as indicated in Documents 78 and 86, respectively, the Marshall Islands had transferred its powers to the United States, and Qatar to Oman.

1.2 Those transfers of powers were **noted**.

1.3 The **Chairman** 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 two ballot papers, marked for the elections of the Secretary-General and the Deputy Secretary-General, respectively. Delegations were requested, when called to vote, to deposit both ballot papers in the ballot boxes.

1.4 The **Legal Adviser**, responding to a question from the **delegate of Jordan**, said that, in accordance with No. 334 of the Convention, any delegation of a Member State having the right to vote was entitled to participate in the conference and to exercise the right to vote of the Member State concerned pending the plenary meeting’s decision on the final report of Committee 2 (Credentials), which would be submitted to the Plenary on Thursday, 8 November, as formally decided by the Plenary at its first meeting.

1.5 The **Secretary of the Plenary** called the roll of the delegations entitled to vote (Document 75) and invited them to deposit their ballot papers in the ballot boxes provided for that purpose.

1.6 Candidate for the post of Secretary-General: Mr H. Zhao (China).

1.7 Results of the vote:

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| − Number of ballot papers deposited: | 178 |
| − Number of invalid ballot papers: | 0 |
| − Abstentions: | 2 |
| − Number of delegations present and voting (number   of ballot papers used to compute the required majority): | 176 |
| − Required majority: | 89 |
| − Number of votes obtained: |  |
| Mr H. Zhao: | 176 |

1.8 **Mr H. Zhao (China) was elected Secretary-General.**

1.9 The **Secretary-General** said that he was deeply honoured by his re-election. He thanked delegates for the confidence they had placed in him and expressed his profound gratitude to the Government of China for supporting his candidature. He delivered the address available at <https://www.itu.int/web/pp-18/en/page/215-other-speeches>.

1.10 The **delegate of China** warmly congratulated Mr Zhao on his re-election to the post of Secretary-General and thanked Member States for placing their trust in him. China was confident that the Secretary-General would continue to lead ITU to new and greater accomplishments in the area of ICTs and digital transformation, and it would continue to provide a donation of USD 2 million to the Union over the following four years.

1.11 The **Chairman** thanked China for its generosity.

1.12 Candidates for the post of Deputy Secretary-General: Mr M. Johnson (United Kingdom) and Mr B. Sanou (Burkina Faso).

1.13 Results of the vote:

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| − Number of ballot papers deposited: | 178 |
| − Number of invalid ballot papers: | 0 |
| − Abstentions: | 0 |
| − Number of delegations present and voting (number   of ballot papers used to compute the required majority): | 178 |
| − Required majority: | 90 |
| − Number of votes obtained: |  |
| Mr B. Sanou | 65 |
| Mr M. Johnson | 113 |

1.14 **Mr M. Johnson (United Kingdom) was elected Deputy Secretary-General.**

1.15 The **Deputy Secretary-General** said that he was honoured to be re-elected. He thanked Member States for their trust and the Government of the United Kingdom for its strong support of his candidature. He paid tribute to Mr Sanou for his enormous contribution to ITU and thanked the elected officials and staff for their collaboration. He gave the address available at <https://www.itu.int/web/pp-18/en/page/215-other-speeches>

1.16 The **delegate of the United Kingdom** thanked all those States that had renewed the mandate of Mr Johnson. He was confident that ITU would have a successful future under the re-elected Secretary-General and Deputy Secretary-General. He paid tribute to Mr Sanou for his campaign and lengthy service to the Telecommunication Development Sector.

1.17 **Mr Sanou** thanked the President and Government of Burkina Faso for supporting his candidature for the post of Deputy Secretary-General, and all those States that had voted for him. He congratulated Mr Zhao and Mr Johnson on their re-election and wished them every success. It had been a privilege to work with the other Directors and ITU staff.

1.18 The **Secretary-General** expressed his gratitude to the outgoing management team of ITU, with whom he had enjoyed working over the previous four years. He congratulated the Deputy Secretary-General on his re-election, and commended the achievements and dedication of Mr Sanou, the outgoing Director of BDT, during his many years of service to ITU.

1.19 The **delegates of the United Arab Emirates**, speaking on behalf of the Arab group, **Romania**, speaking on behalf of CEPT, **Canada**, speaking on behalf of CITEL, the **Russian Federation**, speaking on behalf of RCC, **Kenya**, speaking on behalf of the African group, and the **Philippines**, speaking on behalf of APT, congratulated the Secretary-General and Deputy Secretary-General on their re-election. They also paid tribute to the outgoing Directors of BDT and BR for their significant contributions to ITU.

**2 General policy statements (continued)**

* 1. The following speakers made general policy statements:[[1]](#footnote-1)1

- Mr Abdi YOUSSOUF SOUGUEH, Minister, Ministry of Communication, responsible for Posts and Telecommunications (Djibouti) (see <https://www.itu.int/web/pp-18/en/speech/124>);

- Mr Abdallah SAID SAROUMA, Minister, National Regulatory Authority for ICTs (Comoros) (see <https://www.itu.int/web/pp-18/en/speech/132>);

* Ms Blanca Noemi COTO ESTRADA, General Superintendent of Electricity, General Superintendence of Electricity and Telecommunications (El Salvador) (see <https://www.itu.int/web/pp-18/en/speech/130>);

- Mr Nicholas Harry DAUSI, Minister, Ministry of Information and Communications Technology (Malawi) (see <https://www.itu.int/web/pp-18/en/speech/156>).

**3 Member States’ contributory units (Document** [**INF/7**](https://www.itu.int/md/S18-PP-INF-0007/en)**)**

3.1 The **Chairman** announced that, as agreed at the first plenary meeting, the list of contributory units prior to and following PP-18 had been made available in Document INF/7.

**The meeting rose at 1245 hours.**

The Secretary-General: The Chairman:

H. ZHAO M. ALMESMAR

1. 1 The texts of general policy statements submitted to the secretariat may be consulted at <https://www.itu.int/web/pp-18/en/policy-statement>. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)