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| **Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-18) Dubai, 29 October – 16 November 2018** |  |
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| PLENARY MEETING | **Document 101-E** |
|  | **6 November 2018** |
|  | **Original: English** |
| minutes  OF THE  seventh PLENARY MEETING | |
| Thursday, 1 November 2018, at 1445 hours | |
| **Chairman:** Mr Majed ALMESMAR (United Arab Emirates) | |

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|  | Subjects discussed | Documents |
| 1 | Election of the Directors of the Bureaux | [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), [87](https://www.itu.int/md/S18-PP-C-0087/en) |
| 2 | General policy statements (continued) | - |

**1 Election of the Directors of the Bureaux (Documents** [**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)**,** [**87**](https://www.itu.int/md/S18-PP-C-0087/en)**)**

1.1 The **Chairman of Committee 2** said that the Marshall Islands had transferred its powers to the United States (Document 78), Qatar its powers to Oman (Document 86) and Barbados its powers to Belize (Document 87).

1.2 The **Chairman** announced that five tellers representing the five administrative regions were in their positions. Each delegation had been issued with three ballot papers. Delegations were requested, when called to vote, to deposit their ballot papers in the ballot boxes.

1.3 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 designated ballot boxes.

1.4 Candidates for the post of Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau (BR):  
Mr I. Bozsóki (Hungary), Mr M. Maniewicz (Uruguay) and Mr M. Žilinskas (Lithuania).

1.5 Results of the vote:

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| − Number of ballot papers deposited: | 179 |
| − Number of invalid ballot papers: | 1 |
| − 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 M. Žilinskas | 41 votes |
| − Mr I. Bozsóki | 52 votes |
| − Mr M. Maniewicz | 85 votes |

1.6 The **Chairman**, observing that no candidate had obtained the required majority, said that a second round of voting would be held.

1.7 Candidate for the post of Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau (TSB): Mr C. Lee (Republic of Korea).

1.8 Results of the vote:

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| − Number of ballot papers deposited: | 179 |
| − Number of invalid ballot papers: | 1 |
| − Abstentions: | 4 |
| − 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 C. Lee | 174 votes |

1.9 **Mr C. Lee (Republic of Korea) was elected Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau (TSB).**

1.10 The **Director of TSB** expressed his pleasure at having been re-elected and thanked all those who had supported him. He gave the address available at <https://www.itu.int/web/pp-18/en/speech/200>.

1.11 The **delegate of the Republic of Korea**, extending his country’s congratulations to Mr Lee on his re-election, thanked delegations for placing their trust in him. He was sure that Mr Lee would contribute further to the achievements of the Union. He also congratulated the Secretary-General and the Deputy Secretary-General on their re-election.

1.12 Candidates for the post of Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT): Ms D. Bogdan-Martin (United States), Mr W. Ijeh (Nigeria) and Mr C. Zavazava (Zimbabwe).

1.13 Results of the vote:

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| − Number of ballot papers deposited: | 179 |
| − Number of invalid ballot papers: | 1 |
| − Abstentions: | 1 |
| − Number of delegations present and voting (number   of ballot papers used to compute the required majority): | 177 |
| − Required majority: | 89 |
| − Number of votes obtained: |  |
| − Mr W. Ijeh | 16 votes |
| − Mr C. Zavazava | 66 votes |
| − Ms D. Bogdan-Martin | 95 votes |

1.14 **Ms D. Bogdan-Martin (United States) was elected Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT).**

1.15 The **Director elect of BDT** expressed her appreciation for the trust placed in her and thanked all those who had supported her in her campaign. Shegave the address available at <https://www.itu.int/web/pp-18/en/speech/204>.

1.16 The **delegate of the United States** thanked those States that had placed their confidence in Ms Bogdan-Martin and welcomed her historic appointment. He also expressed appreciation to the other candidates and their governments for their exemplary campaigns. The United States had full confidence in Ms Bogdan-Martin and her ability to pursue the required dialogue with all involved players on the way forward for BDT. The United States would be an active partner in improving the Union and achieving successful outcomes for all. He also congratulated the Secretary-General, Deputy Secretary-General and Director of TSB on their re-election.

1.17 The **Secretary-General** warmly congratulated Mr Lee on his re-election and Ms Bogdan-Martin on her historic election as the first woman to occupy an ITU elected official’s position. He had full confidence in both and looked forward to working together to meet Member States’ expectations. He also paid tribute to the unsuccessful candidates and acknowledged their valuable contributions to the Union; he looked forward to calling on their expertise in the future. Noting that no African candidate would be occupying a senior management position, he pledged that the Union would pay special attention to African concerns and interests.

1.18 **Mr Ijeh** congratulated Ms Bogdan-Martin on her election and wonderful campaign, and the Secretary-General, Deputy Secretary-General and Director of TSB on their re-election. He thanked his Government and other Member States for their support and pledged to continue working in support of the Union.

1.19 The **delegates of Kenya**,speakingon behalf of the African group, the **United Arab Emirates**, speaking on behalf of the Arab group, **Malaysia**, speaking on behalf of APT, **Romania**, speaking on behalf of CEPT, the **Russian Federation**, speaking on behalf of RCC, and **Canada**, speaking on behalf of CITEL, congratulated the re-elected Director of TSB and the Director elect of BDT, welcoming the latter's symbolic breaking of the glass ceiling, and expressed confidence in the new management team. They paid tribute to the unsuccessful candidates for their exemplary campaigns.

**2 General policy statements (continued)**

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

− Mr Albert MEDRÁN, Head of Cabinet, Secretary of State for Digital Advancement, Ministry of the Economy and Business (Spain) (see <https://www.itu.int/web/pp-18/en/speech/99>);

− Mr Puthyvuth SOK, Secretary of State, Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications (Cambodia) (see <https://www.itu.int/web/pp-18/en/speech/158>);

− Mr Pichet DURONGKAVEROJ, Minister, Ministry of Digital Economy and Society (Thailand) (see <https://www.itu.int/web/pp-18/en/speech/78>);

− Mr Mohamed SWARAY, Minister, Ministry of Information and Communications (Sierra Leone) (see <https://www.itu.int/web/pp-18/en/speech/197>);

− Mr Rudiantara RUDIANTARA, Minister, Ministry of Communication and Information Technology (Indonesia), who thanked the conference for its words of condolences regarding recent tragic events in his country (see <https://www.itu.int/web/pp-18/en/speech/16>);

− Mr Suleiman ZUHAIRI, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Telecommunications & Information Technology (Palestine) (see <https://www.itu.int/web/pp-18/en/speech/193>).

**The meeting rose at 1745 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/page/72-policy-statements>. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)