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To Member States of the ITU

Subject: **Credentials for delegations participating in the Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-18), Dubai, United Arab Emirates, from Monday, 29 October, to Friday, 16 November 2018**

Dear Sir/Madam,

As we move rapidly towards the Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-18), which will open in Dubai, United Arab Emirates on Monday 29 October 2018, I should like to recall the terms of Circular Letter No. 18 of 12 March 2018, concerning credentials of delegations of the Member States participating in the conference. In particular, I would like to draw your attention to the provisions of Article 31 of the ITU Convention concerning **credentials for conferences** (see Annex).

To enable your country to fully exercise its sovereign rights at PP-18, I would invite you to ensure that the competent authorities in your country send the original credentials document to ITU headquarters in Geneva - accompanied, where necessary, by a certified translation in one of the official languages of the Union – **sufficiently before the opening of the conference and at the latest before 29 October 2018**. As from **27 October 2018**, credentials may only be deposited with the PP-18 Credentials Committee secretariat at the conference venue in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

In order to facilitate your task, a model instrument of credentials for use by delegations which fulfils the criteria set out in the relevant provisions of the ITU Convention can be found on the PP-18 website at: <https://www.itu.int/web/pp-18>

Information regarding credentials of delegations to conferences can also be found in Document 2 of the Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-18).

Should you have any questions or require any clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the PP-18 Credentials Committee secretariat at [ppcredentials@itu.int](mailto:ppcredentials@itu.int) (c/o Mr. Nikolaos Volanis).

Yours faithfully,

*(signed)*

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Secretary-General

**Annex:** CV/Article 31

# CONVENTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION

## ARTICLE 31

### Credentials for conferences

<b>324</b> <b>PP-98</b>	1 The delegation sent by a Member State to a plenipotentiary conference, a radiocommunication conference or a world conference on international telecommunications shall be duly accredited in accordance with Nos. 325 to 331 below.
<b>325</b>	2 1) Accreditation of delegations to Plenipotentiary Conferences shall be by means of instruments signed by the Head of State, by the Head of Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
<b>326</b>	2) Accreditation of delegations to the other conferences referred to in No. 324 above shall be by means of instruments signed by the Head of State, by the Head of Government, by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or by the Minister responsible for questions dealt with during the conference.
<b>327</b> <b>PP-98</b>	3) Subject to confirmation prior to the signature of the Final Acts, by one of the authorities mentioned in Nos. 325 or 326 above, a delegation may be provisionally accredited by the head of the diplomatic mission of the Member State concerned to the host government. In the case of a conference held in the Swiss Confederation, a delegation may also be provisionally accredited by the head of the permanent delegation of the Member State concerned to the United Nations Office at Geneva.
<b>328</b>	3 Credentials shall be accepted if they are signed by one of the competent authorities mentioned in Nos. 325 to 327 above, and fulfill one of the following criteria:
<b>329</b>	– they confer full powers on the delegation;
<b>330</b>	– they authorize the delegation to represent its government, without restrictions;
<b>331</b>	– they give the delegation, or certain members thereof, the right to sign the Final Acts.
<b>332</b> <b>PP-98</b>	4 1) A delegation whose credentials are found to be in order by the Plenary Meeting shall be entitled to exercise the right to vote of the Member State concerned, subject to the provisions of Nos. 169 and 210 of the Constitution, and to sign the final acts.
<b>333</b>	2) A delegation whose credentials are found not to be in order by the Plenary Meeting shall not be entitled to exercise the right to vote or to sign the Final Acts until the situation has been rectified.
<b>334</b> <b>PP-98</b> <b>PP-02</b>	5 Credentials shall be deposited with the secretariat of the conference as early as possible; to that end, Member States should send their credentials, prior to the opening date of the conference, to the Secretary-General who shall transmit them to the secretariat of the conference as soon as the latter has been established. The committee referred to in No. 68 of the General Rules of conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union shall be entrusted with the verification thereof and shall report on its conclusions to the Plenary Meeting within the time specified by the latter. Pending the decision of the Plenary Meeting thereon, any delegation shall be entitled to participate in the conference and to exercise the right to vote of the Member State concerned.
<b>335</b> <b>PP-98</b>	6 As a general rule, Member States should endeavour to send their own delegations to conferences of the Union. However, if a Member State is unable, for exceptional reasons, to send its own delegation, it may give the delegation of another Member State powers to vote and sign on its behalf. Such powers must be conveyed by means of an instrument signed by one of the authorities mentioned in Nos. 325 or 326 above.

<b>336</b>	7	A delegation with the right to vote may give to another delegation with the right to vote a mandate to exercise its vote at one or more meetings at which it is unable to be present. In such a case it shall, in good time, notify the Chairman of the conference in writing.
<b>337</b>	8	A delegation may not exercise more than one proxy vote.
<b>338</b>	9	Credentials and transfers of powers sent by telegram shall not be accepted. Nevertheless, replies sent by telegram to requests by the Chairman or the secretariat of the conference for clarification of credentials shall be accepted.
<b>339</b> <b>PP-98</b>	10	A Member State or an authorized entity or organization intending to send a delegation or representatives to a telecommunication standardization assembly, a telecommunication development conference or a radiocommunication assembly shall so inform the Director of the Bureau of the Sector concerned, indicating the names and functions of the members of the delegation or of the representatives.

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