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| **Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-22) Bucharest, 26 September – 14 October 2022** |  |
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| PLENARY MEETING | **Document 108-E** |
|  | **27 September 2022** |
|  | **Original: English** |
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| MINUTES  OF THE  FIRST PLENARY MEETING | |
| Monday, 26 September, at 1440 hours | |
| **Chairman:** Mr Sabin Sărmaș (Romania) | |

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**1 Opening of the meeting**

1.1 The **Secretary-General** welcomed Mr Sebastian Burduja, Minister of Research, Innovation and Digitalization of Romania, who had been appointed by the inviting government to open the conference proceedings.

1.2 **Mr Burduja**, opening the meeting, welcomed all participants and wished the conference every success.

**2 Election of the chairman of the conference**

2.1 The **Secretary-General** proposed that Mr Sabin Sărmaș, President of the Information Technology and Communications Commission of the Chamber of Deputies of the Romanian Parliament, should be appointed to serve as chairman of the conference.

2.2 Mr Sabin Sărmaș was **elected** chairman of the conference by acclamation.

2.3 **Mr Sabin Sărmaș took the chair.**

**3 Address by the chairman of the conference**

3.1 The **Chairman** delivered the address available at <https://pp22.itu.int/en/itu_policy_statements/chairman-sabin-sarmas-speech/>.

**4 Election of the vice-chairmen of the conference**

4.1 The **Secretary-General** proposed, on the basis of the recommendation of the meeting of heads of delegation, that the conference should elect six vice-chairmen as follows:

Ms Caroline GREENWAY (Papua New Guinea)

Mr Orozobek KAIYKOV (Kyrgyzstan)

Mr Mohamed Amine BENZIANE (Algeria)

Ms Erica BARKS-RUGGLES (United States)

Mr Oli BIRD (United Kingdom)

Mr Tareq AL-AWADHI (United Arab Emirates).

4.2 The vice-chairmen whose names had been proposed were **elected** by acclamation.

**5 Address by the Secretary-General**

5.1 The **Secretary-General** delivered the address available at <https://pp22.itu.int/en/itu_policy_statements/mr-houlin-zhao-international-telecommunication-union/>.

**6 Structure of the conference (Document** [**DT/2**](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-PP-220926-TD-0002/en)**)**

6.1 The **Secretary-General** introduced Document DT/2 setting out the terms of reference of the six committees and the Working Group of the Plenary.

6.2 Document DT/2 was **approved**.

**7 Election of the chairmen and vice-chairmen of the committees and of the Working Group of the Plenary**

7.1 The **Secretary-General** proposed, on the basis of the recommendation of the meeting of heads of delegation, that the conference should elect the following chairmen and six vice-chairmen of Committees 1 to 6 and the Working Group of the Plenary as follows:

**Committee 1** (Steering Committee) was composed of the chairman and vice-chairmen of the conference and the chairmen and vice-chairmen of the other committees and the Working Group of the Plenary.

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| **Committee 2** (Credentials) | **Chairman:**  **Vice-Chairmen**: | Mr Al-Ansari AL-MASHAKBEH (Jordan)  Mr Prachish KHANNA (India)  Mr Anuar A. MAGZUMOV (Kazakhstan)  Mr Isaias A. MUANAMBANE (Mozambique）  Mr Cesar MARTINEZ (Paraguay)  Mr Dirk-Olivier VON DER EMDEN (Switzerland)  Mr Mohalhel ALBUSAIDI (Oman) |
| **Committee 3** (Budget Control) | **Chairman**:  **Vice-Chairmen**: | Mr Bakhtiyar MAMMADOV (Azerbaijan)  Ms Keer ZHU (China)  Ms Seynabou SECK CISSE (Senegal)  Mr Santiago REYES-BORDA (Canada)  Mr Wojciech BEREZOWSKI (Poland)  Mr Fayçal BAYOULI (Tunisia)  Mr Ulugbek AZIMOV (Uzbekistan) |
| **Committee 4** (Editorial) | **Chairman**:  **Vice-Chairmen**: | Mr Christian RISSONE (France)  Mr Zicai TANG (China)  Mr Konstantin TROFIMOV (Russian Federation)  Ms Imelda S. BANALI (Tanzania)  Ms Nicole DARABIAN (United Kingdom)  Ms María José FRANCO (Uruguay)  Ms Sameera BELAL MOMEN (Kuwait) |
| **Committee 5** (Policy and Legal Matters) | **Chairman**:  **Vice-Chairmen**: | Ms Mina Seonmin JUN (Republic of Korea)  Mr William Kwong Hwa LEE (Malaysia)  Ms Khayala PASHAZADE (Azerbaijan)  Mr Chima OKORIE (Nigeria)  Mr David BEDARD (Canada)  Mr Johann GROSS (Germany)  Mr Mustapha BESSI (Morocco) |
| **Committee 6** (Administration and Management) | **Chairman**:  **Vice-Chairmen**: | Ms Vernita HARRIS (United States)  Mr Keiji HATTORI (Japan)  Ms Umida MUSAYEVA (Uzbekistan)  Mr Christopher KEMEI (Kenya)  Ms Renata SANTOYO (Brazil)  Ms Blanca GONZÁLEZ (Spain)  Mr Abdullah ALMUBADAL (Saudi Arabia) |
| **Working Group of the Plenary** | **Chairman**:  **Vice-Chairmen**: | Mr Kwame BAAH-ACHEAMFUOR (Ghana)  Mr Alireza DARVISHI (Islamic Republic of Iran)  Ms Almira GATAULINA (Uzbekistan)  Mr Leonel ZAMBA (South Sudan)  Mr Abraao BALBINO E SILVA (Brazil)  Ms Inga RIMKEVICIENE (Lithuania)  Ms Muneera ALZAYANI (Bahrain) |

7.2 The chairmen and vice-chairmen whose names had been proposed were **elected** by acclamation. The **delegate of** **Ukraine** made the following statement:

“As far as Ukraine is taking the floor for the first time I would like to thank the Government of Romania for organization of this PP. Thank you secretariat for presenting this proposal.

With regard to the presented list of candidates for the committees of the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference we would like to state the following.

We do not the support the candidate nominated by the aggressor State, which started the largest war in Europe since the Second World War and continues targeted attacks on critical telecommunication infrastructure of my country in violation of the UN Charter, international humanitarian and human rights law and the ITU Constitution.

We believe that the country which demonstrates blatant disregard for international law and this organization does not deserve the right to put forward candidates in the UN family organizations.

With a view to ensure the smooth proceedings and effective work of the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference, we will not block the Russian candidate, but we disassociate ourselves from the consensus about his candidacy for the post of vice-chairman of the Committee 4, while supporting all other candidates presented by ITU Member States.

We also require the insertion of this statement in the minutes of the meeting.”

**8 Composition of the conference secretariat**

8.1 The **Secretary-General** informed participants that the duties of the conference secretariat would be performed by the following persons:

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| **Secretary of the conference** | Mr Houlin Zhao, Secretary-General |
| **Executive Secretary** | Ms B. Pluchon |
| **Administrative Secretary** | Mr X. Liu |
| **Legal Affairs** | Mr A. Dore |
| **Plenary meeting and Committee 1** (Steering) | Ms B. Pluchon |
| **Committee 2** (Credentials) | Ms C. Vasala Kokkinaki |
| **Committee 3** (Budget Control) | Mr J.-P. Lovato |
| **Committee 4** (Editorial) | Ms N. Takesh |
| **Committee 5** (Policy and Legal Matters) | Mr N. Volanis |
| **Committee 6** (Administration and Management) | Mr A. Ba and Mr D. Ruiz Proano |
| **Working Group of the Plenary** | Mr C. Marinescu |

8.2 The composition of the conference secretariat was **noted**.

**9 Allocation of documents (Document** [**DT/3(Rev.2)**](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-PP-220926-TD-0003/en)**)**

9.1 The **Secretary of the Plenary** introduced Document DT/3(Rev.2) on the allocation of documents to the committees.

9.2 Document DT/3(Rev.2) was **approved**.

**10 Date of submission of the report of the Credentials Committee**

10.1 The **Secretary of the Plenary** proposed that the Credentials Committee meet on the second day of the conference, i.e. Tuesday, 27 September, and submit its report on Thursday, 6 October.

10.2 It was so **agreed**.

**11 Definitive amount of the contributory unit**

11.1 The **Secretary of the Plenary** proposed that the conference approve the Council’s recommendation that the definitive upper limit of the contributory unit should remain unchanged at CHF 318 000 for the period 2024-2027.

11.2 It was so **agreed**.

**12 Deadline for notifying the definitive choice of class of contribution**

12.1 The **Secretary of the Plenary** proposed that the deadline for notifying the definitive choice of class of contribution be set at 2359 hours Geneva time on Wednesday, 28 September 2022 (0059 hours Bucharest time on Thursday, 29 September 2022). The list of definitive choices of class of contribution would be published as an information document early in the morning on Thursday, 29 September 2022, before the beginning of the elections.

12.2 It was so **agreed**.

**13 Council report on the implementation of the strategic plan and the activities of the Union (Document** [**20**](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-PP-C-0020/en)**)**

13.1 The **Chairman of the Council**, introducing Document 20, said that the report aimed to cover the Union’s main activities from April 2018 to June 2022 in a concise, results-oriented and evidence-based way, including analytical figures showing overall progress towards the strategic goals and the Connect 2030 targets, and detailed information on the key performance indicators endorsed by the membership in the operational plans of the three Sectors and the General Secretariat. The report was supplemented by two media-rich, mobile-friendly websites and had been updated since the main part of the Council’s session in March 2022 to reflect the most recent developments, including the outcomes of WTSA­20 and WTDC-22.

13.2 The **Chairman** expressed appreciation, on behalf of all Member States, to the outgoing Chairman of the Council, Mr Saif Bin Ghelaita, for his excellent and inspiring chairmanship.

13.3 Document 20 was **approved**.

# 14 General policy statements

14.1 The following speakers made general policy statements:

* Mr Sebastian BURDUJA, Minister, Ministry of Research, Innovation and Digitalization (Romania) (see <https://pp22.itu.int/en/itu_policy_statements/sebastian-burduja-romania/>);
* Mr Abdullah ALSWAHA, Minister, Ministry of Communications and Information Technology (Saudi Arabia) (see <https://pp22.itu.int/en/itu_policy_statements/abdullah-alswaha-saudi-arabia/>);
* Ms Aminata ZERBO/SABANE, Minister, Ministry of the Digital Transition, Posts and Electronic Communications (Burkina Faso) (see <https://pp22.itu.int/en/itu_policy_statements/aminata-zerbo-sabane-burkina-faso/>);
* Mr Yoshifumi TSUGE, State Minister, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (Japan), who announced that his country would be maintaining its class of contribution at 30 units (see <https://pp22.itu.int/en/itu_policy_statements/yoshifumi-tsuge-japan/>);
* Mr Petr OČKO, Deputy Minister for Digitisation and Innovations, Ministry of Industry and Trade (Czech Republic) (see <https://pp22.itu.int/en/itu_policy_statements/petr-ocko-czech-republic/>);
* Mr Don GRAVES, Deputy Secretary, United States Department of Commerce (United States), who confirmed that his country intended to increase its financial contribution to the Union from 30 to 35 contributory units (see <https://pp22.itu.int/en/itu_policy_statements/mr-don-graves-united-states/>);
* Mr Ezra CHILOBA, Director General, Ministry of ICT, Innovation and Youth Affairs (Kenya) (see <https://pp22.itu.int/en/itu_policy_statements/ezra-chiloba-kenya/>).

**The meeting rose at 1705 hours.**

The Secretary-General: The Chairman:

H. ZHAO S. SĂRMAȘ

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