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### **Note by the Secretary-General**

#### **CANDIDATURE FOR THE POST OF DIRECTOR OF THE RADIOCOMMUNICATION BUREAU (BR)**

Further to the information published in Document 3, I have the pleasure of transmitting to the Conference, in annex, the candidature of:

**Mr Eric FOURNIER (France)**

for the post of Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau of the International Telecommunication Union.

Doreen BOGDAN-MARTIN  
Secretary General

Annex: 1



**REPRÉSENTATION PERMANENTE  
DE LA FRANCE AUPRÈS DE  
L'OFFICE DES NATIONS UNIES  
À GENÈVE ET DES  
ORGANISATIONS INTERNATIONALES  
EN SUISSE**

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**To:** International Telecommunication Union  
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The Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations Office at Geneva and other international organizations in Switzerland presents its compliments to the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and refers to ITU circular letter 25/48 of 10 November 2025.

France has the honour of submitting the following candidatures for election by the Plenipotentiary Conference on 12 November 2026 in Doha (Qatar, 9-27 November 2026):

The candidature of France for a seat on the ITU Council for region B for the 2027-2030 period. As a founding member of ITU and the fourth-largest contributor to the budget of the Union, France wishes to continue contributing to ITU's pursuit of its original mission: connecting people, ensuring interoperability and promoting equitable access to infrastructure. France participates very actively in the life of the organization, within its governing and administrative bodies (Plenipotentiary Conference, Council, Council working groups) as well as on the technical side (conferences, world assemblies, and the study groups of the three Sectors: standardization, radiocommunication and development).

The candidature of Mr Eric Fournier for the position of Director of the ITU Radiocommunication Bureau for 2027-2030. Mr Fournier's vision statement and his curriculum vitae are attached. He has been Director of Spectrum Planning and International Affairs in France's national spectrum body, *Agence nationale des fréquences* (ANFR), since 2007. His extensive experience, recognized technical expertise and unflagging commitment to finding compromise solutions are reflected in his past appointments to strategic positions. Notably, from 2012 to 2018 he chaired the Electronic Communications Committee of the European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations, the highest appointment in Europe for spectrum matters; and from 2022 to 2024 he chaired the Radio Spectrum Policy Group, which advises the European Commission.

The Government of France would be grateful for the valuable support of the ITU Member States for these two candidatures.

The Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations Office at Geneva and other international organizations in Switzerland avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the International Telecommunication Union the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Geneva, 18 December 2025

## **Eric FOURNIER**

Nationality: French

Born 7 July 1967 in Paris

Married, two children

Languages: French, English, Spanish (basic level)



### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Since 2007: **Director of Spectrum Planning and International Affairs, ANFR**

**Agence nationale des fréquences (ANFR)** is the public administrative body in France that is responsible for radio spectrum management, planning and monitoring

- ✓ Management of a team of 30, including 25 engineers
- ✓ Strategic and technical planning of spectrum utilization in conjunction with the licensing authorities, covering the national frequency allocation table, spectrum refarming, advanced studies on spectrum reassignment and on making spectrum utilization more efficient.
- ✓ Preparation of decisions for action by the spectrum redeployment fund
- ✓ Preparation and advocacy of national positions for all international and European forums on spectrum-related matters (ITU-R, CEPT and European Union), working with licensing authorities and industry and coordinating in the order of 400 contributions in some 50 working groups
- ✓ Institutional cooperation with spectrum management organizations around the world (experience-sharing, preparation of international conferences)
- ✓ Notification/coordination of space frequency assignments to meet the needs of French space industry
- ✓ Examination of license applications from satellite operators for space frequency assignments
- ✓ Negotiation of cross-border agreements, in particular for broadcasting (DTT, DAB+) and mobile networks (4G/5G)
- ✓ Regulation of electromagnetic compatibility and spectrum engineering for optimum use of the spectrum in France
- ✓ Monitoring standardization to ensure consistency with the harmonized spectrum use framework.

2004-2007: **Deputy Director of Spectrum Planning and International Affairs, ANFR**

1997-2003: **Head, Spectrum Engineering Department, ANFR**

1991-1997: **Spectrum engineering researcher, Centre national d'études des télécommunications (CNET/Orange Labs)**

## INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

### 2022-2023: **Chair, Radio Spectrum Policy Group (RSPG)**

High-level advisory body of the European Union, designed to assist the European Commission in developing radio spectrum policy. During the 2022/2023 exercise, published opinions for the joint EU position for WRC-23 on the future of the UHF television band, the 2G/3G mobile switch-off, the lessons learned from 5G, 6G development, the European spectrum regulatory framework and the renewal of 2 GHz satellite mobile band authorizations in 2027. Separately, published a report on the role of spectrum policy in combating climate change.

### 2012-2018: **Co-chair of CEPT and chair of the Electronic Communications Committee (ECC)**

Within CEPT, the ITU-recognized regional organization for Europe, ECC uses its technical expertise to promote spectrum harmonization in Europe and coordinate European contributions for ITU-R meetings and world and regional radiocommunication conferences. During my tenure, CEPT harmonized numerous frequency bands for mobile networks, in particular to prepare for 5G rollout: the 700 MHz band (second digital dividend), the 1.5 GHz band, the 3.4-3.8 GHz band and the 26 GHz band. CEPT also harmonized numerous bands for earth stations in motion, on board ships and aircraft.

### 2008-2012: **Chair of CEPT Conference Preparatory Group for WRC-12 (CPG-12)**

CPG-12 developed and adopted common European proposals for every item on the WRC-12 agenda. As chair of the Preparatory Group, I subsequently represented the European position in the negotiations at the Conference, which ultimately adopted important decisions such as the final technical conditions for utilization of the first digital dividend and the launching of the second digital dividend, new allocations for command and control of drones, for space research services, for the fixed satellite service and for different types of radar, the protection of a band of interest for Galileo, and the strengthening of regulations governing satellite interference.

### 2000-2004: **Chair of CEPT Working Group Spectrum Engineering (WGSE)**

Within CEPT, WGSE is responsible for spectrum-related technical studies, in particular compatibility and sharing studies that are needed to establish the conditions for the use of spectrum.

### **Participation in all world conferences since WRC-2000 and in the Regional Radiocommunication Conference of Geneva, 2006**

- Deputy head of delegation at the Regional Radiocommunication Conference for planning of the digital terrestrial broadcasting service (Geneva, 2006 Agreement) and numerous world radiocommunication conferences (WRC-07, WRC-12, WRC-15, WRC-19 and WRC-23)
- Vice-chair of WRC-12 and vice-chair of committees of WRC-15, WRC-19 and WRC-23.

**Speaker at numerous international conferences on spectrum management and sharing, 5G and 6G technologies and space subjects.**

## ACHIEVEMENTS

**Mobile EM exposure task force:** guided the experiments conducted in France by the COMOP task force on the reduction of exposure to electromagnetic radiation from mobile telephone towers, chaired by the parliamentarian François Brottes.

**Spectrum plan** for the Paris Olympics in 2024.

**Growth of cooperation** with 22 bilateral agreements between ANFR and its peer agencies, and the implementation of programmes for concrete action.

**Creation of biannual spectrum workshops** to raise awareness of the importance of spectrum management and consult the actors involved.

**Digital dividends:** conducted the studies that led to the reallocation of the 800 MHz and 700 MHz bands to mobile radiotelephony and cross-border negotiations to permit DTT refarming.

**IMT and Wi-Fi:** participated directly in the studies that led to the harmonization of the other IMT bands used in Europe, in particular 1.5 GHz, 2.6 GHz, 3.5 GHz and 26 GHz as well as the 5 GHz and 6 GHz bands for Wi-Fi applications, and in the sharing studies for IMT and Wi-Fi in the upper 6 GHz band.

**Galileo:** studies preliminary to WRC-2000 that made it possible to allocate new spectrum for the development of radionavigation satellite systems, in particular the European Galileo system.

**Satellite-based mobile:** definition and implementation of a regulatory framework for Europe on frequency bands for satellite-based mobile (below 1 GHz, 1.6/2.4 GHz and 2 GHz).

## EDUCATION

1991:                      **Engineer, graduate of SUPELEC** (CentraleSupélec School)

## **Vision statement**

### **Mr Eric Fournier**

*Candidate from France for the position of **Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau** of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) for 2027-2030, for the 12 November 2026 election in Doha during the plenipotentiary conference (9-27 November 2026)*

#### **My pledge**

If elected, I pledge to mobilize all of the Radiocommunication Bureau's expertise and competence to put this institution at the service of the Member States, and in the face of the coming challenges:

#### **1. Ensure the efficient, equitable and sustainable management of spectrum and satellite orbits**

In a constantly evolving world, I will preserve the role played by ITU, and its credibility, in the rational, equitable, efficient and sustainable management of these resources; taking into account in particular the boom in new applications relying on space and satellite constellations and the speed of technological progress, to ensure that ITU keeps pace with the challenges currently facing the sector.

#### **2. Guarantee respect of the rules of spectrum management and ensure an interference-free environment**

Under the oversight of the Radio Regulations Board, I will ensure that these rules are respected. I will focus in particular on prevention and resolution of interference, to ensure that radiocommunication systems can be operated under optimal conditions and without interference.

#### **3. Meet ITU's strategic and cross-cutting issues**

Working closely with the other Sectors of the Union, I am determined to meet the cross-cutting issues that are shaping the future of ITU, such as universal connectivity, sustainable digital transformation, artificial intelligence and ITU's resource mobilization strategy, contributing thereby to the achievement of the Goals set out in the 2030 Agenda.

#### **4. Make WRC-27 a success**

I will do everything to ensure the success of WRC-27, facilitating the identification of necessary compromises to meet the complex technical and regulatory challenges on the agenda of the Conference. I will see to it that the decisions of the Conference are implemented rapidly and effectively.

#### **5. Promote constructive dialogue and complete equity**

My approach has trust and equity at its heart. I will maintain an ongoing dialogue with all administrations, fostering an environment of mutual trust and cooperation. I will stand up for an approach based on inclusion and transparency at ITU.

I will maintain the Radiocommunication Bureau's technical and regulatory excellence, nurture its understanding of the challenges of managing the radio spectrum, and of innovation, and strengthen its responsiveness to the needs of the Sector and of the administrations.

## **My plan**

ITU's Radiocommunication Sector (ITU-R) plays a fundamental role in ensuring the efficient and sustainable management of the radio spectrum and satellite orbits.

Management of these resources makes possible the smooth and interference-free operation of radiocommunication systems around the world, a vital boon for all those services, in particular those operating internationally, such as the maritime, aeronautical, and, increasingly, the space sector.

The Radiocommunication Bureau is the driving motor of this sector.

With its legacy of expertise, ITU-R is the indispensable global authority in management of the radio spectrum and orbital/spectrum resources. The Sector plays a crucial role in the development of space projects, including geostationary satellites and constellations, for communication applications and for scientific research. In an increasingly interconnected world, ITU-R facilitates harmonization of technologies and of spectrum, in particular mobile networks. Thus, the Sector was instrumental in bringing about worldwide roaming for smartphones, and creating the economies of scale necessary to deploy those technologies. ITU-R also plays a decisive role in spectrum planning and management for sound and television broadcasting, indispensable for well-functioning media and public information. The Sector's steadiness will be vital to sustain continued growth and support the proliferation of applications needing access to the radio spectrum.

The Radiocommunication Bureau needs to anticipate and facilitate the integration of emerging technologies and new uses, particularly in space. The goal is to ensure that limited orbital and spectrum resources are managed in a manner that is proactive, equitable, efficient and sustainable, while ensuring that radiocommunication services continue to grow harmoniously.

Against this background, it is my wish that the Bureau continue to support the Member States in protecting their equitable access to these resources. If I am elected, the Bureau will continue to assist them in preventing and resolving interference in a fair, transparent and effective manner.

## **My expertise**

Over more than 25 years I have built up and strengthened my technical and regulatory competencies in all domains of radiocommunications.

My expertise today covers the establishment of international and European regulations on major items:

- identification of spectrum for 4G, 5G and 6G technologies;
- regulation of the geostationary orbit and satellite constellations;
- frequency allocations for radionavigation by satellite;
- protection of spectrum reserved for scientific research;
- planning for television, such as the Geneva, 2006 Conference, and digital dividends;
- new frequency allocations to meet the needs of the aeronautical and maritime sectors.

I strive at all times to promote cooperation with the partner administrations on all the continents, and value exchanges with the sector membership.

This approach has given me a richer understanding of the many challenges facing States on the one hand, and radiocommunication industries on the other.

In exercising these responsibilities, I have thoroughly mastered the domain of spectrum management at all levels:

- multilateral: involvement in meetings of ITU-R, the European Union, CEPT and ETSI;
- bilateral: cross-border cooperation and coordination;
- national: national frequency allocation table and spectrum refarming;
- interaction with the Radiocommunication Bureau, in particular for coordination and notification of space assignments.

I believe that my qualities as a manager have helped my team to achieve distinction in its work, while remaining attentive to the needs and positions of every administration and stakeholder. My desire, if I am elected, is that the Radiocommunication Bureau will be able to capitalize on the cultural and technical diversity of its staff to foster the free flow of communication and constructive exchanges with all of the Union's membership.