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Note by the Secretary-General

CANDIDACY FOR THE POST OF DIRECTOR OF THE RADIOCOMMUNICATION BUREAU (BR)

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

Mr Alexander KÜHN (Germany (Federal Republic of))

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

Doreen BOGDAN-MARTIN
Secretary-General

Annex: 1



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Dear Secretary-General,

With reference to your Circular Letter CL-25/48 of 10 November 2025 to the ITU Member States, in which you request notification of nominations for elected officials and seats on the Council, I have the honour to inform you of the candidature of Mr Alexander Kühn, Head of Section for International and National Spectrum Management and Special Advisor to the President at the German Federal Network Agency (Bundesnetzagentur, BNetzA), for the position of Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau and of Germany's application for a seat on ITU's council.

For over twenty years, Mr Alexander Kühn has dedicated his professional life to international exchange and cooperation, harmonization of regulation and international spectrum policy. He has outstanding experience in national, European and international spectrum management combined with an in-depth understanding of radiocommunication technology. Mr Kühn's many achievements in spectrum management are remarkable, both during the preparations for and in leadership positions at CEPT, at the World Radiocommunication Conferences, in the European Union and the International Telecommunication Union. He always finds consensual solutions for the most challenging topics, whether at conferences or in bilateral agreements.

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The German Government is firmly convinced that Mr Kühn will be a candidate for the Radiocommunication Bureau who will successfully continue the changes that you and your management team have introduced in the organization in the digital era. For further information, please refer to the additional paper attached and to online presentations that are available.

I would also like to take this opportunity to announce the renewed candidature of the Federal Republic of Germany for a seat on the ITU Council for Region B (Western Europe), through which Germany – as one of the founding members of the Union – will continue to be a reliable and solid member of this ITU body.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Karsten Wildberger', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dr. Karsten Wildberger



Vision Statement

Alexander Kühn

My goal is to strengthen the ITU-R as a platform for effective international cooperation, supportive mediation and practical regulatory solutions.

The Radiocommunication Sector of the International Telecommunication Union plays a vital role in ensuring that radio frequency spectrum and satellite orbits are managed in a fair, efficient and sustainable manner. At a time of rapid technological evolution, increasing demand for scarce resources and growing geopolitical tensions, the ITU-R must remain a trusted, technically driven and future-oriented pillar of the multilateral system.

As Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau, **I promise to strengthen the ITU-R as center of excellence for effective international cooperation, conflict prevention by supportive mediation and practical regulatory solutions.** I am committed to reinforcing the technical core of the ITU-R, supporting a new and diverse generation of experts and leaders, and ensuring that decision-making is guided by expertise, evidence and shared objectives rather than political posturing.

I believe that well-designed radiocommunication regulation enables innovation, connectivity and sustainable development worldwide. By upholding the consensus principle, fostering open and respectful dialogue among Member States, and translating complex technical work

into broadly supported outcomes, I seek to ensure that the ITU-R continues to deliver tangible results for all regions, mindful of the different needs.

My approach is grounded in integrity, openness and professional humility. As a leader, I aim to empower teams, enable others to excel and promote an institutional culture that values cooperation, competence and continuous learning. **Through this, I am committed to helping the ITU-R to remain a credible, inclusive and forward-looking institution at the heart of global radiocommunication governance.**





Personal Information

Alexander Kühn

Personal Information

Nationality	German
Born	18th April 1973 in Dortmund, Germany
Marital status	Married, father of one son
Language skills	German, English, French
Education	Assessor iuris: Degree in law (University of Osnabrueck) Fully qualified lawyer (Court of appeal, Duesseldorf)
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Professional Profile

Alexander Kühn

Senior telecommunications regulator with extensive experience in international spectrum management, satellite regulation and multilateral decision-making within the UN system. Demonstrated ability to combine technical credibility with institutional leadership, facilitate consensus among diverse stakeholders and deliver balanced solutions in complex and politically sensitive environments. Recognised for integrity, reliability and a cooperative, solution-oriented approach to global radiocommunication governance.

Core Competencies

- International radio frequency spectrum and satellite orbit regulation
- Multilateral negotiations and consensus-based decision-making
- Conflict prevention and resolution in radiocommunications
- Leadership and team management in complex regulatory environments
- Governance of scarce global resources within the UN framework
- Strategic preparation and conduct of World Radiocommunication Conferences (WRC)

International and Multilateral Engagement

- Long-standing participation in ITU-R Study Groups, Working Parties and regulatory processes
- Extensive experience in multilateral negotiations within the UN system and regional regulatory frameworks
- Regular engagement with administrations from all ITU regions, including developing and least-developed countries
- Practical experience in addressing sensitive issues related to harmful interference, competing spectrum claims and emerging technologies

Leadership and Governance Experience

- Proven leadership in guiding expert teams and national delegations in high-pressure international environments
- Ability to translate complex technical and regulatory issues into balanced, broadly acceptable decisions
- Strong commitment to transparency, procedural fairness, institutional integrity and collaborative leadership
- Leadership style characterized by openness, empowerment of teams and encouragement of professional development

Extended Professional Profile

Alexander Kühn

International Appointment and Leadership

2023–present

Chair, ITU-R Conference Preparatory Meeting to WRC-27 (CPM-27)

- Led the inaugural CPM-27 session, efficiently structuring ITU-R preparatory activities
- Secured consensus on the appointment of CPM Rapporteurs and Vice-Chairs, ensuring regionally balanced and effective governance

2019–2023

Vice-Chair, ITU-R Conference Preparatory Meeting to WRC-23 (CPM-23)

- Enabled convergence on future UHF use, 6 GHz, and enhancements to the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System
- Initiated cooperation with the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) on space sustainability
- Delivered consensus-based preparation of the WRC-27 future agenda items and advanced a systematic approach to preparatory activities as Vice-Chair, COM6

Vice-Chair, ITU-R World Radiocommunication Conference 2019 (WRC-19)

- Developed consensus-based usage conditions for IMT in the 26 GHz and 40 GHz bands
- Contributed to the identification of initial IMT-2020 (5G) spectrum in the 3.5 GHz band, now the worldwide core band for 5G
- Advised the Chair of WRC-19 on transparent and effective approaches to bridge agenda items with divergent stakeholder positions

2015–2019

Vice-Chair, ITU-R Conference Preparatory Meeting to WRC-19 (CPM-19)

Vice-Chair, ITU-R World Radiocommunication Conference 2015 (WRC-15)

- Advocated for consensus-based solutions on initial 3.5 GHz band usage in Region 1, extension of spectrum availability for the Earth Exploration-Satellite Service (9–10 GHz), UHF, PPDR, and the leap second
- Strengthened the role of regional groups through sustained and structured informal exchanges

2013–2019	<p>Chair, CEPT Conference Preparatory Group CPG-19 and CPG-15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Led European preparatory and coordination work for WRC-19 and WRC-15 including agenda management and alignment between CEPT and ITU-R processes <p>Chair / Co-Chair, EU Radio Spectrum Policy Group (RSPG) Subgroup on ITU-R WRC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Led EU coordination for WRC-15, WRC-19, and WRC-23 • Advised the European Commission on spectrum policy (4G/5G sharing, regulatory framework reviews), in coordination with BEREC
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Since 2007	<p>Head and Deputy Head of Delegation of Germany to ITU Conferences and Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Represented Germany in high-level negotiations and decision-making across ITU including Plenipotentiary Conferences, Radiocommunication Assemblies, Radiocommunication Advisory Groups • Key areas of work: restructuring of ITU-R Study Groups, digital dividends, spectrum management methodologies, flexibility in spectrum management, international harmonization for SRD, PPDR, EESS, and satellite services
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National Regulatory Career

2024–present	Bundesnetzagentur, Senior Advisor to the President
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2021–present	<p>Bundesnetzagentur, Head of Division International and National Spectrum Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leads a multidisciplinary team of more than 20 technical and legal experts. • Oversees spectrum regulation and its implementation in national law, including international coordination
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2008–2021	<p>Bundesnetzagentur, Deputy Head of International Spectrum Affairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinated German engagement in ITU-R WRCs, Radiocommunication Assemblies, and Radiocommunication Advisory Groups
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2005–2008	Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology, Deputy Head of Division Spectrum Policy
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2002–2005	<p>Bundesnetzagentur</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early career positions in litigation and electronic signatures
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1992–1993	<p>Military Service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armoured infantry
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