## Paraguay Digital

## CONNECTING PEOPLE IS LINKING OPPORTUNITIES FOR A FAIRER FUTURE

CONECTAR PERSONAS ES ENLAZAR OPORTUNIDADES PARA PROYECTAR UN FUTURO MÁS JUSTO

CONNECTER LES GENS, C'EST RELIER LES OPPORTUNITÉS POUR PROJETER UN FUTUR LE PLUS JUSTE.

「人」的连结,就是将可助人们获得更公平未来的机会,连结在一起

СОЕДИНЯТЬ ЛЮДЕЙ ЗНАЧИТ РАСШИРЯТЬ ВОЗМОЖНОСТИ ДЛЯ СОЗДАНИЯ БОЛЕЕ СПРАВЕДЛИВОГО БУДУЩЕГО

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## PARAGUAY Candidate for the ITU Council 2018 - 2022 for the Americas region

The Republic of Paraguay is part of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) since 1927 and now it wishes to request its support for re-election as a Member of the Council of the Union of the Americas.

Along with ITU, Paraguay has hosted events for the Americas, such as the Radiocommunication Seminar in 2013 and more recently, the Regional Preparatory Meeting for the World Conference on Telecommunication Development in 2017.



Based on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Paraguay has updated its National Telecommunications Plan for the 2016 - 2020 period, which includes objectives that require that telecommunications constitute a factor of support and encouragement to education, health, the economy and security. The Plan reflects the determination of an eminently young country, which develops its work by and for the people, in order to place it a click away from the opportunities offered by the Information and Knowledge Society.

We achieved the expansion of the optical fiber network reaching 246 towns out of a total of 250 with 100% growth exceeding the annual goal of 1,000 km per year.



Within the ITU, Paraguay is a fundamental member, which has managed to lead problems towards real solutions through dialogue and an ongoing effort to understand the diversity of perspectives of the other members and their genuine interests. For these reasons, our representation has moved towards a more active participation in the various forums and meetings that the Union has led, always in defense of broad and inclusive goals. With the spaces won as a representative of a sector at a disadvantage by being a landlocked country, Paraguay has managed to defend its position and that of a large number of member states in similar situations. With its intermediation, some of these countries have been able to overcome obstacles as well as build trust and consensus towards equitable growth.



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Paraguay still has a long way to go and countless lessons to be learned from the other members of the Union, from whom it has already been able to gain experience and examples, regardless of the degree of development that they hold. As a country full of young people, innovators, creatives and, above all, hard workers, Paraguay has been proposing, as a counterpart, new visions and models of solutions to conflicts and problems. This is the main reason why Paraguay should continue to actively participate in all possible forums.

Paraguay hopes to continue cooperating as a member state of the ITU Council, carrying the voice from its status as a landlocked developing country (LLDC) and thus continue contributing its unique voice to the Union's efforts in all its technical and institutional areas.









