
COMMITTEE 5

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COMMITTEE 5 INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS ON ELECTION PROCEDURES

Please find attached the proposal for a new Resolution on election procedures.

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DRAFT NEW RESOLUTION [COM5/XX] (BUSAN, 2014)

Procedures for the election of Secretary-General, Deputy Secretary-General and Directors of the Bureaux

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Busan, 2014),

considering

- a) that the procedures to be followed for the election of Secretary-General, Deputy Secretary-General and Directors of the Bureaux are established by Chapter III of the Rules of Procedure of Conferences, Assemblies and meetings of the Union;
- b) that there are no provisions on the procedures prior to the elections of elected officials except for the dates for submissions of the candidatures and the obligation to provide the curriculum vitae of the candidate in the form of a contribution document to the Plenipotentiary Conference;
- c) that candidates for these positions have to be announced at least twenty eight days prior to the Plenipotentiary Conference;
- d) that it is desirable to improve transparency and accountability for the elections of the elected officials in the Union,

recognizing

that it is common practice in some United Nations agencies to establish procedures for election where candidates provide their views to the general public by all possible means,

resolves

- 1 that candidates to the posts of Secretary General, Deputy Secretary General and Directors of the Bureaux present their programmes, visions on priorities and biographies in two open and interactive meetings, which shall include the submission of questions, one meeting to take place immediately prior to the opening meeting of the Council session, usually held in May/June, and the other meeting to take place immediately prior to the Council session that precedes each Plenipotentiary Conference;
- 2 that these interactive meetings should be open to all ITU Member States to attend and participate, either physically or through remote participation facilities;
- 3 that both presentations before Council be posted on the ITU website available to all membership,

instructs the Secretary-General

to report to the next session of the Council on possible further improvements of the methods,

instructs the Council

to continue to improve the methodologies associated with the full implementation of this resolution so that the *resolves* above shall be effective in time for the next elections occurring at the 2018 Plenipotentiary Conference,

encourages Member States

- 1 to actively participate in these interactive meetings and provide their comments during the discussion;
 - 2 to work early on their candidates campaign to enable them to participate and take place in the interactive meetings mentioned above.
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