

**PLENARY MEETING**

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**Note by the Secretary-General**

**CANDIDACY FOR THE POST OF DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL**

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

**Mr Mongi HAMDİ (Tunisia)**

for the post of Deputy Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union.

Dr Hamadoun I. TOURE  
Secretary-General

**Annex: 1**

## ANNEX

Permanent Mission of Tunisia to the United Nations Office at Geneva  
and specialized institutions in Switzerland

Reference 0200

The Permanent Mission of Tunisia to the United Nations Office at Geneva and specialized institutions in Switzerland presents its compliments to the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and has the honour to inform it that the Government of Tunisia has decided to submit the candidacy of Mr Mongi HAMDI, currently Head of the Office of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD, for the post of Deputy Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union for the period 2014-2018, in the elections that will be conducted during the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference to be held in the Republic of Korea from 20 October to 7 November 2014.

The Permanent Mission of Tunisia to the United Nations Office at Geneva and specialized institutions in Switzerland takes this opportunity to reiterate to the International Telecommunication Union the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 21 June 2013

*(signed)*

Official Seal of the Permanent Mission of Tunisia  
to the United Nations Office at Geneva  
and specialized institutions in Switzerland  
(Geneva, Switzerland)

To: International Telecommunication Union, Geneva

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## **PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Nationality: Tunisian

Date of birth: 23.04.1959

Marital status: married with three children

## **PROFESSIONAL PROFILE**

Highly accomplished professional with 25 years of practical experience in the management and leadership of development programs at the multilateral level. Spearheaded a number of national, regional and international developments projects and initiatives in the areas of information and communication technologies (ICTs). A strategist, pragmatic and progressive thinker with sound judgment and good analytical skills, as well as an effective communicator with proven diplomatic and consensus-building skills and with proficiency in English, French and Arabic (spoken and written).

- Information and communication technology for development specialist. Passionate about leveraging information and communication technologies to contribute to economic development.
- Program Management, strategy, operational, and research experience at the international level. Responsibilities included directing strategy (work programs), and establishing projects and development programmes in the areas of ICTs.
- 25+ years of solid experience comprising economic and social development, technology and innovation, information and communication technologies and project management.
- University of Southern California engineering graduate, and macroeconomic policy and management at Harvard University. Well rounded education (Ph.D.) with double specialities in engineering and economics.
- Profound understanding and comprehensive expertise in ICT for development issues. Combination of the assiduity of a manager and the outlook of a practitioner.
- Rich blend of knowledge and experience in project developments and technical assistance to governments in the developing world in areas related to technology, innovation, and information and communication technologies.

## **EDUCATION**

- Ph.D. in Engineering/economics, University of Southern California, Los Angeles (1988)
- Master of Science in Engineering, University of Southern California, Los Angeles (1985)
- Post graduate Certificate in macro-economic policy and management, Harvard University (1996)
- Diplôme d'ingénieur d'état, Ecole Nationale d'Ingénieurs de Tunis (1982)

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **June 2012-Present: Head of the Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development:**

Serve as Director of Strategic Planning and Coordination as well as “Chef de Cabinet” of the Secretary-General. Manage activities of the Office of the Secretary-General, including strategic planning and coordination of activities of the organization. Assist the Secretary-General in policy direction, coordination and communication with the diplomatic community and all United Nations system organizations. Represent UNCTAD and the Secretary-General at various national, regional and international events, meetings and conferences, including the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly.

### **2001-present: Head of the Secretariat of the United Nations Commission on Science and Technology for Development, Geneva, Switzerland**

Responsible for the management and leadership of the Secretariat of the United Nations Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD), one of the functional commissions of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), including administration, intellectual leadership, research, and substantive support in the areas of science, technology and innovation, and information and communication technologies (ICTs). The CSTD is mandated by ECOSOC and the General Assembly to serve as focal point within the United Nations system in the follow-up to and review of the progress made in the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society at the international and regional levels. Responsible for the identification of key strategic issues of concern related to information and communication technologies, and for the interactions with members of the Commission, ITU, Permanent government representatives, Ministers and other stakeholders. Represents the Commission at various international and regional meetings and conferences.

### **2008-May 2012: Head of the Science, Technology and ICT Branch at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), Geneva, Switzerland**

Responsible for policy direction and overall management of UNCTAD’s mandates, dealing with information and communication technology; science, technology and innovation policy, technical cooperation, and the production of two annual flagship reports: the Information Economy Report and the Technology and Innovation Report.

My responsibilities include the formulation of UNCTAD’s strategy in the area of capacity-building and training, information and communication technologies and technology and innovation; identifying priorities and determining needed resources for their implementation; overseeing the preparation of flagship reports and intergovernmental reports; organizing high-level meetings and conferences; chairing meetings, conferences and panels; representing UNCTAD at regional and international summits, conferences, forums and intergovernmental bodies, such as ECOSOC and the General Assembly; and interacting with a wide range of stakeholders, including government representatives, the private sector, civil society, academia and representatives of national, regional and international institutions. Served as representative of UNCTAD in the United Nations ICT Task Force, and in the United Nations Group on the Information Society (UNGIS).

### **Key contributions:**

- Contributed to putting information and communication technologies as one of the priorities of the development agenda of UNCTAD and the United Nations system;
- Contributed to building close relationships and collaboration in the areas of ICTs between the CSTD, UNCTAD and ITU;
- Spearheaded and promoted innovative programmes and initiatives, including the launching of the project Connect Africa (Lesotho and Mali); the setting up of a Network of Centres of Excellence ([www.unctad.org/noce](http://www.unctad.org/noce)) for African scientists, academics and engineers; and contributed to the founding of the ICT4All Forum ([www.ict4allforum.tn](http://www.ict4allforum.tn)) as an international platform to discuss issues related to the deployment of ICTs, and served as focal point of UNCTAD and the CSTD in the World Summit for Information Society (WSIS) Forum;
- Helped the CSTD get recognized to serve as focal point in the UN system for the follow up to and review of the progress made in the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS).

### **1998-2000: First Economic Affairs officer, UNCTAD, Geneva, Switzerland**

Carried out studies related to information and communication technologies, and technology and innovation, including the underpinnings of technology and foreign direct investment.

### **1988-1998: Economic Affairs Officer, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations, New York**

Responsible for the evaluation and analysis of the world Energy outlook, as well as the economic situation in the Middle East.

Acted as a Special Assistant to the Director of the Science, Technology, Energy and Environment Division at the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA).

### **Publications:**

Authored, contributed to and supervised numerous United Nations documents/publications/review articles, including:

- The Information Economy Report (one of UNCTAD's annual flagship reports)
- The Technology and Innovation Report (one of UNCTAD's annual flagship reports)
- The World Investment Report (one of UNCTAD's annual flagship reports)
- Annual Reports of the Secretary-General of the United Nations to the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council
- Reports of the Secretary-General to ECOSOC and the General Assembly on the progress made in the follow-up to and implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society;
- Report of the CSTD Working Group on Improvements to the Internet Governance Forum to ECOSOC and the General Assembly
- The World Economic and Social survey, New York (1989-1998)
- New and emerging technologies

**Professional associations**

- Member of the Harvard University Network for Science and Innovation for Sustainable Development;
  - Member of the World Association of Industrial and Technological Research Organizations;
  - Former member of the United Nations ICT Task Force.
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