
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 Malcolm JOHNSON (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

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

Dr. Hamadoun I. TOURE
Secretary-General

Annex: 1



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Dr Hamadoun Touré
Secretary-General
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GENEVA

Dear Secretary-General,

Malcolm Johnson: Candidate for the post of Deputy Secretary-General of the ITU

On behalf of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, I have the honour to confirm that the Government of the United Kingdom is formally supporting the candidature of Malcolm Johnson for the position of Deputy Secretary-General at the elections to be held during the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-14) that will take place in Busan, Republic of Korea, from 20 October to 7 November 2014.

You, of course, will be familiar with the excellent contribution that Malcolm Johnson has made to the work of the ITU during his tenure as Director of Standardization from 2006 and before, including driving forward the work on 'closing the standardization gap', ICT and climate change, as well as orchestrating the work that allowed the introduction of free availability of ITU-T Recommendations. Malcolm Johnson has also been the lead sponsor on initiating a programme to address developing countries' concerns over the lack of interoperability and conformity to ITU standards, as well as starting the process to review ITU-T's work over the coming years.

The World Telecommunication Standardisation Assembly (WTSA) held in Dubai last year was a great success thanks to Malcolm Johnson's leadership, and he has ensured the sustained involvement of key stakeholders, including universities and research institutes in the work of ITU-T. He has responded with energy and creativity to your requests to reform the ITU budget and Secretariat during his time in post, and I know he continues to be an active and collaborative member of your leadership team and the ITU family.

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, to express our appreciation for the commitment and drive you have given to the ITU during your tenure as Secretary-General, and assure you of our highest regards.

We look forward to our continuing relationship with ITU over the following months.

Yours sincerely,

Karen Pierce

**Karen Pierce CMG
Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the UN and Other International
Organisations, Geneva**

Malcolm Johnson

Candidate for Deputy Secretary-General, ITU Elections 2014

“An ITU for all: building consensus, co-operation and capacity”



EXPERIENCE AND ACHIEVEMENTS

From 2007 to present: Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau

From 1991 until 2006 was Head or Deputy Head of UK Delegations to all ITU conferences, assemblies and advisory groups of the three Sectors

Chaired the Reform Group on standardization prior to PP-02

Established the Commonwealth ITU Group (2002)

Four years' experience in the European Commission – responsible for the projects and legislation supporting the development of the GSM and DECT technical standards

Represented the European Commission in CEPT and in ETSI

Initiated the process for regional preparations for ITU conferences, established and chaired first interregional group to prepare for an ITU conference (WRC-95)

Developed the CEPT preparatory process for ITU conferences with European Common Proposals and co-ordination procedures and promoted the model in other regions

AS DIRECTOR OF TSB

Reversed the decline in membership of ITU-T, since 2007 41 new, mainly developing, countries have participated in ITU-T work.

Maintained budget levels since 2006, whilst increasing output by 60 per cent and trebling sector activities.

Study group leadership teams now come from 35 countries, 25 of which are developing countries.

Introduction of a new academia membership category has seen 42 universities join ITU-T since 2011.

Increased co-operation with major standards bodies and forums.

Increased access to ITU-T Recommendations. Removing the fee has led to over 2 million copies a year now being downloaded, compared with sales of 5000 a year previously.

Increased use of remote participation – more than 600 meetings in 2012, over 500 of which were fully virtual.

Initiated substantial restructuring of the TSB to increase efficiencies and focussing resources on achieving expanded WTSA mandates.

Implemented a paperless policy in TSB saving approximately half a million A4 pages a year.

Introduced substantial programmes on accessibility, climate change and conformity and interoperability.

Created the ITU Kaleidoscope academic conference, the Global Standards Symposium, and the Chief Technology Officers Group and introduced Technology Watch Reports.

Organised and led the highly successful World Telecommunication Standardization Assemblies in 2008 and 2012, both of which significantly increased the ITU-T mandate.

Lead a number of cross-sectoral initiatives such as the ITU ethics policy.

BACKGROUND

NATIONALITY: British

BORN: Trallwng, Wales, 19 June 1947

STATUS: Married, with one daughter

LANGUAGES: English (mother tongue), French and some Spanish

EDUCATION: Master of Science Degree, Bachelor of Science degree (1st class honours), University of Wales; Chartered Engineer; Member of Institution of Engineering and Technology

EMPLOYMENT

2007 – present: Director TSB

2003 – 2006: UK Office of Communications (Ofcom), International Co-ordinator with lead responsibility for UK in ITU and CEPT

1992 – 2003: Director in UK's Radiocommunications Agency

1987 – 1992: European Commission, Telecommunication Regulations Division

PREVIOUSLY: Represented UK in many other international organizations including IMO, Inmarsat and the European Space Agency
