

PLENARY MEETING

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Note by the Secretary-General

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

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

Mr François RANCY (France)

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

Dr Hamadoun I. TOURE
Secretary-General

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ANNEX

Geneva, 6 December 2013

To: Dr Hamadoun Touré, ITU Secretary-General
From: Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of France to the
United Nations Office at Geneva

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Dear Mr Secretary-General,

The Mission of France to the United Nations Office at Geneva has the honour of presenting to you, on behalf of France, the candidacy of Mr François RANCY for the post of Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau, for the elections to be held at the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference to be held from 20 October to 7 November in Busan.

Given his personal and professional qualities and his vast experience in national and international executive posts in the field of frequency management, a second term of office as Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau would allow Mr Rancy to continue the decisive action he is taking within ITU.

You will find attached hereto a copy of Mr François Rancy's curriculum vitae along with a letter presenting his candidacy signed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Minister in charge of SMEs, Innovation and the Digital Economy. The originals of the documents will be forwarded to you very shortly.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(signed)

Thomas WAGNER

Paris, 26 November 2013

To: Dr Hamadoun Touré, ITU Secretary-General
From: The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, France
The Minister in charge of SMEs, Innovation and the Digital Economy, Ministry of Industrial Renewal, France
Subject: Candidacy of Mr François RANCY for the post of Director of the ITU Radiocommunication Bureau

Dear Mr Secretary-General,

Further to your Circular Letter No. 165 of 21 October 2013, we have the honour of presenting to you, on behalf of France, the candidacy of Mr François RANCY for the post of Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau, for the elections to be held at the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference which is to take place from 20 October to 7 November 2014 in Busan.

Mr Rancy has unique experience of regulation of the radio frequency spectrum, as was unanimously recognized upon his election in 2010 to the post of Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau. Since assuming his functions in January 2011 and in accordance with the pledges he made prior to his election, Mr Rancy has worked to satisfy the expectations of the Member States in a manner consistent with the basic values of the Union and in close collaboration with its other Sectors.

While ensuring the success of the 2012 World Radiocommunication Conference and maintaining the high quality of the work carried out in application of the regulatory procedures and in the activities of the study groups, the Radiocommunication Bureau, with Mr Rancy at its helm, has enhanced its contribution to the efforts deployed by Member States in the field of spectrum management, particularly in pursuit of the transition to digital television and harmonized implementation of the digital dividend. In particular, this approach resulted in the Radiocommunication Bureau's increased involvement in support of the activities of the regional telecommunication organizations.

Given his personal and professional qualities and his vast experience in national and international executive posts in the fields of research, development and frequency management, a second term of office as Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau would allow Mr Rancy to continue the decisive action he is taking to meet the challenges confronting ITU in the sphere of frequencies.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of our highest consideration.

(signed)

Laurent FABIUS

Fleur PELLERIN



FRANÇOIS RANCY

Candidate of France for a second term of office as Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau

Nationality	French
Year of birth	1954
Civil status	Married, one daughter
Languages	French, English, Spanish, Italian
Studies	Engineer graduated from the École Polytechnique (1977) and the École Nationale Supérieure des Télécommunications, Paris (1979)

PROFESSIONAL CAREER

International Telecommunication Union

Since 1 January 2011 Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau

Agence nationale des fréquences (ANFR)

2004-2010 Director General

1997-2004 Director of Spectrum Planning and International Affairs

Centre national d'études des télécommunications (CNET, France Telecom) [National telecommunications research centre]

1994-1997 Head of the Radio Frequency Bureau of France Telecom.

Head of the Radiocommunications and Frequency Management Group.

1988-1994 Head of the Radio Systems Department of the Satellite Telecommunication Systems Group.

1979-1988 Systems engineer, responsible for the design of space communication systems and coordination of their frequencies. Representative of France to Intelsat's Technical Committee.

DECORATIONS

ITU silver medal (2007)

Knight of the Legion of Honour (1998)

Knight of the Order of National Merit (1992)

A FIRST TERM OF OFFICE IN SERVICE OF ITU AND ITS MEMBERS

In 2010, Mr Rancy undertook, if elected, to ensure that the Radiocommunication Bureau, in a manner consistent with the basic values of ITU and in close collaboration with its other Sectors and the Radio Regulations Board, be capable of meeting the expectations of administrations in regard to the following:

- **Application of ITU procedures, consistency between the ITU-R databases and real use of the spectrum and the provision of assistance in resolving cases of harmful interference.**

Under Mr Rancy's leadership and in continued pursuit of the endeavours of his predecessor, Mr Timofeev, the Radiocommunication Bureau has applied the ITU procedures in compliance with the regulatory deadlines and ensured a reduction in the number of cases of orbit/spectrum resources being reserved without really being used. Moreover, whenever a matter was brought before the Radio Regulations Board, the Board concluded that the Bureau had applied the relevant provisions of the Radio Regulations correctly. Lastly, the Bureau has taken numerous initiatives to help resolve cases of harmful interference through dialogue between the administrations concerned.

- **Assistance to administrations in spectrum management**

At the instigation of Mr Rancy and in close collaboration with the Telecommunication Development Bureau, the ITU regional offices and regional organizations concerned, the Radiocommunication Bureau has enhanced its contribution to the efforts deployed by administrations and regional organizations in the field of spectrum management, particularly in pursuit of the transition to digital television and harmonized implementation of the digital dividend.

- **Adaptation of computer tools to the needs of administrations**

At Mr Rancy's initiative and in close consultation with the Radiocommunication Advisory Group, a short-, medium- and long-term plan was adopted in 2012 to ensure that the Bureau's information system evolved progressively. Implementation of this plan will not only facilitate implementation of the decisions taken by WRC-12, it will also provide administrations and the Bureau with more appropriate and user-friendly tools for the everyday management of spectrum resources at international level.

- **Participation in the activities of the Radiocommunication Sector and dissemination of the output thereof**

Noting that real participation in the Sector's activities was geographically unbalanced, Mr Rancy decided to significantly increase the number of regional workshops and seminars, using the support of the Telecommunication Development Bureau, the ITU regional offices, regional organizations and Member States concerned, paying particular attention to ensuring that the format of such events better satisfied the expectations of all members of the Radiocommunication Sector.

- **Transparency in the Radiocommunication Bureau's functioning**

As soon as he took up office, Mr Rancy took care to ensure close dialogue with all members of the Sector, through the Radiocommunication Advisory Group and then the ITU Council, in order to trigger in-depth reflection on the objectives and structure of the strategic plan for the ITU Radiocommunication Sector, clearly identifying the different objectives pursued, the activities of the Sectors to achieve them, and the outputs of those activities.

- **Management of the Radiocommunication Bureau's resources**

Within the context of a restricted budget, Mr Rancy has ensured that, while maintaining the high level of quality of its services as well as staff motivation, management of the Radiocommunication Bureau's resources produces gains in productivity where possible and desirable. Thus it has been possible to reduce the budgetary resources used by the Bureau (excluding the world radiocommunication conference and radiocommunication assembly) by over 6 per cent over Mr Rancy's first term of office, without compromising the quality of the work carried out. During this period, the Bureau's staff has been more active than ever before in service of the Union's membership.
