

PLENARY MEETING

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MINUTES
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SIXTH PLENARY MEETING

Thursday, 23 October 2014, at 0840 hours

Chairman: Mr W. MIN (Republic of Korea)

Subjects discussed

- 1 Expression of condolences to the delegation and Government of Canada
- 2 Election of the Secretary-General and Deputy Secretary-General

Documents

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[99](#), [100](#),
[102\(Rev.1\)](#), [105](#)

1 Expression of condolences to the delegation and Government of Canada

1.1 On behalf of the conference, the **Chairman** expressed his condolences to the delegation and Government of Canada in view of the tragic events of the previous day in Ottawa.

2 Election of the Secretary-General and Deputy Secretary-General (Documents 99, 100, 102(Rev. 1) and 105)

2.1 The **Chairman of Committee 2** reported that, as indicated in Documents 99, 100 and 105, the Republic of Malta had transferred its powers to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Iceland its powers to Denmark, and Guinea its powers to Mali.

2.2 Those transfers of powers were **noted**.

2.3 The **Chairman** announced that the delegates of Suriname, Denmark, Russian Federation, Cameroon, and Papua New Guinea, had been appointed as tellers. Each delegation had been issued with two ballot papers marked, respectively, for the election of the Secretary-General and for the election of the Deputy Secretary-General. Delegations were requested, when called to vote, to deposit both ballot papers in the ballot box.

2.4 The **Secretary of the Plenary** called the roll of the delegations entitled to vote (Document 102(Rev. 1)) and invited them to deposit their ballot papers in the ballot boxes provided for that purpose.

2.5 Candidate for the post of Secretary-General: Mr H. Zhao (China).

2.6 Results of the vote:

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– Number of ballot papers deposited:	156
– Number of invalid ballot papers:	0
– Abstentions:	4
– Number of delegations present and voting (number of ballot papers used to compute the required majority):	152
– Required majority:	77
– Number of votes obtained:	
– Mr H. Zhao:	152

2.7 **Mr H. Zhao (China) was elected Secretary-General.**

2.8 Candidates for the post of Deputy Secretary-General: Ms M. Gaj (Poland), Mr B. Gracie (Canada), Mr M. Johnson (United Kingdom), Ms F. Mohamed-Saleck (Mauritania), and Mr S. Taylor (Nigeria).

2.9 Results of the vote:

– Number of ballot papers deposited:	156
– Number of invalid ballot papers:	0

– Abstentions:	0
– Number of delegations present and voting (number of ballot papers used to compute the required majority):	156
– Required majority:	79
– Number of votes obtained:	
Ms F. Mohamed-Saleck	19
Mr B. Gracie	27
Mr S. Taylor	30
Ms M. Gaj	38
Mr M. Johnson	42

2.10 The **Chairman**, observing that no candidate had obtained the required majority, said that a second round of voting would be held at the next plenary meeting. If a Member State wished to withdraw a candidature, the head of the delegation concerned should inform the Chairman in writing not later than two hours before the ballot was due to be held.

2.11 The **Secretary-General elect** said that he was deeply touched by his election and thanked delegates for the confidence which they had placed in him. He delivered the address which can be consulted at:

<http://www.itu.int/en/plenipotentiary/2014/statements/file/Pages/acceptance-zhao.aspx>.

2.12 The **delegate of China** warmly congratulated Mr Zhao on his election to the post of Secretary-General and thanked all those who had supported him. He expressed gratitude to Secretary-General Touré, who in the course of eight years had worked tirelessly for the development of ICTs at the global level and achieved many successes. The Secretary-General elect would be sure to continue along the same path, and China would participate actively in the work of ITU.

2.13 The **Secretary-General** expressed his warmest congratulations to his friend Mr Houlin Zhao, to whom the torch of the organization would pass on 31 December. Noting that they had worked together most harmoniously for eight years, he considered that no new Secretary-General had ever been so well prepared for the job as Mr Zhao, and commended the choice made by the Member States. He undertook to work closely with Mr Zhao until the end of the current year, and took the opportunity to thank the latter and the Bureaux Directors Mr Johnson (TSB), Mr Sanou (BDT) and Mr Rancy (BR), thanks to whom the senior management team had collaborated in total harmony.

2.14 The **delegates of United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Mali, Republic of Korea, Turkey, India, Philippines, Argentina, Mexico, United States, Morocco, Pakistan, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Zambia, Poland** on behalf of the European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations (CEPT), **Zimbabwe** on behalf of that country and of the Africa group, **Republic of South Africa, Kuwait, Malaysia, United Kingdom, Egypt, Lebanon, Oman, Tunisia, Russian Federation, Israel, Switzerland, Gabon, Japan, Burkina Faso, Costa Rica** on behalf of the Member States of COMTELCA, and the **observer for the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT)**, took the floor to congratulate Mr Zhao warmly on his decisive election and

assure him of their support. They also commended the tremendous work accomplished by the outgoing Secretary-General, Mr Touré.

2.15 The **Chairman** personally congratulated the new Secretary-General, noting that the APT was honoured by his election, and promised to give him all the support he needed during his term of office.

The meeting rose at 1110 hours.

The Secretary-General:
H. TOURÉ

The Chairman:
W. MIN