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EIGHTH PLENARY MEETING

Friday, 24 October 2014, at 0835 hours

Chairman: Mr W. MIN (Republic of Korea)

Subjects discussed	Documents
1 Election of the Deputy Secretary-General: third round	99 , 100 , 102(Rev.1) , 105
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1 Election of the Deputy Secretary-General: third round (Documents 99, 100, 102(Rev.1) and 105)

1.1 The **Chairman** announced the third round of voting in the elections for the post of Deputy Secretary-General. He recalled that three transfers of powers had been noted at the sixth plenary meeting: Malta had transferred its powers to the Netherlands (Document 99), Iceland to Denmark (Document 100), and Guinea to Mali (Document 105).

1.2 The **Chairman of Committee 2** said that no further transfers of powers had been received.

1.3 The **Chairman** announced that the delegates of Suriname, Denmark, the Russian Federation, Cameroon and Papua New Guinea, who had been appointed as tellers to oversee the first and second rounds of voting, would continue in that role.

1.4 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 designated ballot boxes.

1.5 Candidates for the post of Deputy Secretary-General: Ms M. Gaj (Poland), Mr M. Johnson (United Kingdom) and Mr S. Taylor (Nigeria).

1.6 Results of the vote:

– Number of ballot papers deposited:	169
– Number of invalid ballot papers:	0
– Abstentions:	0
– Number of delegations present and voting (number of ballot papers used to compute the required majority):	169
– Required majority:	85
– Number of votes obtained:	
– Ms M. Gaj:	47 votes
– Mr S. Taylor:	51 votes
– Mr M. Johnson:	71 votes

1.7 The **Chairman**, noting that no candidate had obtained the required majority, said that, in accordance with No. 192 of the General Rules of conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union, a fourth round of voting would be held that afternoon between the two candidates having obtained the largest number of votes in the third ballot. He expressed appreciation to Ms Gaj for her excellent election campaign and contribution to the work of the Union.

2 Announcement by the delegate of Zambia

2.1 The **delegate of Zambia** announced that Zambia was celebrating the 50th anniversary of its independence on 24 October 2014. The date of its independence had been chosen to coincide with United Nations Day, reminding leaders of the need to work together to better the lot of the peoples of the world.

2.2 The **Chairman** congratulated the Zambian delegation on behalf of all the participants present.

3 General policy statements (continued)¹

3.1 The following speakers made general policy statements:

- Mr Darcy BOYCE, Minister Responsible for Telecommunications, Prime Minister's Office (Barbados);
- Ms Nerida O'LOUGHLIN, Deputy Secretary, Department of Communications (Australia); at the end of her statement, the speaker recalled her Government's contribution of CHF 2.4 million to fund ITU development activities during the period 2011-2014 and declared her Government's intention to continue that commitment in 2015-2018.

3.2 The **Chairman** welcomed Australia's contribution to the Union's development activities.

3.3 General policy statements (continued):

- Mr Jadambaa TSAGAAN-UVGUN, Chairman, Information Technology, Post and Telecommunications Authority (Mongolia);
- Mr Thari G. PHEKO, Chief Executive, Botswana Communications Regulatory Authority (Botswana);
- Ms Julieta TENCHEVA, Head of International Relations Department, Ministry of Transport, Information Technology and Communications (Bulgaria);
- Mr Mohamad Riza MOHAMAD YUNOS, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Communications (Brunei Darussalam).

The meeting rose at 0955 hours.

The Secretary-General:

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The Chairman:

W. MIN

¹ The texts of general policy statements submitted to the secretariat may be consulted at:
<http://www.itu.int/en/plenipotentiary/2014/statements/Pages/default.aspx>