ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 2022

26 September – 14 October
Bucharest, Romania

The election process explained

January 2022
Summary

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Elected Positions

PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE

supreme organ of the Union
(CS, Art.7)

- Elected Officials
  (Management Team of the Union)
  - 5 posts
- Council Membership
- Radio Regulations Board (RRB) Membership
  - 12 members

- 48 seats
Elected Positions

Elected Officials

Secretary-General
Deputy Secretary-General
Director Radiocommunication Bureau (BR)
Director Telecommunication Standardization Bureau (TSB)
Director Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT)

5 posts
Elected Positions

Council Membership

48 Member States

- 9 seats: Region A (Americas)
- 8 seats: Region B (Western Europe)
- 5 seats: Region C (Eastern Europe & Northern Asia)
- 13 seats: Region D (Africa)
- 13 seats: Region E (Asia & Australasia)
Radio Regulations Board (RRB) Membership

12 Members

- 2 seats: Region A (Americas)
- 2 seats: Region B (Western Europe)
- 2 seats: Region C (Eastern Europe & Northern Asia)
- 3 seats: Region D (Africa)
- 3 seats: Region E (Asia & Australasia)
Elected Positions

Term Duration

Elected for four-year term (between two ordinary Plenipotentiary Conferences)

For Elected Officials: Maximum of two terms (consecutive or not) in any one of the 5 elected posts

For RRB: maximum of two terms (consecutive or not)

For Council Member States: terms are renewable without limit
Deadlines for candidatures

1. All candidatures must reach the Secretary-General not later than 23h59 (Geneva Time) on Monday, 29 August 2022, (ref. No. 170 of the GR)

2. For Elected Official positions and RRB, candidature should be sent with name, CV, photo of candidate, and vision statement (as per GR 169 and Council 2018 decision)

3. All candidatures are posted on website as a PP document as soon as the complete candidature has been received by the Secretary-General (ref. GR 171)

https://www.itu.int/pp22/elections/candidates/
The electorate is composed of all Member States

• present;
• having the right to vote; and
• whose credentials are found to be in order by the Plenary meeting.
Right to vote

Member States must be parties to the Geneva Constitution and Convention of the ITU (CS 210).

Member States must not be in arrears of payments to the Union for an amount equivalent to two years or more of the contribution due for the two preceding years (CS 169).

Credentials must be in order. Credentials should fulfill one of the following criteria:

- Confer full powers on the delegation;
- Authorize the delegation to represent its government without restrictions;
- Give the delegation, or certain members, the right to sign the final Acts.
- Credentials should be signed by the Head of State, Head of Government, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- Template is available on the PP-22 website.
Roll-out of Elections

Order

SG → DSG → Directors of the Bureaux → RRB → Council

Secret Ballot

Starting date

29 September

Doors are closed. No entry or exit are allowed during elections.
Roll-out of Elections

Elected Officials
Candidate

Valid Ballot Paper

☑️ Only one box marked
☐☐ Only “X” inside a box
☐☐ Nothing outside the boxes

Any candidate obtaining the majority shall be elected.

Required Majority

More than half the delegations present and voting.

A delegation may exercise only one Proxy Vote (CV337)

Blank ballot papers shall be considered as abstentions.

Delegations abstaining from voting shall not be taken into account.
Elected RRB Members and Council Members

Valid Ballot Paper

- Only an "X" in the box next to the name of the RRB candidate(s)/Member State(s).
- Ballot papers with more "X"s than the number of seats to be assigned for each Region shall be considered invalid and not counted for the Region(s) concerned.
- Ballot papers bearing any mark other than an "X" inside a box or any mark whatsoever outside the boxes shall be considered invalid and not counted.

Required Majority

- Relative majority
- A delegation may exercise only one Proxy Vote (CV337)
- Blank ballot papers shall be counted as abstentions
- Delegations abstaining from voting shall not be taken into account

RRB: For each of the five administrative regions, the candidates receiving the largest number of votes within the limit of the number of seats to be filled for each region are elected (GR204).

Council: For each of the five administrative regions, the Member States receiving the largest number of votes within the limit of the number of seats to be filled for each region are elected (GR216).
Roll-out of Elections

For Elected Officials

1st Ballot → 2nd Ballot → 3rd Ballot → 4th Ballot

All Candidates

- 1st Ballot: All Candidates if none withdraw
- 2nd Ballot: All Candidates if none withdraw
- 3rd Ballot: All Candidates if none withdraw
- 4th Ballot: Only 2

Hrs or less if PL decides

6

6

12

if tie

Eldest candidate gets elected

Hrs or less if PL decides

Hrs or less if PL decides

Hrs or less if PL decides
For RRB Members elections

Roll-out of Elections

1st Ballot

if tie

Special Ballot

If tie

6 Hrs or less if PL decides

Eldest candidate gets elected
For Council Members elections

1st Ballot → if tie → Special Ballot

6 Hrs or less if PL decides

If tie → Drawing of lot
Teams of tellers are nominated to oversee the elections.

Each team of tellers is composed of 5 tellers (one teller for each administrative region: A, B, C, D, E).

Tellers shall be designated by the Chair of the Conference based on informal consultations with regions (GR 176).

The Chair of the Conference shall hand them the list of delegations entitled to vote and the list of candidates.
The Conference determines the dates when the Elected Officials and Members of RRB take up their duties (usually in the first quarter of the following year)

The Member States of the Council take up their duties as of the date of their election

A swearing-in ceremony is organized in a Plenary meeting during the Conference for Elected Officials only as well as a ceremony for outgoing RRB Members.
The extraordinary session of the Council 2023 with newly elected Member States will take place on 14 October 2022 in Bucharest. Invitations will be sent after the elections.
Thank you!

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