



# Malcolm Johnson

Candidate for the post of  
Deputy Secretary-General

International Telecommunication Union

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# Foreword - Candidature of Malcolm Johnson

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**The Rt Hon Baroness Warsi**

Senior Minister of State, with responsibility for the UN and International Organisations, Foreign & Commonwealth Office



**The Honourable Ed Vaizey MP**

Minister for Culture, Communications and Creative Industries, Department for Culture, Media & Sport

We are delighted to commend to you the candidature of Malcolm Johnson for the position of Deputy Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union.

The next Deputy Secretary-General will need to have an in-depth understanding and appreciation of the wider issues facing the Union and the concerns of its diverse membership; combined with a clear strategic vision, proven management skills, and diplomacy.

Malcolm has proved his skills during his excellent stewardship of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau during the last two terms. And he is well known within the ITU for contributing original ideas, developing them through consensus building, finding common ground in difficult conflicts, being sensitive to the interests of the developing countries, and embracing the full range of technical, regulatory, procedural, and commercial factors that run through ITU activities.

Malcolm's experience and qualities make him ideally suited to take on this important role at this crucial time. His record shows that he has the drive, energy, commitment, and team spirit, to fulfil this role.

It is with great pleasure, therefore, that we commend Malcolm Johnson to you as the candidate best qualified to assist the new Secretary-General to meet the challenges that the Union will face over the coming years. We hope you will join us in supporting Malcolm's candidature.

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Baroness Warsi

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Ed Vaizey MP

## My Commitment

Malcolm Johnson

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Forging new relationships while enhancing and building upon the solid foundations of ITU is the major challenge facing the organization in the coming years.

Fortunately, ITU has a long history of adaptation to rapid changes in the international environment and of innovation at the technological frontier. The global proliferation of ICTs today is testament to this ability to broker agreement and foster international development.

To maintain this momentum, it is clear that the newly elected management team will face many challenges demanding proven management and diplomatic skills, a good team spirit, and a respect for the diverse views of the membership.

I am committed to continue the drive to reform the ITU, and to implement its strategic and financial plans over the next four years, ensuring

that it becomes a more efficient organization that prioritizes its work, and uses its finite resources to greatest effect. I am also keen to continue the process of ITU collaborating closely with other relevant organisations, especially those in the Internet community, so as to pool our resources and bring the benefits of the information society to all the world's citizens.

I am fully committed to help the new Secretary-General and the other members of his team meet these challenges, and I pledge to ensure that the ITU is ready to serve the global community in future years to come.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in white ink, appearing to read 'Malcolm Johnson', written over a dark blue background with a faint hexagonal pattern.

# Experience & Achievements

## Malcolm Johnson

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- » Elected Director of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Bureau at the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 2006.
- » Re-elected Director of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Bureau at the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 2010.
- » During first term increased activity in relation to: cybersecurity; climate change; and accessibility to ICTs for persons with disabilities.
- » Greater involvement of developing countries in ITU's standards activities.
- » Introduction of free downloading of ITU-T Recommendations.
- » Initiated a programme to address major developing country concerns over lack of interoperability and conformity to ITU standards.
- » Improved collaboration between ITU-T and other organizations.
- » Greater involvement of universities and research institutes with the initiation of the annual Kaleidoscope Academic conferences in 2008.
- » Introduction of paperless policy in Telecommunication Standardization Bureau.
- » Encouraged increase use of electronic working methods across ITU-T Study Groups.
- » Prior to election to ITU acted as Head or Deputy Head of UK Delegations to all ITU world conferences, assemblies and advisory groups from 1992.
- » Established the Commonwealth ITU Group in 2002 and chaired it until 2006.
- » Has been responsible for many new initiatives in the management, structure and functioning of the ITU.
- » Before 1992 worked in the European Commission DGXIII representing the European Commission in CEPT and ETSI.

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### **Nationality:**

British

### **Born:**

Trallwng, Wales, 19 June 1947

### **Status:**

Married, with one daughter

### **Languages:**

English and French

### **Education:**

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

### **2007 – present:**

Director of Telecommunication Standardization Bureau

### **2003 – 2006:**

Joined UK Office of Communications (Ofcom) at inception in 2003. International Co-ordinator with lead responsibility for UK in ITU and CEPT

### **1992 - 2003:**

Director in UK's Radiocommunications Agency with lead responsibility for UK in ITU and CEPT

### **1988 - 1992:**

European Commission, Telecommunication Regulations Division

### **Previously:**

Represented UK in many other international organisations including the International Maritime Organisation, Inmarsat and the European Space Agency