

Speech by Ambassador Socorro Flores at the 2018 ITU Council meeting

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Distinguished representatives to the 2018 ITU Council Meeting,

Good afternoon, I am honored to be here today on behalf of the delegation of Mexico.

In accordance with our commitments as a member of the International Telecommunication Union, Mexico has decided to present two candidatures to the upcoming ITU Plenipotentiary Conference, to be held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, from October 29th, to November 16th, 2018.

As you already know, the Government of Mexico has presented its candidacy for **reelection to the ITU Council**, for the period 2019-2022.

This decision is consistent with our aim to maintain an active and responsible participation in this relevant organization, in order to contribute to strengthen the Union's position on strategic and priority global issues, such as the development of infrastructure and broadband services.

Mexico actively promotes international cooperation for development in the fields of telecommunications and information and communication technologies (ICT). In this regard, we were very honored and committed to host the **2010 ITU Plenipotentiary Conference, in Guadalajara**, as well as the **2013 World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators Symposium, in Mexico City**.

Mexico presents the following commitments if reelected to the Council:

1. To promote the adoption of measures to facilitate the application of the provisions of the Constitution and the Convention of the ITU, of the Administrative Regulations, as well as the assignments of the Plenipotentiary Conference to the Council;

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2. To encourage the establishment of policies and strategies to address the evolution of telecommunications in the digital era;
3. To contribute to improve coordination between ITU and other international organizations, in order to avoid duplication of tasks, as well as to maintain efficient and transparent expenditure;
4. To contribute to ITU efforts in favor of the universal development of telecommunications.

Likewise, it is my honor to formally present the **candidacy of Mr. Fernando Borjón Figueroa**, head of the Mexican Telecommunications Investment Promotion Agency (Promtel), **as a member of the ITU Board of Radio Regulations (BRR)**.

Mr. Borjón has more than 20 years of experience in the fields of telecommunications and broadcasting. He is considered an expert in spectrum and regulatory issues, technological development and public policies.

He also has a vast experience in ITU issues. Most of you know that he has shown leadership and constructive contributions as chairman of the Plenipotentiary Conference of 2010, chairman of the Council from 2010 to 2012, and currently as a chairman of the Expert Group of the International Telecommunications Regulations (RTI).

If elected to the two candidacies, Mexico will promote the development of policies and strategies to address the evolution of telecommunications, and will encourage the ITU to pursue initiatives to foster universal access to telecommunications, particularly in developing countries.

With no further comments, I thank you for your attention, and I wish you have very fruitful and relevant outcomes during the current 2018 ITU Council meetings.

Thank you.