



ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 2026

9-27 November
Doha, Qatar

The election process explained

November 2025



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General overview

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Status and objectives

ITUPP

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

Determines the
general policies for
fulfilling the purposes
of the Union

Held every

4

years

Elects the
management team
of the Union, the Council Member
States and RRB Members

During

3

weeks

Amends CS & CV
Adopts the
Financial Plan &
Strategic Plan

Attending

+2000

participants

Elected Officials



Secretary-General

Deputy Secretary-General

Director Radiocommunication Bureau (BR)

Director Telecommunication Standardization Bureau (TSB)

Director Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT)

Council Membership



● 9 seats

● 8 seats

● 5 seats

● 13 seats

● 13 seats

● Region A
Americas

● Region B
Western Europe

● Region C
**Eastern Europe
& Northern Asia**

● Region D
Africa

● Region E
Asia & Australasia

Radio Regulations Board (RRB) Membership



● 2 seats

● 2 seats

● 2 seats

● 3 seats

● 3 seats

● Region A
Americas

● Region B
Western Europe

● Region C
**Eastern Europe
& Northern Asia**

● Region D
Africa

● Region E
Asia & Australasia

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

Deadline for candidatures

1

All candidatures must reach the Secretary-General not later than 23h59 (Geneva Time) on Monday, 12 October 2026, (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)

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)

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

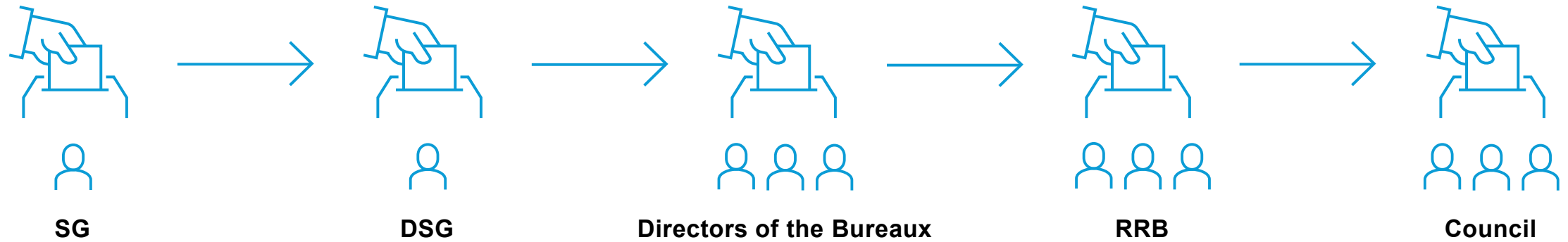
Member States must be parties to the Geneva Constitution and Convention of the ITU (CS 210).

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).

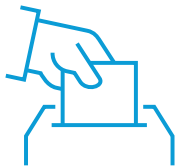
Credentials must be in order. Credentials should fulfill one of the following criteria:

- 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-26 website.

Order



Secret Ballot



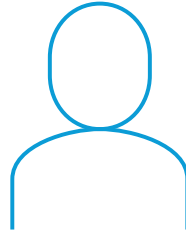
Starting date

12

November

Doors are closed.
No entry or exit are
allowed during elections.

Elected Officials Candidate



Any candidate obtaining the majority shall be elected.

Valid Ballot Paper



Only one box marked



Only "X" inside a box



Nothing outside the boxes

Required Majority

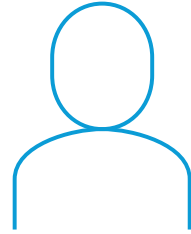
More than half the delegations present and voting.

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



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).

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

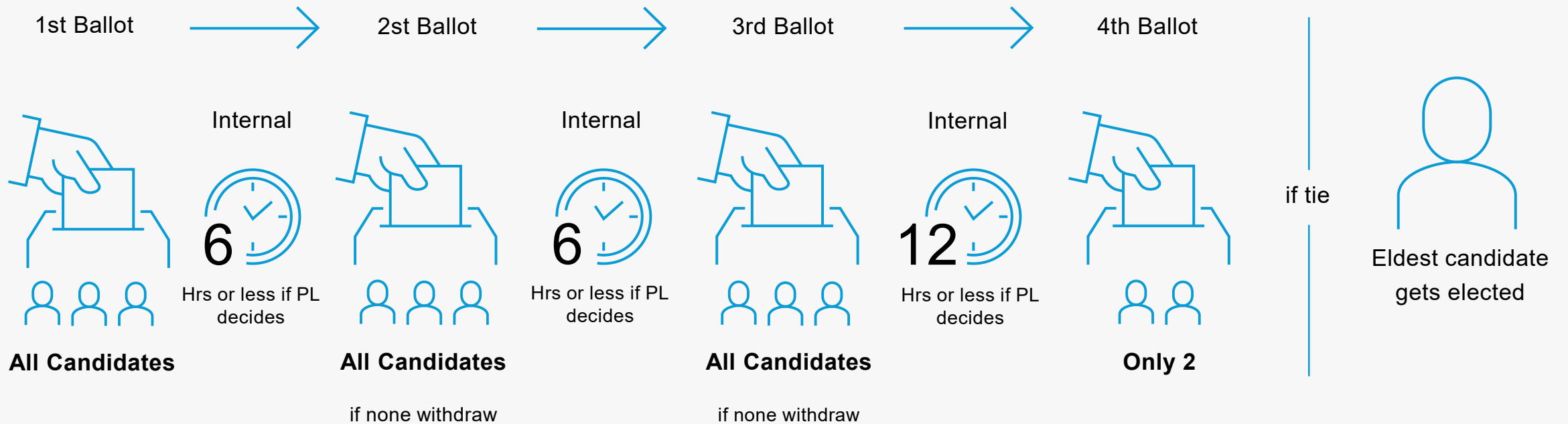
Relative majority

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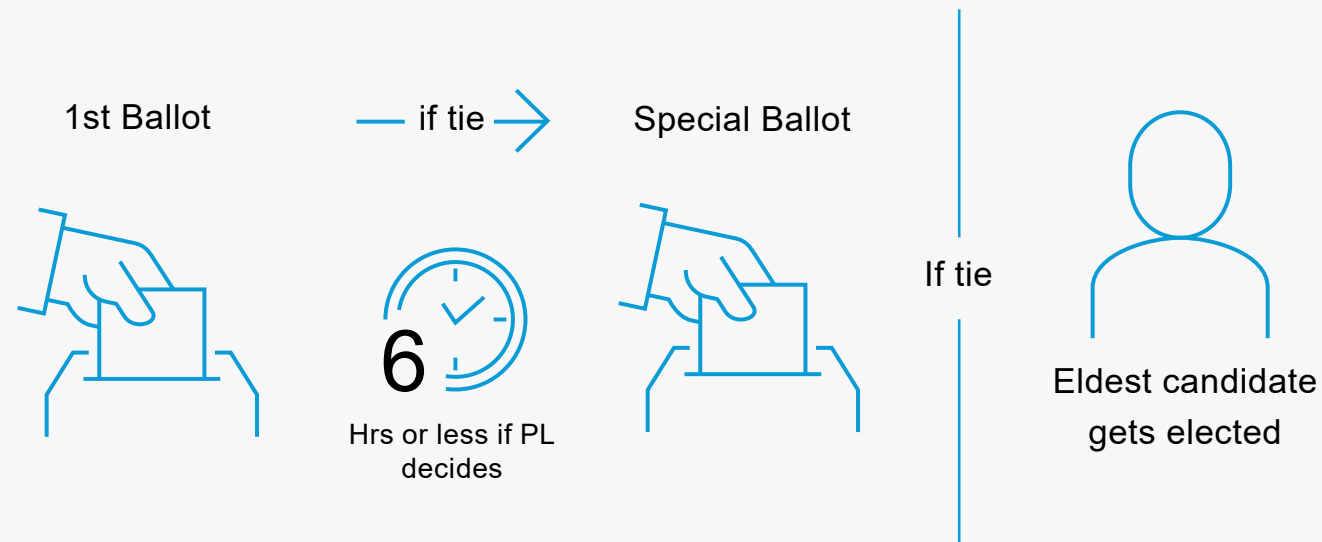
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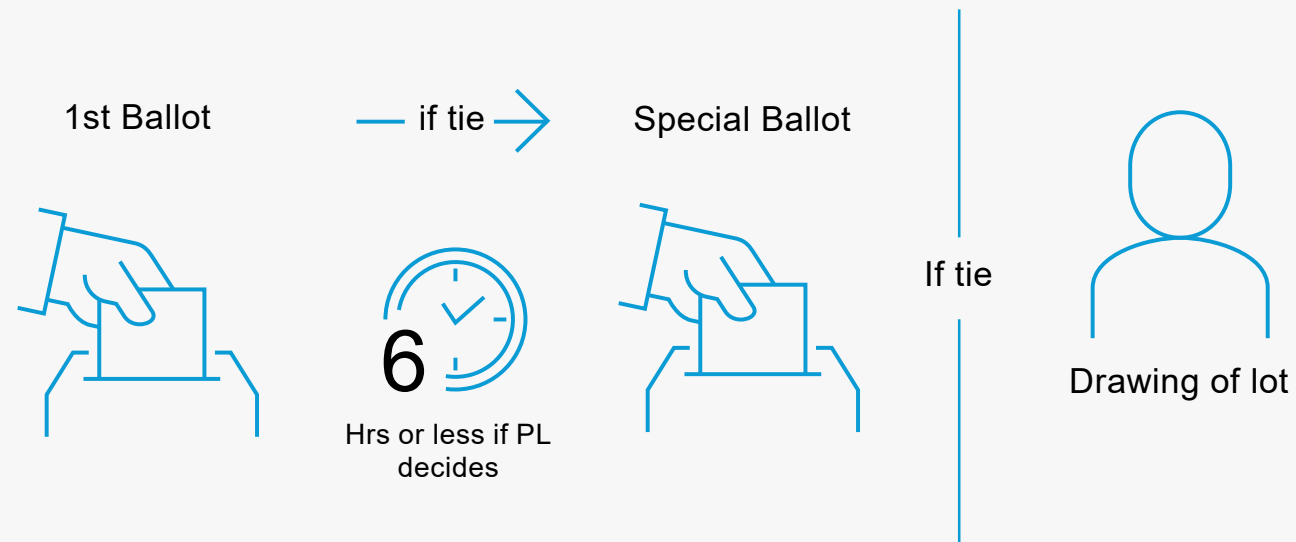
For Elected Officials



For RRB Members elections



For Council Members elections





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.

ITU COUNCIL

The extraordinary session of the Council
2027 with newly elected Member States
will take place on
27 November 2026 in Doha.

Invitations will be sent after the elections.



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Thank you!

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