

**ITSO PANEL OF LEGAL EXPERTS  
REPORT OF THE 1<sup>st</sup> MEETING OF THE PLE (PLE-01)  
7 November 2024**

An electronic meeting of the Panel of Legal Experts (PLE) took place on 7 November 2024, at 8.30 am (Washington DC time). The meeting was chaired by the Deputy Director General & Director of International and Regulatory Affairs, Dr. Renata Brazil-David and was attended by 9 members of the Panel of Legal Experts, as per Annex 2. Mr. Maury Mechanick, External Legal Advisor and Ms. Heloisa Siffert, ITSO Secretariat, were also present at the meeting.

**1. AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPENING REMARKS BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL**

1.1 The Deputy Director General formally called the meeting to order, thanked the members of the Panel for their participation and highlighted that the purpose of the meeting was the designation of the PLE chairman in accordance with Article 3 (c) of the Annex A of the ITSO Agreement.

1.2 The Deputy Director General introduced the ITSO Secretariat and asked the members of the PLE to introduce themselves.

**2. AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Ref.: PLE-01-01

2.1 The Agenda, as detailed in Annex 1, was approved by the PLE meeting.

**3. AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – DESIGNATION OF THE PLE CHAIRMAN**

Ref.: PLE-01-02

3.1 Considering that the ITSO Secretariat received only one nomination to the Chairmanship of the Panel, the Deputy Director General proposed that the meeting elect by acclamation Professor Dr. Hobe as Chairman of the ITSO PLE for the period 2024-2028.

3.2 The Panel of Legal Experts elected Prof. Dr. Hobe, from the Party of Germany, as Chairman of the ITSO PLE for the period 2024-2028, in accordance with Article 3 (c) of the Annex A of the ITSO Agreement.

**4. AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 - ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

4.1 The Deputy Director General introduced Agenda Item no. 4 and offered the floor for comments.

4.2 Mr. Norman Nketheleni Gidi from South Africa asked what the next steps for the Panel of Legal Experts would be, if the Panel has ever been used in the past and if the Secretariat could share information regarding the previous PLEs. The Deputy Director General explained that the Panel has a very specific role under Article XVI and Annex A of the ITSO Agreement and that it has never been necessary to call the PLE in the past, although there was a time that it was almost called to resolve a dispute, but the dispute has been resolved through negotiations. The Legal Advisor confirmed that the information and added that the Secretariat can share later a list with the previous PLEs.

4.3 As there were no other business issues to discuss, the Deputy Director General thanked those that had attended for making the time. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 am.

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**TENTATIVE AGENDA – 1<sup>st</sup> PLE Meeting**

**Nov 7 at 8.30 a.m - Washington, D.C. time**

**1. Opening Remarks by the Deputy Director General**

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

PLE-01-01- Tentative Agenda

**3. Designation of the PLE Chairman**

PLE-01-02- Nominations to the Position of Chairman of the Panel of Legal Experts

**4. Any Other Business**

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Row 3: Ms. Robin Frank, Mr. Norman Nkheteleni Gidi, Mr. Philippe Achilleas  
Row 4: Mrs. Rojo Maria Andrianaivo, Mr. Gustavo J. Fernández, Mr. Essono Nguini