### Meeting of UPU CA Matters Working Group

**Held on:** 22-07-2020

**Chair:** Pakistan

Attended by: Australia, Bhutan, China, India,

Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Korea,

Maldives, Mongolia, Nauru, New

Zealand, Pakistan (Chair),

Singapore, Soloman Islands,

Thailand, Vietnam.

#### Opening remarks by Chair



Meeting was opened by welcoming the members of the working group and the observers present during the meeting.

A brief overview of the Items discussed in UPU CA session S7 and highlights of the CA meeting was given

It was followed by the presentation by China on Reform of the UPU Contribution System &

Presentation by Japan on UPU Major Projects Funded by Japan to Combat Covid-19 and CA Proposals Related to Legal Stability of the Acts of the Union.

#### **CA Meeting Agenda Points**



Following agenda points were briefly explained

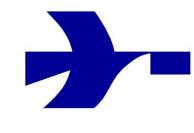
- Report on the activities of the UPU POC.
- Report on the activities of the Consultative Committee.
- Report of the task force on the opening of the UPU to wider postal sector players.
- Functioning of the CA up to Abidjan Congress.
- Report on the preparations for 27<sup>th</sup> UPU Congress.

#### **CA Meeting Agenda Points** (Continue)



- Congress Proposals.
- Issues raised by Qatar regarding continuity of postal relations between Qatar and some other member countries.
- Mail Exchange between Palestine and UPU member countries.
- Organization of the first two CA sessions after the Abidjan Congress.
- Presentation of the new UPU Website.

# Presentation by China on Reform of the System applied to Contribution by Member countries



The presenter gave an overview of the work undertaken for the Union's long term financial sustainability since the 26<sup>th</sup> Istanbul Congress in 2016, development during the 2018 second Extraordinary Congress at Adis Ababa to till date. They informed the meeting that from 2018 to 2020 a new task force has been formed which is chaired by Germany with 30 members and observers.

The presenter apprised the meeting about the current status of the two proposals; one is the UPU Tailored Proposal and the other one is the Converging Model, the similarities and differences between the two proposals have also been explained. He also informed the meeting that the next remote meeting of the task force will be held on July 28 for further deliberations.

#### **Presentation by Japan**



Japan apprised the meeting about the current UPU Projects Funded by Japan to Combat Covid 19. The current UPU major projects funded by Japan are as follows:

- DRM (Disaster Risk Management): Invitation for application for technical assistance;
- ESF (Emergency and Solidarity Fund): Special support for countries who are affected by Covid 19;
- Utilization of the postal Network for social purposes.

#### **Presentation by Japan (Continue)**



Japan talked about the new initiatives being taken by the **Future Together Fund** for the utilization of the postal networks for business and social purposes which includes the following:

- Support for the establishment of new businesses by using cutting edge technologies and postal network;
- Support to small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) ranging from individuals, families to multiple employee businesses,
- E-commerce services offered by Designated Operators to support local artisans and entrepreneurs in the private sector, communities;

#### **Presentation by Japan (Continue)**

- Community initiatives that lead to realizations of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals;
- Delivery of prescription medicines and collection of out of date medicines
- Checking of elderly/household citizens;
- Bringing financial services to people with reduced mobility.

The Future Together Fund will also be utilized to make use of cutting edge technologies by designated operators such as Artificial Intelligence, drones, robotics, blockchain, "big data", "Internet of things" and sensors.

## Presentation by Japan on CA proposals to ensure the legal stability of the Acts of the union

Japan stated that the main purpose of the proposal is to speed up the approval process of the Universal postal Acts and to ensure the legal stability of the Acts of the Union, in particular by proposing that Acts of the Union such as convention become permanent, and also by introducing a simplified process whereby Union member countries would be legally bound by amendments to those acts.



#### **Concluding Remarks**

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**Thank You**